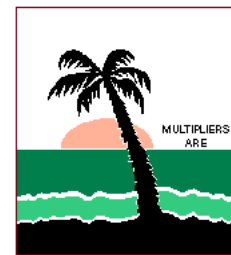


# Contest Gazette

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### From the President's Corner

By Dan Street, K1TO



It's been a few months since our 15<sup>th</sup> FL QSO Party (FQP) and by all accounts, it was an unprecedented event. Once the gators and manatees all submitted their logs, the totals are staggering! Stay tuned as some of the precise numbers will be announced at this weekend's Melbourne hamfest.

Many thanks to the expanded roster of folks who helped with this year's FQP. The FQP is already the most popular event of the year for the FCG and no less than 65 operators put the 15 special 1x1 callsigns on the air from across the state at 16 different stations! Art, N4PJ did a great job sifting through the logs, then producing and e-mailing certificates to the 200+ stations around the world who worked all 15 1x1s whose suffixes spelled out "FLORIDA QSO PARTY". Steve, WB4OMM designed those certificates as well as the QSL cards that were used by Art to handle all of the incoming requests. Moe, N4LZ kindly donated the postage for those certificates that we printed and mailed to those who requested them. Chris, WF3C was the overall 1x1 coordinator. WD4AHZ is handling the 27 paper logs that arrived this year and K1TO is well on the way with the log checking.

Well, it's already October and time to jump into another heavy season of contesting. CQ WW has a few new interesting wrinkles this year. Be sure not to miss the much tighter log deadline (7 days!). Congratulations to Randy, K5ZD whose vast contesting expertise and CQ WPX leadership vaulted him into the role of CQ WW Director, replacing Bob Cox, K3EST. We're only 2 months away from the ARRL 10 Meter Contest, the 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular event on the FCG members' collective cal-

endar. This might be the contest season during which Cycle 24 peaks, so catch those fun openings while you still can.

Charlie, NF4A is leading a terrific effort to raise funds to support WRTC-2014. The FCG is nowhere near the largest contest club in the USA, but as of this writing, we are sponsoring more tents (5) than any other club! As the Team Selection Director for WRTC-2014, I can tell you that there is a tremendous amount of effort being expended to ensure that this will be a terrific week in New England. K9VV/NP2X has all but sewn up the Team Leader slot from NA13 and AD4Z is climbing the leaderboard rapidly in NA4W! The final qualifying event is ARRL DX SSB, barely 5 months away now. By next summer, we will know who the top scorers are as the Team Leaders apply, then get to pick their operating partner from anywhere in the world.

The Melbourne Hamfest is rapidly approaching and the FCG will have a big presence as usual on Saturday, October 13. The FCG will once again have a table in the main section with a few goodies for sale and information about membership, etc. We host the Contest Forum from 11 to 1, which includes free pizza & soda. Then in the afternoon, we have an off-site meeting

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and lots of good food at the nearby home of Eric (K9ES) & Sylvia Smitt. Eric's new antenna farm has made great strides since the last time most folks have seen it. I look forward to seeing many of you there!

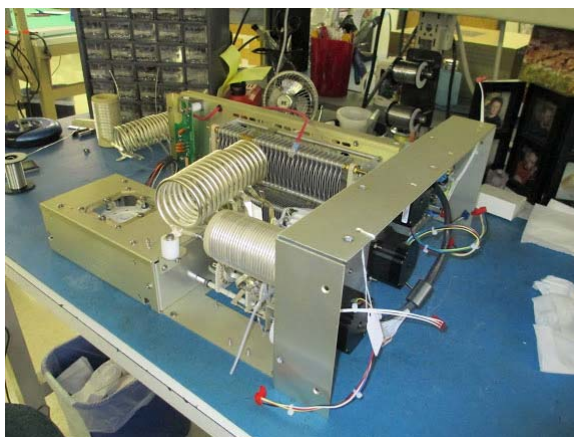
OJ!! GO FCG!! Dan K1TO

## Alpha Amplifier Plant in Longmont CO

George K5KG recently visited the Alpha Amplifier plant and sent along the pictures below:



**Ken Long N0QD and Molly Hardman W0MOM - Alpha 9500 burn in test**



**Alpha under construction**

Contributors included: K1TO, W5WMU, KC4HW, N4EEB, K1KNQ, NX4N, WC4E, KP2N, K4PG, K6NN, K5KG, NF4A, K9ES, DJ3FS, ARRL Contest Update Newsletter, NCCC Jug Newsletter, CQ Newsroom

