

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

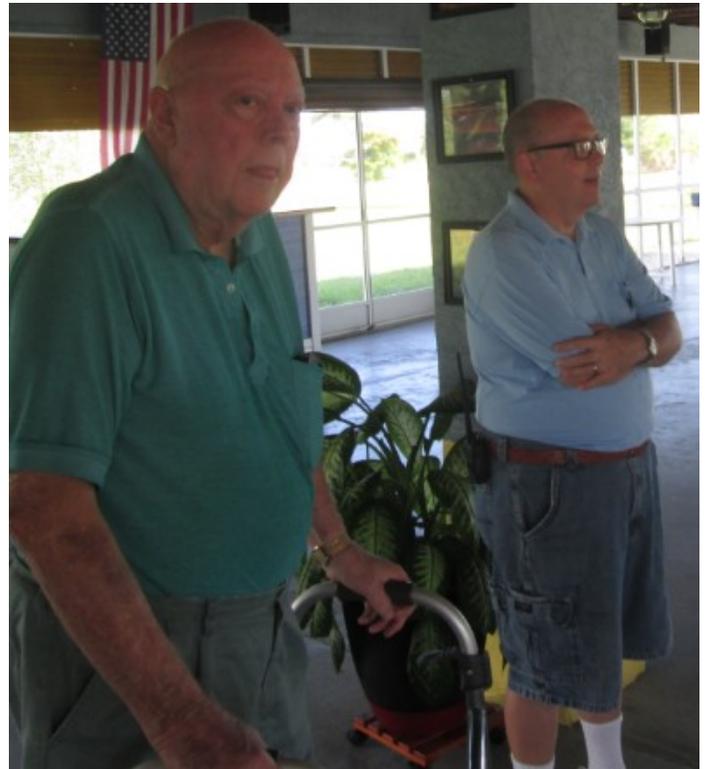
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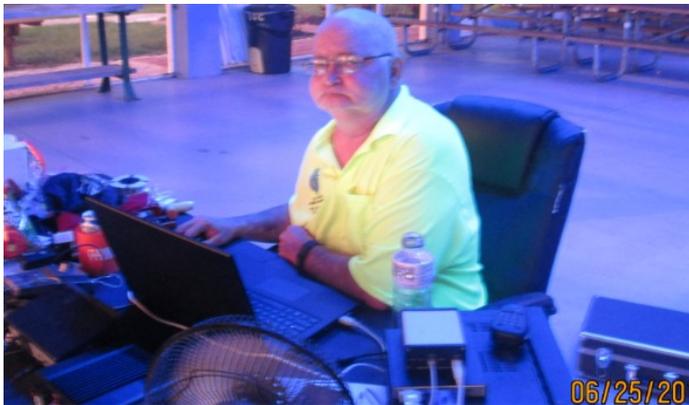
Editor's note: Apparently July didn't happen this year at least not for me. Seems like it came and went the same week. Sorry.

FIELD DAY 2016









Field Day

ARRL
AMATEUR RADIO

Please write legibly. Make certain you have filled out this form completely and have enclosed any required duplicate sheets, photographs and bonus claims.

Entries must be postmarked within 30 days of the end of the event and mailed to:
Field Day Entries
ARRL
325 Main St.
Newington, CT 06111 USA

1. Field Day Call Used: N4EAR GOTA Station Call:

2. Club or Group name (Class A or F only): EARS

3. Number of Participants: 4. Number of Transmitters in Simultaneous Operation: 3

5. Entry Class: Check only one.
 A. Club or non-club group portable
 B. 1 or 2 person non-club Group portable
 C. Mobile
 D. Home station commercial power
 E. Home station emergency power
 F. EOC Station

6. Power Source: Check all that apply
 Generator Commercial mains Battery Solar Other (list):

7. ARRL / RAC Section: NCF

8. Total CW QSOs: 97 x 2 = 194 Total CW QSO points: 194

9. Total Digital QSOs: 9 x 2 = 18 Total Digital QSO points: 18

10. Total Phone QSOs: 83 x 1 = 83 Total Phone QSO points: 83

11. Power Multiplier (select only one)
 5 Watts or less and Battery powered = 5
 150 Watts or less = 2
 Over 150 Watts = 1
(transfer to Item 13)

