

1. DBARA is as Far from Being a Computer Club as Allen is from Being Right

Dave... as you see the "problem with the club" is "the computer" You responded here....the club leaves messages and emails of clubs function here....They have everything here, and nothing on the RADIO! Dbara is a "RADIO CLUB" and not a computer club, The club members need to use the RADIO for the CLUB use the CLUB repeater 147.15 for everything... Like, wish the members happy birthday on the eve. traffic net. I have taken my "call letters" out of the Yahoo "Dbara Group" and will not respond to any mail directed from that site. You can email me 1 on 1 or better yet call me on the radio (week days/ends after 7 p.m.& after 9:15 p.m. Thur.& Fri) I'm glad you took the time to reply. The 2 meter club may do fine things but everyone has to use radio for inter-member & CLUB correspondence (unless private) and get away from emails and read the club news at the Yahoo Club (GROUP) site ...! People have to keep their radios on when they are home and on 147.15 ,if they want to keep up with club news and goings on....Maybe that is what the traffic net should be use for not the "Inter" "net" ...Pass the DBARA NEWS and TRAFFIC. 1ST. ! Then OUT of State TRAFFIC 2ND....as for joining DBARA or coming to any more meetings is not going to happen till I see more use of the Repeater by club members 24/7..as of now everything I have been to has been a bust!. 6 people showing up at club function is like a slap in the face to the club. I will set a example by doing...I'll log in on the repeater after the eve net when all is quiet... I will do my share to used the repeater and will stand by for someone to say hello or talk to . If people want to talk and check in I will talk back or give them a call back to say hello. I hope you understand where I'm coming from. As for computers I have two... I run 3 web sites, work a full time job. and I been doing it since the 70's I have my radio, a YAESU 897D connected to one and my 2 systems networked. I installed T1 data lines for GTE in the 90's before I retired in 1998 after 30 years at the ripe old age of 48...so I'm understand computers and radios. I came to meeting to join a RADIO CLUB not a Computer Club...I have been there and done computer clubs before....

p.s. Pass this message to the clubs leaders, if it makes them mad so be it. Someone had to say it. It might as well been a non-member that said it, that way they have no one piss on but me....If they agree, and want to be a RADIO CLUB and not INTERNET COMPUTER CLUB... and get the ball rolling and I will be glad to join in.

Allen KJ4SLN

Editors note --- "Allen says that DBARA is not a radio club but a computer club." How can he make a determination like that when he has never even attended a meeting or two? Allen, let me bring you into the real world of DBARA.

1. DBARA in reality is more "a socially oriented radio club" then an a "radio active oriented radio club."

2. The "portable operations days (slant p) are not specifically a club function as they were originally the brain child of Paul Milward NU4C. Paul liked to get out doors and work QRP from a local park. The idea just grew from that point on. The clubs only attachment to "/p days" is that I, as webmaster and a frequent visitor to "/p days" decided that Paul might get more participants if we published a simple event calendar.

3. DBARA probably has less then 5 percent of its members that use a computer based software program like PSK or rig remote controlled software.

4. If you don't like the way that DBARA is being ran at this time then join the club and make your mark on it. Don't sit on the outside and throw rocks at the glass windows because they won't

break. They are made out of rock proof glass!

5. Just because you run three web sites does not make you a computer geek either. I was up to five at one time and I am so far from being a computer geek that I envy the real ones.

6. DBARA uses the web site as a medium to transfer its news to its members so that they can get the "hot skinny" even days after it transpires. Verbal news is like television news once the news broadcast is over with it is gone. Web news lasts as long as the webmaster lets it live.

7. The Yahoo Group is still another medium of getting news out to members that might not have heard the audio version just like in number 6 above. If and when you decide to join DBARA you would be invited to join the Yahoo group but it is not mandatory to become a member. But since you are already a Yahoo group member you know that membership is not mandatory. It is a news medium only and being a member does not qualify you as a computer geek either.