## Welcome Aboard Welcome Aboard



The following new members have joined FCG since the last newsletter:

**NC2V** - Barry Ford, 3700 Wood Duck Drive, Mims FL 32754 e-mail: conbar1943@yahoo.com

**W4GV** - Walt Beverly, 327 Bell Circle, Lynn Haven FL 32444 e-mail: w4gv@arrl.net

**KK4CIS** - Alan Spies, 10301 SW 58th Ct., Miami FL 33156 e-mail: aspies73@gmail.com

**WA5POK** - Mike Furrey, 10103 Sherwood Lane, Apartment 22, Riverview FL 33578 e-mail: mikefurrey@att.net

## Events Calendar

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Oct 27 to 2400Z, Oct 28

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 3 to 0300Z, Nov 5

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25

ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 8 to 2359Z, Dec 9

Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30

ARRL RTTY Roundup 1800Z, Jan 5 to 2400Z, Jan 6

North American QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Jan 12 to 0600Z, Jan 13

North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Jan 19 to 0600Z, Jan 20

CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW 2200Z, Jan 25 to 2159Z, Jan 27

CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest 0000Z, Feb 9 to 2400Z, Feb 10

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Feb 16 to 2400Z, Feb 17

## Robert T. 'Bob' Hynes KI2G SK



Longtime FCG member Bob Hynes passed away on July 25, 2012. Bob was a DXer and contester of some renown. At the instigation of K1TO and WF3C, he put in a major effort in FQP 2012, and turned in a score that looks to be in third place in SO Mixed. Bob was 64, and would have been a ham 50 years in 2012.

Bob's primary passion in amateur radio was DXing and award chasing. He had dozens of awards on his shack walls and filed in his archives. He held 5BWAS, 5BDXCC, WAZ Basic, and had recently finished USA-CA on April 30, 2012. Bob exemplified doing more with less, as he accomplished all of these feats from a city lot station with a 2-element quad at 25' for 10m-20m and verticals for 30m-160m. Bob lived in a no-antenna subdivision, but was QRV from 160m – 2m at 1500w.

Bob's most recent amateur radio accomplishment was confirming contacts in all 3077 counties in the United States to earn CQ Magazine's USA-CA award. Bob had been working on his award for over 30 years, though he really started following mobiles around on the county hunters' net in 2009.

Bob was legally blind as a result of macular degeneration, but didn't let that stop him from participating in amateur radio to the fullest every day. Anytime that he wasn't away from home, odds are he was in his ham shack just tuning the bands and looking for that elusive next contact. Since he finished his USA-CA, his next project was finishing and confirming 160m WAS.

Bob was a Navy veteran, where he served as a radio-man during Vietnam. After he left the service he worked in the packaging industry until his blindness forced him to retire. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughter, Samantha; and sons Christopher and Brian.

## CQ Press Release

Randy Thompson, K5ZD, Named Director of CQ World Wide DX Contest --  
CQ Contest Hall of Fame member and WPX Contest Director Randy Thompson, K5ZD, has been named Director of the CQ World Wide DX Contest, effective immediately. Randy succeeds Bob Cox, K3EST, who retired in September after 35 years at the helm of the world's most popular amateur radio contest.

Thompson, 53, has been a ham since age 13. He is an accomplished contester, having multiple wins in the CQ World Wide DX Contest and the CQ WPX Contest, among others. He has also competed in four World Radiosport Team Championships. In addition, Randy is a past editor of the "National Contest Journal" (a post he has held three separate times) and a co-founder of the eHam.net website.

He is a longtime member of the Yankee Clipper Contest Club and an instructor at K3LR's Contest University. He has been Director of the CQ WPX Contest since 2008, coincidentally the same year in which he was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame.

'The CQ WW is the biggest event on the contest calendar,' commented Thompson. 'I am honored to be involved and follow in the giant footsteps of K3EST. With the great conditions we are seeing on the bands, this year should be the biggest CQ WW ever! The first order of business is to have the team ready for the new 5-day log deadline and faster results reporting.'

CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, said Thompson's appointment marks the start of a new chapter in the history of CQ World Wide DX Contest, adding 'The CQ management team looks forward to working with Randy as CQWW Director. His four years as WPX Contest Director have already demonstrated his ability to successfully and creatively guide a major contest, and we are totally confident that he will take the CQWW to even greater heights.' Thompson's appointment to the directorship of the CQWW creates a vacancy for director of the CQ WPX Contests. Anyone interested in taking on the challenge of leading a major contest should contact Randy at <<k5zd@cqwpx.com"mailto:k5zd@cqwpx.com>k5zd@cqwpx.com>."



## Pictures from FQP 2012

### *N4EEB*

The station consisted of:

An Icom IC-7000 Tranceiver mounted in the cargo compartment with the control head up front.

LDG Automatic Antenna Tuner

Shure Headphones

Deep Cycle Marine Battery (In the black Icom Box) floating on the vehicle's charging system.

MFJ Battery Booster

20/40 Meter Hamsticks on Valor ProAm Mag Mounts

Diawa 2-Position Coax Switch

Toshiba Notebook Computer running N3FJP

FL QSO Party v2.1

Bencher BY-1 Paddle

N4BP Homebrew Winkey







*Above: John N4EEB operates while Tracy drives*  
*Below: Closeup of operating position, Transceiver and power supply. .*



## N4O at N4EEB

*Below: Ric WO4O operates N4O. Before this could happen, the N4EEB tribander had to be re-paired. Two pictures below of Dan K1TO doing just that.*





# K1KNQ



*Above  
Jack entering Left: Lake and Right: Baker Counties*



**Above: MFJ Tuner + one of those newfangled keying devices (not used). Below - The deep cycle battery configuration that powered the whole operation.**



**Above: Operating position - Below: Entering Levy County**





**NX4N**



*N4AO/m at the Sunshine Skyway on Sunday morning on the way to a record breaking 2350+ QSOs as SO CW Only No-Driver*