12. Total QSO points: 295

13. Power Multiplier: 2

14. Claimed QSO Score: 590
(line 11 x line 12) (including bonus points)

15. Bonus points claimed: Check each block as appropriate and include required proof of points with your submission. All bonus points will be verified at ARRL HQ and added to your score.
 100% Emergency power (Max. 20 transmitters)
 Media Publicity
 Set-up in Public Place
 Information Booth
 Message to ARRL SMS/EC
 WIAW Field Day Message
 NTS/ICS-213 messages handled (if)
 Satellite QSO completed
 Natural power QSOs completed
 Site Visit by invited elected official
 Site Visit by invited served agency official
 Educational Activity Bonus
 Youth Element achieved
 GOTA Bonus (total bonus points:)
 Submitted using the Web-net applet
 Safety Officer Bonus
 Social Media Bonus
 Total Bonus Points Claimed: 400

16. Check here if Summary was submitted via the web applet at: www.arrl.net/cadforms

17. I/We have observed all competition rules as well as all regulations for amateur radio in my/our country. My/Our report is correct and true to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We agree to be bound by the decisions of the ARRL Awards Committee.
 Date:
 Call:
 Signature:
(signature of club president or authorized club representative)
 Address:
 Address:
 E-mail Address:

You must complete the Band/Mode and GOTA QSO breakdown box on page 2 of this form. February 2016 - FD Form

Field Day Call Used: N4EAR

BK	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSO	Power	QSO	Power	QSO	Power
160 M	2					
80 M	<u>2</u>	<u>100</u>				
40 M	<u>45</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>16 + 26</u>	<u>100</u>
20 M	<u>50</u>	<u>100</u>			<u>1 + 40</u>	<u>100</u>
15 M						
10 M						
6 M						
2 M						
1.25						
Other						
Other						
Satellite						
GOTA						
Totals	<u>97</u>	CW	<u>9</u>	Digital	<u>83</u>	Phone
	Enter on Line 8 of Summary		Enter on Line 9 of Summary		Enter on Line 10 of Summary	

19. GOTA BONUS: List names/calls of GOTA operators, number of QSOs completed by each and the 20 to 100 point basic GOTA Bonus earned by each if applicable:

Name / CALL	# of QSOs	Bonus Points Earned

Check if claiming double bonus for GOTA Coach

20. Did your Field Day Group claim the Youth Element Bonus: Yes No

If so, how many participants 18 or younger completed at least one QSO?

Total number of attendees in group age 18 or younger:

ENGLEWOOD SUN

Ham Radio Can Change The World

By GARY ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

PUNTA GORDA — Gary Skillicorn was just a regular 13-year-old kid in Cleveland, when a friend showed him for the first time how to burst open a window to the world. That's how he learned to operate a ham radio as well as decipher Morse Code, the common language at the time.

"To be able to talk around the world — it's miraculous," he remembers thinking. Simply put, it captured his imagination and wouldn't let go, setting his life on a new path.

Skillicorn would take a part-time job at a TV-radio repair shop in high school, go on to get a degree in electrical engineering from The Ohio State University and work 33 years for the Navy as a civilian, pursuing an interest that continues to this day.

"My hobby led to my career as an electronics engineer," said Skillicorn, 69. "Now I'm on the other side of my career." On Saturday, the Punta Gorda Isles resident was among an estimated 35,000 amateur radio operators across the U.S. and Canada participating in the 18th annual Field Day, part of a national simulated emergency radio test. Starting at 2 p.m. Saturday and continuing for 24 hours, ham operators and those similarly intrigued gathered at the Punta Gorda Boat Club for Field Day, sponsored by the Peace River Radio Association and the Charlotte Amateur Radio Society.

People from all walks of life joined together to experiment with electronics and communications techniques, all without needing a cellphone or the internet. Field Day demonstrates ham radio's ability to work under any conditions, from almost any location, to create an independent communications network. At the boat club, operators strung up makeshift antennas with bamboo shoots and tape, connected them to a generator-powered transmitter and communicated halfway around the world.

"We try to have fun with it and make it a community event," Peace River Radio Association President Ron Farley said.

During emergencies, when normal communications are overwhelmed or knocked off the power grid, hams step in to provide a critical link. In fact, ham radios are pre-positioned in the county's Emergency Operations Center, local hospitals, shelters and schools to respond when a catastrophe strikes.

Today, there are more than 600 licensed ham operators in Charlotte County. "We're ready to go," said Dave Hanson, Peace River Radio Association board member. And they sprang into action earlier this month during Tropical Storm Colin, which largely spared Charlotte County but caused havoc around Tampa Bay and inland.