ROBERT P. HAVILAND W4MB (SK)



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of Daytona Beach, passed away on March 21, 2010. He was born October 18, 1913 in Cleveland, Ohio. He earned his BS in electrical engineering from Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy (now Missouri University of Science and Technology) in 1939 and was elected to Phi Kappa Phi and Eta Kappa Nu. Haviland proudly served our Country in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He was a space and missile engineer with both the U.S. Navy and General Electric Company located in King of Prussia, PA. He received eight patents relating to his work with guided missiles and authored 17 books and more than 100 articles on electronics, communication, computers, solar power and the environment. In 1976, he and his late wife Opal Dorf-Haviland, to whom he was married 64 years, retired and relocated to Daytona Beach. He held offices in the Volusia-Flagler Environmental Council, the Volusia-Flagler Section of the Sierra Club, and the Environmental Action Committee of Daytona Beach. He was a member of both the county's Halifax-Indian River Task Force and the state's Department of Health Technical Review and Advisory Panel and spearheaded many other environmental efforts in the community. In 1991, he was awarded the Tmima Littner-Cohn Award from The League of Women Voters for his "untiring efforts on behalf of our community." The Volusia-Flagler Sierra Club in 2002 recognized him with the Jack Kleinberg Award. Haviland was a reserved, yet curious man who always had numerous books on hand to be read. Although he kept himself quite busy with his environmental and technological endeavors, he had a tremendous heart, and never lost sight of the needs and concerns of his family. Left to cherish his memory are his three children; Kay (William) Freilich of Phoenixville, PA, Jean Michael of Rincon, Puerto Rico, and Jon (Laurey) Haviland of Norco, CA; grandchildren Robert, Peg, Jolene, Nicolas, Justin and Jared; and six great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 3rd at 11:00am at Lohman Funeral Home, 1423 Bellevue Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences are welcome and may be shared with the family at www.lohmanfuneralhomes.com .

Editors Notes:

Bob Haviland, W4MB, was a long time supporter and member of DBARA. When I joined DBARA back in the 70's both Opal and Bob were publishing the paper version of the DBARA Groundwave. Whenever you could engage Bob to talk about his time in the US Navy he would always relate that he never saw combat but was the Commander of an "LMD." I had to bite and ask what was an "LMD?" Why a twinkle in his eye and a big grin he would reply, "a large mahogany desk." He was also an accomplished publisher of books on "quad antennas."

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Update on Starke Elementary Leprechaun Hunt by John LoCicero, K4TUG

We had 11 kids take part in the leprechaun hunt. we broke the kids up into two groups. after George Silver, WB4DVP, explained how to use the radio and leprechaun sniffer to track the signal.

John LoCicero, K4TUG, and Luke Lloyd, a brand new licensed ham went and hid in the woods at the edge of the playground, George, WB4DVP, took one group of kids escorted by a teacher i have not met yet; and Don McBride, WA3ZBJ, took the other group of kids escorted by Sharon Lloyd. the kids took the radios with the sniffer and followed the signal the Luke and I transmitted on a frequency of 441.000 MHz saying we were the leprechaun and we had a bucket of gold for the finders! It took a little time but both team found us and the pot of gold.

The pot of gold was a bucket of chocolate candies in gold coin wrappers that looked like half dollar with President Kennedy's picture embossed on the gold colored cover. The candy was supplied by Sharon Lloyd, also a newly licensed ham, who is another teacher at Starke Elementary.

Who had the most fun? George Silver, WB4DVP and Don McBride, WA3ZBJ, probably had more fun than the kids did but the kids were a very close second place.

Our next scheduled Kids Day bunny hunts will be held at the Horizon Elementary School, Port Orange and Samsula Academy charter school in the near future.

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DBARA Club Auction Coming Soon

The remnants of the KU4L Estate and other serviceable radio items held by DBARA will be auctioned off to the highest bidders auction night. Pieces part, HF gear, and other worthy items to numerous to relist , see the For Sale or Buy page.

New Hamfest - Boca Raton ARC

Dear Fellow Radio Amateur,

My name is Nelson Winter and I am the president of the Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association. I am writing you today to inform you about a new Amateur Radio ham fest that is being sponsored by my club.

The event will be held on November 6th 2010 from 7am to 1pm at the South County Civic Center in Delray Beach, Fl. Here is a link to the website for the event where you can find a flier, map, floor plan and pictures of the facility:

<http://www.southfloridahamfest.org>

Talk-In will be on 145.29 (PL 110.9) and 442.875 (PL 110.9)

Please post information about this event on your club website and mention it at your next meeting and on-air nets.

If you have anyone who would like to be a presenter of a forum or be a vendor at this event, please have them contact our club secretary Walt Dreyfus (W4WCD) at his email address wdreyfus@bellsouth.net or by phone at 954-481-5327.

73,

Nelson Winter

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President - Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

New Projects on the Horizon

by John LoCicero, K4TUG

I would like to announce that I a class called "Introduction to Emergency Communications." To be held at Port Orange library Saturday, May 1st through Sunday, May 2nd. Saturday the class will run from 09:00 to 12:00. Sunday the class will run from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. At this time there are 40 people signed up for the class. The instructors are Fred Magliacaine, Ed Cote, Chuck Hines, and Ray Jones.