**K4BV M/M Mobile Mixed**



*L-R Frank KB4T, Bob W2EJG at Espanola Park in Flagler County*



*Frank NU4C at Ocala National Park in Marion County*



*Steve WB40MM at Godwin Riverfront Park in Putnam County*



## W4P at W4GAC



*Dee N4GD logs as Bob N2ESP keeps up SSB rate*



*Leslie WA4EEZ logging for Tom NY4I*



*First timer Ed N4BHO logging and Ron KP2N keeping the rate going.*



*Tom W4CU logs with Kenny K4OB at the key*



*SPARC first timer Richard N4BUA at the mic. Bob N2ESP logging and coaching.*

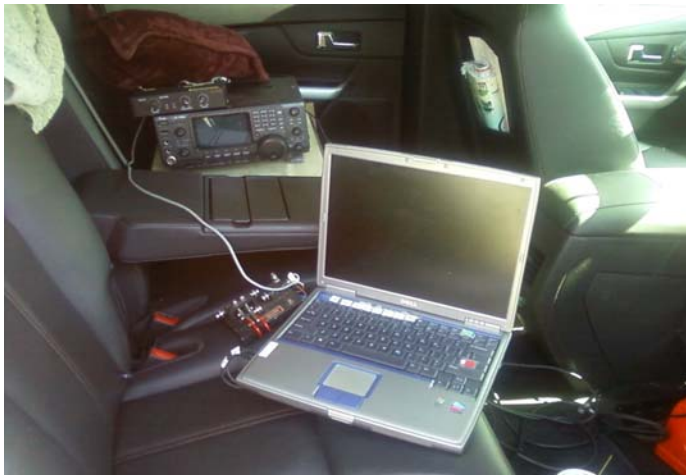
## K4D at N4UU



*The K4D Team—L-R Martin N4UU, Jim KM4HI and Randy AJ4RW*



**W5WMU**



**KC4HW**





### FQP 2012 1X1 Station Summary

CALL	HOST STATION(S)	OPRS	CAT	CW QSOS	SSB QSOS	TOTAL QSOS	OPERATOR(S)
K4F	K4FC	7	M2	661	962	1623	K3RT K5AUP KT4Q KT4LST WA2ENT WA2UPK WA4GIF
K4L	W4LT	1	S	623	623	1246	W4LT
K4O	K1TO	1	S	811	1517	2328	K1TO
K4R	N6AR	1	S	718	883	1601	N6AR
K4I	N4WW	1	S	609	1111	1720	WF3C
K4D	N4UU	3	MM	905	1348	2253	N4UU AJ4RW KM4HI
K4A	K1PT	3	M2	964	1217	2181	K4MM W4DAS K1PT
N4Q	N4GI	1	S	924	814	1738	N4GI
N4S	N4BP, N8PR	2	M2	1027	1585	2612	N4BP VE3DZ
N4O	N4EEB	1	S	639	810	1449	WO4O
W4P	W4GAC	18	M2	870	1057	1927	N2ESP W4TSP WV4ED KP2N N4BUA N4NHO N4GD KK4AXF NY4I
W							WA4EEZ KB3SMQ KK4CMD KG4PMS K4OB KR4U W4CU N4RI
W4A	K5KG	1	S	792	782	1574	WD4AHZ
W4R	W4MLB	5	M2	907	895	1802	AF4Z K4QD KT4FY AC4DS KK4DOE
W4T	N4TP	16	M2	515	335	850	AK4O AK4OR K4CC K4JFY K4LAW K4NMR K4WFM KC4JQH KD4ACG
KJ							KJ4NYD KR4X N4WEB W1GUD W3EEK W4BKY W4FWB
W4Y	W4UH	4	M2	1105	1847	2952	AD4Z AI4QY WA0USA W4UH
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*Ed Note: Disregard the extra W and KJ in the call column, they were necessary due to the formatting.*

### Notes from ARRL Contest Update

This year's package of Sweepstakes information (rules, records, writeups, forms, etc) is now available online at the ARRL Sweepstakes web page. This is a great introduction and reference to the oldest of the domestic contests, held on the first and third weekends of November. (Thanks, Sean KX9X)

If you sometimes use paper to log contest contacts, Charlie KX7L reports, "For turning old paper logs into ADIF, I've used something called Fast Log Entry (FLE) by DF3CB. It's very simple. You enter the date, mode and band once and they stay the same for subsequent QSOs until you change it. Then just enter time and call for each QSO. You don't even need to enter the whole four digits of time, just the minutes will do if that's all that changed. It's free and simple. ADIF2CABR, by SP7DQR looks pretty good (converting ADIF to Cabrillo format). You can pick which ADIF fields get converted into the

Sent and Received exchanges. If you enter the received mult as a comment in FLE (enter '#' after the call, then the comment) then you can tell ADIF2CABR to use the CMT field."

The preliminary results for the September CW Sprint are now posted online. Congratulations to Trey N5KO on another victory. (Thanks, CW Sprint Manager, Tree N6TR)

**Contest Elbow** - that painful outcome of resting your arm on the elbow while you tune the radio for a long contest. Veteran of many hours at the rig, Ken K6LA/VY2TT suggests, "The best solution for forearm soreness problems is football elbow pads. I cut the cloth lengthwise and add Velcro straps across the pads to keep them on but loose enough to be comfortable." Game on!



## Dayton Report

By Dan Street K1TO

A really fine Dayton 2012 for me! Did anyone watch any of the streaming that K3LR hadset up?



- WX was outstanding. (The only thing worse than 20K hams is 20K wet hams crowded into the HARA Arena.)

- A big focus for me this year was publicity and fund-raising for WRTC. Spent 5+ hrs in the booth on Friday selling shirts, etc and spreading the word. Other clubs are beating us to the punch on tent sponsorship, so I hope that we can move ahead on that soon. Other club officers will be leading the charge on that.

- Again had a table at the Contest Dinner with lots of orange shirts - K9ES, AD4ES, NF4A, K1PT, K4MM, K5KG and I were there, along with FQP mobiler AD8J. We counted up 13,000 FQP contacts among just the folks at the table.

The guy who won the grand prize (an Icom rig) was seated at our table and has made FQP QSOs before - KB8VAO. W4ZW was mentioned in the list of SKs (34 this year). I won a minor prize (a phone line RFI filter) donated by VE3DZ who was just in FL last month and was half of the N4S operation for the FQP. DL3TD (SK) and AD1C were inducted into the Contest Hall of Fame.

- Laughed to myself as "HS0ZCW" was part of the KCDXC pileup "tape", sending faster than most. I forgot my glasses and don't touch type, but still squeaked into the top 5 with one eye tied behind my back. Old friend K5GN, who has been in A7 for 3 years, won it by a nose at the end over W9WI and VE3DZ who always place well. NO5W wrote some neat software that shows each session as a horse race, with a bar graph showing where each of the 5 current leaders and all current testees stand second by second. It attracted quite a crowd.