Ham operators actively reported damage and weather conditions from various locales to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which used the information to issue alerts and warnings throughout the Big Bend area. Hanson also recalls assisting during 9/11, passing messages back and forth between New York and folks in the Bahamas checking up on family members.

Ham radios, however, can be used in other ways besides emergencies and disaster drills, such as having a conversation with the International Space Station. Earlier this week, John Wildeman of Punta Gorda spoke with a guy 10,000 feet up a glacier in Austria. "That kind of stuff is totally cool," said Wildeman, 69, who on Saturday just finished talking to someone in Manchester, England. After spending 18 years in fire rescue and 15 years in law enforcement in Palm Beach County, he is familiar with the role of an emergency responder. But he just rekindled his interest in being an amateur radio operator. Wildeman had a ham radio license when he was 14 years old, but somehow got distracted when he transferred out of an all-boys school. "There were girls," he said. "That was the end of my ham career." The public is invited to start their ham radio career by attending Peace River Radio Association meetings, held at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of every month at the boat club; or visit at Field Day, which continues until 2 p.m. today at the Punta Gorda Boat Club, 804

Retta Esplanade, PuntaGorda.
Email: groberts@sun-herald.com



“Chico” and Fred Grouell are holding a ground plane for a vertical HF. “I’ve been interested in Ham Radios since I was 9 years old but I only became an operator six years ago,” said Grouell. According to Grouell the test has finally dropped the requirement of learning Morse Code.

SUN PHOTO BY DEBRA GOUVELLIS



Jim Porter, a member of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society, practices his communication skills during a mock emergency situation.

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Punta Gorda Isles residents Bob Mayes and Gary Skillicorn, at right, talk to a ham operator in Rhode Island Saturday as part of Field Day, a simulated national emergency radio test.

SUN PHOTO BY GARY ROBERTS

DX



Well the frequencies are not cooperating this month, hopefully next month will start to get better. S79V (Seychelles) was working on CW, no time or frequency, so listen on 20 or 40 meters a couple of other stations culled from the cluster by WA3PRC. For those who missed the FD, make plans for next year and you'll be surprised just how much fun you can have, hopefully next month will be more on the expeditions now that Field Day has ended. Have a safe remainder of this HOT summer. Until next month

73's
Ray
KK4LGF

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Current account:

Date	Description	Type	Status	\$Amount	\$Available Balance
Amount included in Available Balance					
07/19/2016	Counter Credit		C	75.00	5,971.33
07/14/2016	Bill Pay Check 5001: Victor Emmelkamp		C	-48.21	5,896.33
07/14/2016	CHEKCARD 0713 WPY*Tommy Lambie 855-469-3729 CA...		C	-100.00	5,944.54
07/06/2016	Bill Pay Check 5002: Matthew Henry		C	-110.60	6,044.54

Deposits:

7/19 Proc from equip sale \$ 75.00

Payments:

7/06 Field day exp Matthew \$110.60

7/14 Donation to Tommie Lambie \$100.00

7/14 Field day exp Vic \$ 48.21

balance: \$5971.33

Respectfully submitted

Mike Daly K4MWD

Treasurer

Largest Hamfest in Georgia

STONE MOUNTAIN HAMFEST

Gwinnett County Fairgrounds / Lawrenceville, Ga.

Nov. 5-6, 2016 Sat: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sun: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
2405 Sugarloaf Parkway, Lawrenceville, GA 30045

November 5-6 2016

TailGate, Flea Market, Forums, Door Prizes and Raffle

www.StoneMountainHamfest.com

LOCAL:



I've just got off the phone with Mary Lou House, JR's XYL and here is their contact info.

Address: 1055 301 Blvd E., Unit 204
Bradenton, FL 34203

Their phone is: 941 251-4356.

They are in Woodland Village.

Mary Lou says they signed a six month lease that goes through mid-November. They would like to get back down this way.

Best 73's – Ken

Hello,

I just learned that one of our members, Gene Fowler, KA1GCU is recovering from open heart surgery in Sarasota Memorial hospital. I am planning to send out a Get Well card today to his home QTH. Upon leaving the hospital Gene will be going to a rehab facility which has not been chosen at this time.