June, July or August there will be a basic electronic course and we hope to have a trouble shooting class for ham radio equipment in September or November time frame. Locations and times to be announced as it gets closer.

Leprechaun Transmitter Hunt - Starke Elementary School -
Deland

There will be a bunny hunt at Starke Elementary School. But

the student's are calling it a "Leprechaun Hunt" because of Saint Patrick's. No further information is available at this time.

March Meeting Musings by The Church Mouse

The usual Monday night monthly meeting did not get its fair share of advertising this year due to a failure to communicate the topic to the eGroundwave and the Webmaster. Could there have been more or would there have been less, who knows? I don't! President John LoCicero, K4TUG, opened the meeting and after the introduction phase immediately turned the meeting over to the Vice President, Leah M. Bowen, AJ4MR. VP Bowen immediately launched into the evening program by introducing the subject and participants. The topic was "An Introduction to Bunny/Fox Hunting (Direction Finding. Her supporting speakers and demonstrators were Glenn Karel, WB4WHN, Jim Needham, AJ4GM, Steven Makky Jr., KD0 (zero) BHG, Lee Walker, KJ4AQH, and Arthur Byrnes, KA4WDK.

Jim Needham demonstrated how to make an inexpensive external Yagi or Quad antenna mount. Arthur Byrnes gave a brief history of hunting for hidden transmitters in Volusia County over the years with some feedback from Bill Schwartz, WS1C, and Bob Ledford, WA4IDI, two long time hunters in this area. At the conclusion of the presentation there was a brief coffee break then the 50/50 drawing with Joe Sanders. WS4R, taking more home than he came with.

President LoCicero then called the meeting back in to order and two new members were approved to be new members of
DBARA.

Then a brief presentation Ed Cote, KA1EHR, where he showed the pictures from the presentation given at the Deland Stark Elementary School. Ed is into NHRA Drag Racing and they

brought his dragster along and let the kids get their pictures taken sitting in it or alongside it. Needless to say it was a big hit.

Did You Ever Wonder Why You Bother?

How many of us have ever had the feeling of "why do I bother to do this?" The older I get the more I keep getting this feeling and now it is beginning to bother me as to why I bothered to do it in the first place. Well I know the exact reason I did it to start with. It was a challenge set forth by the "then Club President Frank Haas" who came to me with a small plea of "we, DBARA, need some help in this area."

Normally I like to do things that help others out. But when you try to help by performing a service and still keep running into the same road hazards, why do we bother?

I like what I have been doing to help our club out. I don't like finding out things a day, week, month after the event is either over or happening immediately. Losing the media impact is a waste of manpower and funding of the event taking or taken place. So why bother? If you disagree how about telling me why you disagree and just maybe we can agree to disagree.

So if things don't turn around soon I may have to find another place to play. Because it is fast becoming a very restricted play ground. Plus the fact I don't need to be aggravated every day of the week doing something that has turned into a not being any fun any more!

(signed) your webmaster and editor 2010.03.14

NU4C has a K3 Elecraft

Sunday AM at the usual net time and frequency I hear this really soft mellow voice announce itself on our 75 meter phone net frequency. It was Paul needing a quality audio check from

several of us. The box sounds so clear and clean that you almost start to look over your shoulder to see if he is in fact not in the room with you. Congratulations and much joy with your new toy Paul.

County Hunting Contest

While talking with Paul on Sunday morning I asked how he was doing on accomplishing his "Worked All US County" Hunting Contest results. He was proud to report that he is now down to 99 unconfirmed counties out of the goal of 2,750 (I think was the magic number). Paul and Darrel are the ones in the competition at this time from Volusia County and DBARA members. One heck of a daunting task in my humble opinion but they are making it happen and that is what it is all about. Set the bar high and keep jumping until you clear it then move it up a click and do it again.

CONVERSATION Sidewalk Radio

This is the time of year when at club meetings the president gravely scans the assembled throng and with dulcet tones delivers a hortatory call to rise as one in support of the annual Field Day adventures. A sigh rustles across the membership as they rouse from their post-supper hebetude to contemplate the implications. A leader is chosen, sometimes in clever ambush, launching the annual roborant exertion of weaving March's gallimaufry into June's fructuous spectacle of wireless effulgence!

Ah, Field Day. Many an operator will remember a long-past Field Day as having provided the first of many radio enlightenments. Indeed, quite a few will have experienced that personal tipping point by which they are delivered to ham radio during those early summer imbroglios of comestibles, cables,

connectors, conversation, and camaraderie. Field Day is a time when ham radio blooms, attracting the cognoscenti and curious alike.