- Met A71CV, a real highlight. Some of you met him a few months ago, but I was out of town. He handed me his FQP log. 12 QSOs on 15 SSB.

I also have the QSLs for those QSOs, so if you worked him and want your card, please contact me. Sad to hear that he gave up after the Europeans wouldn't shut up when he asked for FL only.

- Ran into T6MO (K9GY's call in Afghanistan) 3 times and extended my deep gratitude. Was pleased to see him place in the top 3rd of the pile-up group.

- Met the new holder of N4RP. RP are also his initials, just as for our Silent Key well-known member Richardso(Dick) Phelps.

- The Spurious Emissions Band was just hilarious!

- ZF1EJ remarked that he hears FL on 6M daily and that N3LL is \*loud\* down there.

- Lots of PYs. No LUs or RAs spotted.

- People need to stay up later. I'm a real night owl and reluctantly trotted off to bed when I'd outlasted everyone but the desk clerks.

- Sorry, zero feedback on the new rigs. Heard some buzz about the Flex, but never went by to see it.

- Also nothing to report on how to conduct Contest University (we are considering that for Orlando 2013). Did any club members attend?

- Condolences to Hope, WB3ANE on the loss of her father on Saturday morning.

I always regret doing this, since I might've missed someone, but I'll try to list those that I saw:

AD4ES, K1PT, K4MM, K5KG, K8NZ, K9ES, N4LZ, NF4A, PJ4LS (proudly wearing his orange shirt!) & XYL, W3AZD & WB3ANE, W4DL, W4DN, W4DTA (sporting his TCG shirt!), W4HY, WA4AW, K4PG, K4RQ, K8DSS. KP2N, W1GUD. Saw N4GG, but in passing. Heard W4OI win a prize @ the dinner.

73, Dan, K1TO  
President, FCG (since 1998)



## Dayton Pictures by Kevin K4PG



*Above L-R: Steve W4DTA and George K5KG*



*L-R Paul K1PT, Tom K1MM*



*L-R: Mike W9RE, Charlie NF4A*



*Above: L-R Kevin K4PG and Paul K9PG  
Below: Dave W4DN*



*FCG won the plaque for top Club outside New England in the 2012 NEQP. Below: K1KI awards the plaque to Charlie NF4A who was FCG's highest scorer as Dan K1TO looks on.*





## New Equipment at Dayton

By John Miller K6MM (From the NCCC Jug Newsletter)



ber, with a US price tag somewhere between \$5-10K. For loyal Kenwood fans, this will be a welcome addition to their product line.



Also nestled in its Plexiglas case, was the new FTDX-3000, proudly displayed by YAESU. This 100 watt HF/50 MHz transceiver – designed more for the casual DXer and contester – includes an antenna tuner, 3 antenna connectors (one dedicated for RX), crystal roofing filters and a full digital display in a very attractive, compact package. Although it has only one receiver, the FTDX-3000 sports a high-speed Spectrum Scope, allowing you to monitor band activity (up to 1 MHz bandwidth) in real-time. It also has a 9 MHz IF output and USB inter-face. Price and availability not determined yet, but since it's positioned as the “little brother” of the FTDX-5000, which currently retails for \$5-6K, we can assume about a \$3K price tag.



Before the convention I had heard about the “game changer”: FlexRadio's new FLEX-6000 series. I must say, it is impressive. To really begin appreciating what Flex has done here, you have to take a deep dive into the technology tools they're bringing together, to create what many folks believe to be a revolutionary product class never before seen in amateur radio. Flex has moved the “heavy lifting” of SDR from the computer back into the radio box using cost-effective FPGA (Field Programmable Gate Arrays). Put simply, using FPGA is a way to put software on a chip so the code can rip through huge amounts of data, processing it in parallel rather than in series. FlexRadio calls it “SmartSDR”.

As explained to me, imagine having to park 1,000 cars in a valet parking lot. Before SmartSDR, a few valets would perhaps park 10-12 cars at a time, creating a huge backup. With SmartSDR, you can call up thousands of valets to park the cars at the same time.