73,
Vic, K4VHX

FYI

Gene Fowler is in rehab at:

Sunset Lake Health & Rehab
832 Sunset Lake Blvd
Venice, FL 34292
941-492-5313

Would like to see a smiling face so stop in after 12 any day.

73
Pam
K1UEG

Tommy Lambie



Hello friends this is kinda hard for me to type but here goes nothing. I want to let you all know what has happened to me and my family. Last Saturday (July 16th ed) I severely injured my right eye in an accident while helping a friend work on his mower. "Hell yes it hurt". So now since the surgery I have to lay flat on my left side for most of my recovery for the next three months to try and save my eye from dying. At this point we aren't sure of

anything yet.

What happened was a projectile about 4 millimeters in size entered thru my pupil at a high rate of speed destroying the lens travelling to the Retina detaching and perforating it then ricocheting back to the front of my eye where it lodged in the cornea. The doctor said on a scale of 1 to 10 the damage is a 9.

As of now I am unable work or provide any financial help to my family. I am sure things could spiral out of control as I am the main bread winner and I have no insurance. If anyone can please help in regards to our predicament we would greatly appreciate your generosity. Thank you all and please wish us luck!

Tommy Lambie

Since that time he's had another another surgery and more laying still.

Our board voted to donate \$100 to his gofundme account. The link below will show his status.

<https://www.gofundme.com/2duygwr8>

On July 1, 2016 Amateur Electronic Supply (AES) made the decision to close down their entire organization and terminate all retail operations at their Las Vegas, Cleveland, Orlando and Milwaukee locations.

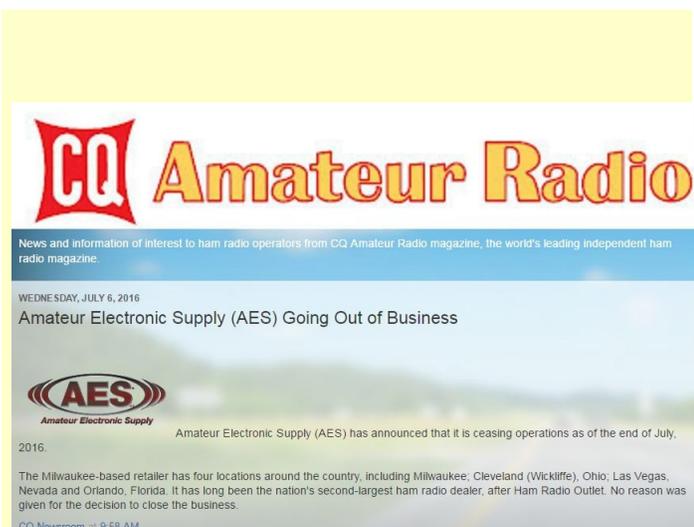
Upon hearing the news, and with the concurrence of AES senior management, Ham Radio Outlet (HRO) sent senior management to each location to interview the staff with hopes of acquiring some of the Amateur Radio retail employee talent in each of the current AES locations.

Together with this interview process, HRO examined what it would take to perhaps acquire one or more of the AES store locations. At the time of these interviews, many opportunities were explored with current AES senior management.

We are very excited to announce that HRO was successful in providing offers of employment to a number of soon to be former AES employees and that to some, we have offered positions that involve HRO sponsored and funded relocation.

We are also extremely pleased to announce that, after the closing of the Milwaukee AES location on July 28, 2016, Ham Radio Outlet will begin an extensive remodeling project to create the largest Amateur Radio retail showroom in North America. We will open our newest and largest Ham Radio Outlet in Milwaukee at the end of August 2016.

Effective at the closing of AES on July 28, 2016, all former AES locations' direct telephone numbers and toll free telephone numbers will be redirected to the closest HRO location so as to not disrupt providing



service to the AES customer base. Additionally effective on July 28, 2016, the www.aesham.com website will be directed to www.hamradio.com also so as not to disrupt service for the AES online customer base.

Steve Gilmore, National Sales Manager for HRO states, "We are extremely excited to have a store in the Central Northern part of the United States. It will minimize shipping times for our products to be able to be delivered in 2 days or less in most of the lower 48 United States. We are building a showplace that all must come see! It will be expansive with massive inventory levels and a large all encompassing demonstration area featuring nearly all of the Amateur Radio transceivers on the market today."

Robert Ferrero, President of HRO tells us, "It is with great pleasure that we are able to continue Terry Serman and Phil Majerus' legacy of providing a fantastic Amateur Radio store in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is our immediate goal to have the largest, most well stocked Amateur Radio retail store in North America and perhaps even the world."