In this sense of presentation to other, I suggest that we consider the location in which we plant our gardens. If yours is a group for whom a big score and competitive mastery is the goal, then perhaps that secret hilltop is the optimum spot. But for the rest, why not offer up ham radio to the beginners and passers-by? So much of our hobby-sport-service takes place out of view in basements, spare bedrooms, local EOCs, and club houses, access to which the public is rarely granted. We are invisible! It is commonly agreed that ham radio has lost much of its place in the public conversation. We are too often seen as preservationists or oddballs tinkerering with obsolete technology. Services rendered by hams in time of need may be duly noted, but after the fact and still the public has little interaction with what it is we do. It seems to me that instead of hiding our activities, we should be performing them out in plain view where anyone can experience the ham radio of today.

Amateur astronomers, facing parallel concerns, have adopted what they call "Sidewalk Astronomy". Never mind that the local street corner does not have optimum "seeing". What's important is that passers-by, many of whom have never looked through a telescope, get an opportunity to effortlessly experience astronomy and talk with an enthusiastic stargazer. Never mind that 10th-magnitude stars are obscured by light pollution. Point the 'scope Moon-ward and let someone get their first glimpse of shadows cast by lunar mountains across crater floors!

We need to practice "Sidewalk Radio" so that the public can have a similar encounter with ham radio "in the wild" and not as

a curiosity. Field Day is a perfect opportunity to set up in a public area. For example, if you operate near the local baseball and soccer playfields, you will have a continuous stream of curious kids dragging the parents over to have a look! Where do people go on weekends? How about shopping centers and malls?

I can hear the groaning now, "What a terrible location! It will be noisy! People will bother us!" Fiddlesticks! We can lock ourselves in the basement the other 51 weekends of the year - get out there and welcome the public. Don't set up a defensive perimeter -- arrange the tables and tents so that a "civilian" doesn't feel like an intruder. Have a greeter and tour guides to break down those social barriers! Be prepared to answer questions, have handouts and brochures available, and act like you're enjoying yourself! Sit up straight and brush your teeth!
(Sorry, got carried away there...)

Seriously, put out signs that say "Amateur Radio Demonstration - Public Welcome!" Better yet, add a sign that says, "Free Coffee and Cookies!" Don't expect people to know what "Field Day" is - you need to get them to come over so that you can tell them! And when they ask about local radio clubs or other events (like a flea market) be prepared with a custom handout that shows all of the local radio club Web sites and meeting information.

Once you start Sidewalk Radio, you might enjoy it enough to ask yourself, "Why not some time other than Field Day?" Exactly!

It's easy to get out there and put up a no-ground vertical and work a little HF - it doesn't have to be worldwide DX with a big beam. Figure out how to use your handheld radio and a VHF/UHF "Cheap Yagi" to work a ham radio satellite from the parking lot of the local big-box store. Show off meteor scatter on

6 meters with WSJT. Once you get started, the ideas will flow and you'll hear a lot of, "I never knew hams did that!" Our signals are invisible, but we don't have to be.

(Thank you Steve Szabo for finding this wonderfully wordsmith's journalistic work of art.)

Editor's note: This is so true of the way that DBARA is currently operating. Our leadership is so involved in trying to make things better for the ham radio community overall that one of the key things that goes undone is "tooting our own horn." To not make accomplishments or projects on going known is in actuality worse then not doing them at all. Why? Several reasons; one is no one knows your doing it; two is your expending the effort for nothing in return; three is no one knowing means no one cares or is willing to help you. If you figure out a way to cure this let me know at the eGoundwave.

Rosters

New and freshly up to date membership rosters are becoming more readily available to members. As many of you know from the past, Frank Haas, KB4T, our past Treasurer was also the keeper of the roster since he had all the pertinent information readily available at his finger tips. With Frank's sudden drop from holding office getting an up to date roster was like trying to find a chicken with teeth.

Now the roster is being maintained by your webmaster and he will be sending them out up dated with all the pertinent information in them. Since he does not get to see all the instantous information up dates from you as members he asks that everyone of you review the last roster available for your current information and email him direct with corrections. Failure to keep your record up to date is not his fault it is your

information and that makes it your responsibility.

Street Sighting's

Recently I was sitting at the West door of J C Penny's in the Volusia Mall and who do you think was trying to leave? Phil Carter! Phil and I chatted for several minutes and we both concluded that it has been cold enough to suit us for the rest of this year. He miss's the Wednesday "slant P' portable days. I imagine you do Phil I know I do and I will be glad when it warms up 20 degrees too. 70 degrees is my ideal working temperature.