The added benefits of this new “SmartSDR” method are huge: no longer does the PC component have massive processing duties. In fact, it should be possible to work with a non-Windows operating system in the future. Can you say “iPad”?

Because of SmartSDR, now you can have (here's the new jargon): “Spectral Capture Units (SCU), which act something like extremely broadband receivers. Each SCU can be further divided into four “Slices”, which are SmartSDR “receivers” promising at least 384 kHz bandwidth. Boiling this down to real-world benefits, we will now have new options never before imagined to monitor and work the airwaves: If you want to create an additional Panadapter to watch for possible 10M band openings – or decode all of the CW signals on 40m while working DX on 20m -- just click and SmartSDR performs advanced DSP on the data, splitting it into individual Panadapters and “Slice Receivers” for you. These Panadapters and Slice Receivers can be created and destroyed at will.

There is much more to the FLEX-6000 series that will captivate your imagination – some almost in a major “Gee Whiz” Sci-Fi category. At Dayton, they introduced two transceivers: the FLEX-6500 (\$4,000) with 1 SCU (Maximum of 4 slice Receivers) and the FLEX-6700 (\$7,000) with 2 SCUs (Maximum of 8 Slice Receivers). Earliest delivery date: Late this year. You can download their brochure from the Flex website at: <http://www.flex-radio.com/> Stay tuned folks – this looks like a winner



Stopping by the Elecraft booth – and seeing Bob, K6XX effortlessly handling those difficult inquiries – is always a pleasure. They were 10-20 deep in that booth all weekend. I'm sure more than a few new KX3s and K-Lines were sold. They also introduced the new 160-6M KAT500 auto-tuner, which is rated at 500-600 watts (10:1 SWR) and 1200-1500 watts (3:1 SWR). Probably a little less power on 6M. Three antenna outputs can be selected from the front panel. It's designed to complement and fully integrate with the K-Line – and will also interface to any other transceiver. Price is \$650 for the kit and \$700 assembled. They're taking orders now - shipping in August



## NK1Z WPX CW AT K5KG



*Above -Antenna Farm at K5KG  
The operators pictured here along with K5KG  
took NK1Z to a claimed score of 16,645,314  
points,*



*Above - Dan K1TO*



*Above - Ron WD4AHZ*



*Above L-R Bob W0BH, John N4EEB*



*Above - Fred K4LQ*

**FLORIDA CONTEST GROUP TO SPONSOR OPERATING TENTS AT WRTC-2014**

WRTC 2014 is just over two years away. For the first time since 1996, WRTC will be returning to the USA, specifically to W1. One of the ways that the organizing committee is preparing for the event is by allowing clubs and individuals to sponsor operating tents. For each \$1000 donated to WRTC in the name of a specific club or individual, that club or individual will sponsor a tent and be acknowledged on the WRTC2014 website, on print/video/web materials publicizing the event, and on-site at a specific tent of their choice.

To get an idea about what goes on at WRTC, check out this video produced by James Brooks, 9V1YC.  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNyMAMjRNuA&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNyMAMjRNuA&feature=player_embedded)

As you may have heard at various in-person meetings of the FCG over the past few months, there is some interest in the club sponsoring one or more operating tents for the teams participating in WRTC 2014. Charlie Wooten NF4A has generously stepped up to manage this project for the club. Charlie is a former WRTC referee and can testify firsthand how much fun the event is for the participants and attendees. Our own K1TO has participated and won three WRTCs!

If you viewed the video, you would have noticed that WRTC 2010 utilized a “field day” type operation for competing teams. The “field day” operation proved popular and the WRTC2014 organizing committee has chosen to continue that format. Each station that it set up in the field requires significant resources. A generator, tent, tower, triband yagi, wire antenna, coax, and innumerable other items will need to be purchased for each of the 50+ tents planned. Our sponsorship dollars will help the organizing committee offset those costs and will show our dedication as a club to radiosport and WRTC.

**Florida Contest Group should be an integral part of this effort.** Other groups such as PVRC, YCCC, NCCC, SMC, Alabama Contest Group and the Minnesota Wireless Association have ALREADY made their commitments to WRTC 2014 to sponsor tents. A list of all tent sponsors can be viewed at <http://www.wrtc2014.org/sponsors/tent-sponsors/>. Based on the size of our club, we should be able to easily raise funds to sponsor three tents (\$3000) For each tent we sponsor, FCG will be acknowledged on the WRTC 2014 website, all printed, web and video materials and the FCG name would be displayed at the actual station/tent location during WRTC 2014.