HRO is a family owned business with 14 sales locations throughout the United States which includes a formidable presence on the Internet, making it the largest Ham Radio dealership in the world.

HRO has been continually expanding with our most recent location in Plano, Texas which opened on February 2, 2015. HRO is also continuing to evolve with the relocation and expansion of our Portland store which will open on July 25, 2016 at 14405 SW Pacific Highway, Portland, Oregon

97224.

Ham Radio Outlet - Milwaukee is located at 5710 W Good Hope Rd, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It will be open for business at the end of August 2016.

Hamfests

08/20/2016 |TARCFest

Location:Tampa, FL

Type:ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor:Tampa Amateur Radio Club

Website:<http://www.hamclub.org>

[Learn More](#)

Testing

Please email the contact to confirm dates and times.

Sponsor: SCARE

Date: Third Monday of each month

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Gino J. Ferranti

(941) 629-7933

Email: ke4tjo@arrl.net

Location: Edgewater Methodist Church, 19190 Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL.

Sponsor:Tamiami ARC

Date:Second Saturday each month

Time:10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact:John R. Sproat

(941) 475-1929

Email:w4js@juno.com

Location: Jacaranda Public Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd, Venice

Reservations Appreciated!

<http://tamiamiarc.org/ve-exam-sessions>

Venice FL 34285-2416

RACES: Communications Training Nets are held on the last Wednesday and Thursday of each month. The Wednesday night Emergency Communications Information Net begins at 8 PM on 146.745.(-)MHZ with a PL of 136.5

QCWA Chapter 53 Meeting:

QCWA Suncoast Chapter 53 meets year round. From October through May, we meet at 11:15 AM the first Wednesday of every month at Denny's, 3701 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota. From June through September, we have informal lunches at the Hibachi Grill Buffet. FYI, there are no chapter dues, all are welcome, and we have pretty good programs at our Sarasota lunch/meetings.

Snowbird Net: Net is twice daily; first on 14.317 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.233+- MHz at 7:00 P.M.

Connecticut Connection Net: Net is twice daily at 8:00 A.M. on 14.343+- MHz and at 6:40 P.M. on 7.184+- MHz.

PA/Florida Connection Net: Net is twice daily at 8:00 -9:00A.M. on 14.340 MHz and at 6:30-7:00 P.M. on 7.233 MHz.

Two Meter Nets

EARS 146.550 - Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
NPARC 147.120 Tuesday 8:00 p.m.
CARS 146.745 - Daily 8:30 a.m.
TARC 444.100 +5MHZ PL 100 Tuesday 7:30 pm.
TARC 146.805 – PL 100 Thursday 7:30 pm.
PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.
NI4CE 145.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m WCF ARRL Traffic net

Food and Fellowship

Punta Gorda ELKS lodge, Shore Drive in Punta Gorda, 11:00 AM Every Friday.

Denny's Restaurant, corner of RT 41 and RT 776 in Murdock, 7:30 AM Every Saturday

IHOP Punta Gorda, diagonally across RT 41 from the Police and Fire Station and directly across Grace St.

from the Golden Corral. 1145 Am Wednesday.

Denny's – Englewood, SR 776 and Placida Rd (next to Bay Harbor Ford) : 7:00 AM every Tuesday

LOCAL REPEATERS

Please look on the last page for repeater tables.

FROM THE EDITOR



Mike K4MWD

If you run into an article you'd like to see included, please email me at mike@mmdaly.com.

New repeaters for the list...

WENG Radio 145.250 T100

K0DGF 146.775 T77

K0DGF 444.625 T77

Thanks Pam and George, now I have to figure out how to edit the lists.

Mike:

My 146.775 repeater uses a 77 Hz tone
I also have a repeater on 444.625 MHz +5.0 MHz
77 Hz tone

Dave Kelce

K0DGF

LOCAL REPEATERS

27 repeaters found within 50 MILES of 34223 26.9779941, -82.3560389.

● = On-Air ● = Off-Air ● = Testing ○ = Unknown

Click on the frequency for additional details.
Click on a header to sort.