The FCG –sponsored tents can be in memoriam of silent key members. If you want to make sure that a SK member of FCG is recognized, include their call with your donation.

The leadership of the FCG has decided that, rather than donating directly from the club treasury to WRTC2014, that the club will match donations made by club members up to \$1,500. That means your \$100 donation becomes \$200, and your \$500 donation becomes an entire tent sponsorship!

There are several ways for you to make your contributions according to your personal preferences:

1. **Direct contribution through the FCG treasury**.....send your checks to Fred, K4LQ (CBA)
2. **PayPal** ..... Go to PayPal and send your contribution to [donations@wrtc2014.com](mailto:donations@wrtc2014.com)
3. **Direct contribution** to WRTC 2014 Inc, Box 444, Hanover, NH 03755. Checks should be made payable to WRTC 2014, Inc.

**If you make a direct PayPal or direct mail contribution to WRTC 2014, please make sure you earmark your contribution to be part of the Florida Contest Group Tent Sponsorship Fund....also let us know so we can keep up with the FCG donations .**

WRTC 2014, Inc. is an IRS approved 501(c)(3) entity. **Contributions made directly to WRTC 2014, Inc. ARE tax deductible.**

Let's get started.....make your donation now!  
73 Charlie Wooten NF4A



## FCGers in Field Day Action

**WC4EM 2A WCF**



*Above L – R Ed K8DSS and Bill K4FLV operate while fighting the wind and rain from Tropical Storm Debbie. Realtime proof that we could truly support emergency comms in a tropical storm if needed.*



*Above: Chuck AD4ES and Eric K9ES operating CW at W4MLB, PCARS club Station. Not shown Chris WF3C who took the picture.*

## Storm Downs HS0ZCY Tower



Eric K9ES had a Trylon tower slightly damaged in a tornado associated with Hurricane Francis in 2004. He gave it to Charlie K4VUD who took it to Thailand. Charlie used it to support his Christmas Tree of 20, 15 and 10 meter monobanders. It was again struck by a storm there, and folded over at the 50 foot level. The tower is shown below painted orange before the storm. Below: Charley's QTH with the tower intact.



*Greg N4WO and Dan K1TO in Greg's shack after Dan completes some antenna work for*



***K4LQ's futures trading business did well this month so he decided to expand his shack :<) Not really. This is the real funkbunde (radio shack) of Tom (Dieter) Thomas DJ3FS. Right: Tom at (some of) the controls.***

### CQ Adopts 5 Day Contest Log Deadline

Participants in CQ-sponsored contests will now have five days after the end of a contest to either upload or mail their logs. Previously, the contests had a four-week window for log submissions.

"Our goal is two-fold," explained CQ magazine Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. "This is the first step in an effort to speed the processing and reporting of CQ contest results, and it is one more step in our ongoing efforts to help ensure the integrity of submitted logs. Shortening the deadline reduces the time available for those who might be tempted to 'cleanse' their logs after the contest."

### CQ Will Publish Contest results sooner

Hicksville, NY August 1, 2012) -- CQ magazine will embark on a major reorganization of its editorial content in order to publish contest results significantly sooner, Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, announced today. On average, contest results will appear four months sooner than at present. The new schedule will be phased in over the course of 2013 and will be fully in place by 2014

### LOTW Support for CQ WPX Award goes Live

Participants in CQ magazine's WPX award program may now use the American Radio Relay League's Logbook of the World (LoTW) system to apply for the WPX award and its endorsements.

LoTW support for the WPX award went "live" on July 2.

### K9ES Tower Progress

*By Eric Smitt, K9ES*

The tower is now at full height (146 feet). We have to put on the torque guy ring, and connect and secure the top guy wires, and bring up the mast through the center of the tower, and then start putting the antennas. Jeff, who was on top as we on the ground pulled up the final sections, said from the top, he could see the power plant stacks just east of the Orlando Airport, and up and down I-95. The reel near the top is a spool of Dacron that is connected to the pulley system that will be used to pulley up the heavy mast through the center of the tower so we can put on antennas. You can also see the plates that have the thrust bearings, and the bottom plate for the large rotor. Glad to get this hardware out of the back yard.



Above: Full tower

Below: Top of Tower



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