VOIP Legend: A=AllStar; E=EchoLink; I=IRLP; W=WIRES

Frequency	Offset	Tone	Call	Location	ST/PR	Use	VOIP	Mi	Dir	
145.1700	-0.6 MHz	136.5	KG4VDS	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
145.2100	-0.6 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Lake Placid, Lake Placid	FL	OPEN		64.8	E	●
145.3300	-0.6 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Avon Park, National Guard Armory	FL	OPEN		66.8	NE	●
145.3900	-0.6 MHz	136.5	K4QCW	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
145.4300	-0.6 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Varina, Cox radio tower	FL	OPEN		28.8	N	●
145.4700	-0.6 MHz	97.4	WA4PAM	LaBelle, EOC	FL	OPEN		55.5	SE	●
146.6250	-0.6 MHz	127.3	N4EMH	Wauchula	FL	OPEN		51.6	NE	●
146.6850	-0.6 MHz	136.5	KF4QWC	Punta Gorda	FL	OPEN		19.4	ESE	●
146.7300	-0.6 MHz	100.0	N4SER	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
146.7450	-0.6 MHz	136.5	WX4E	Punta Gorda	FL	OPEN		19.4	ESE	●
146.7600	-0.6 MHz	136.5	W4KR	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
146.7750	-0.6 MHz		K0DGF	Englewood, Florida	FL	OPEN		1.1	S	●
146.8200	-0.6 MHz	100.0	K4GG	Bradenton	FL	OPEN		38.4	NNW	●
146.8650	-0.6 MHz	136.5	K8ONV	Port Charlotte, Charlotte County Sports Complex	FL	OPEN		16.3	ESE	●
146.8800	-0.6 MHz	136.5	KI4PTZ	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
146.9100	-0.6 MHz	100.0	W4IE	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
146.9550	-0.6 MHz	100.0	K4BRC	Bradenton	FL	OPEN		38.4	NNW	●
147.0750	+0.6 MHz	100.0	W4MIN	Arcadia	FL	OPEN		34.7	E	●
147.1200	+0.6 MHz	136.5	K4NPT	North Port	FL	OPEN		8.7	E	●
147.1800	+0.6 MHz	100.0	W4MIN	Arcadia	FL	OPEN E		34.7	E	●
147.1950	+0.6 MHz	103.5	KF4MBN	Bradenton	FL	OPEN		38.3	NNW	●
147.2700	+0.6 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Sebring, Highlands County EOC	FL	OPEN		65.6	E	●
147.2850	+0.6 MHz	136.5	W1RP	Lehigh Acres, Lehigh Medical Center	FL	OPEN		50.2	SE	●
147.3000	+0.6 MHz	141.3	KD4MZM	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.8	NNW	●
147.3450	+0.6 MHz	136.5	WG4K	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
147.3750	+0.6 MHz	123.0	N2FSU	Lehigh Acres	FL	OPEN E		51.3	SE	●
147.3900	+0.6 MHz	100.0	N4SER	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		25.4	NNW	●

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442.3500	+5 MHz	100.0	W4HCA	Avon Park	FL	OPEN		67.4	NE	●
442.9500	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Verna	FL	OPEN		30.6	NNE	●
444.1000	+5 MHz	CC1 100.0	W4AC	Englewood	FL	OPEN		1.1	S	●
443.9500	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Lake Placid, Happiness Tower	FL	OPEN		64.8	E	●
444.4500	+5 MHz	77.0	WB4FOW	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
442.4500	+5 MHz	136.5	WB2FAU	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
444.9750	+5 MHz	136.5	WX4E	Punta Gorda	FL	OPEN		19.4	ESE	●
443.2750	+5 MHz		AC4FL	Naples, Wiggins State Park	FL	OPEN		58.1	SE	●
444.5500	+5 MHz	141.3	KD4MZM	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
444.9250	+5 MHz	CSQ	W4IE	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
444.8000	+5 MHz	100.0	N1DP	Hancock	FL	OPEN		35.2	SE	●
444.2000	+5 MHz		W4MIN	Arcadia	FL	OPEN		34.7	E	●
444.8250	+5 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Avon Park, Bombing Range	FL	OPEN		77.6	NE	●
443.8750	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4MX	Lakewood Ranch	FL	OPEN		30.3	N	●
444.8750	+5 MHz		K4TAP	Bradenton, Mixons Fruit Farm	FL	OPEN		38.4	NNW	●
442.1500	+5 MHz	94.8	KA2LAL	North Port	FL	OPEN		8.7	E	●
444.7000	+5 MHz	CC1	N4SER	Laurel	FL	OPEN		12.1	NNW	●