

W4DFU

President's

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Log

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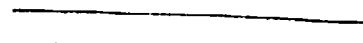
Founded in 1934



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University of Florida
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Grid Square EL89


The 1986 version of our QSL
Card was designed and
laid out by  Kathy Weiner (fox)

The artwork for the card belongs
to the Gator Amateur Radio Club and
is located in a white folder in the
wooden cabinet in the Club station.
(note the incorrect zip code) 16 July 86 JMD

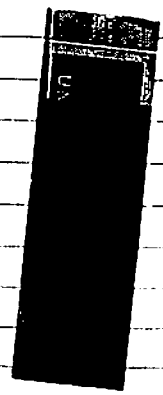
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you only need to log in once. ~~then~~

Please initial and date each entry
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16 July 86 GMD 

DATE	NAME	CALL	INITIALS
16 JULY 1986	Joseph M. DiPietro	WA4NWO	JMD
10 AUGUST 1986	Robert E Johnson	WB4JCM	REJ
10/20/96	Pam Monahan	KF4WGR	PLM



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The President's Pass Down log is an informal diary type record for student leaders of the Gator Amateur Radio Club. In starting this record it is my intention to provide ~~for~~ some continuity for the Club. I feel that this should be an open record (so's all youse guys can see how badly us right) therefore no sensitive information, such as current repeater command codes should be included. Furthermore all infighting and backstabbing should be done elsewhere (like in the Orange and Brew where it belongs) and not on these pages. So, what should be included? Its up to you the leaders of the GARC. What am I going to include?—Hmm good question. Lets see.....

How about:

- Club History; what ever facts and folk lore that I can uncover. There ~~is~~^{was} so much lost over the last 52 years. Hopefully some of it can be recovered. for example: where are all of the Pre-WWII QSL cards?
- Present activities; this will be recent history for you. ~~but for~~ It should make point #1 easier in the future.
- Equipment history: like where did the Johnson matchbox come from? I bet some one knows. More importantly who owns what? for example, we presently have a Signal One HF Radio. Did Student Government Provide it? NO! it was a GIFT from Dr. Dean Bidgood, WT4A (nice guy)
- It's not what you know, but who you know. It is ridiculous for successive Club leaders to relearn who turns what wheels or opens which doors on Campus. Too much information left the Club with the graduation of my predecessors!

Well, thats a start. more can be added or deleted as the present officers see fit. the important thing, though is to use this book! write wright? in it! style is not as important as content! the more ^{rich} information you include in this book, the more the Club will grow over its Second 50 years.

16 July 1986 Joe WA4NWO jmb

One of the basic decisions I need to make about what I am going to do with this log is: how will I organize it? My feelings (I'm quite opinionated you know) are that each leader should organize this and other sources of information in a separate book (or data base or whatever). The information contained herein is, by the nature of a log, sequential in organization. It's up to you to provide for the ready access of data. So there! - 16 July 86 GMD

One of my favorite subjects is the repeater so I will probably ^{write} write alot about it. At the time of this writing the repeater, W4DFU/R consists of:

- ① a Spectrum SCT 110 VHF transmitter
- ② a Spectrum BA10A 30 watt PA
- ③ a Spectrum Transmitter housing
- ④ General Electric Mastr Progress line ER-41 Receiver
- ⑤ GE Mastr Progress line 4EP39A11 Base Station receiver power supply
- ⑥ RCA ~~CSF~~ CSF-60A "Fleetfone" 6-meter FM transceiver (dual purpose as a 6 meter remote and cabinet heater)
- ⑦ Advanced Computer Controls, RC-850 Repeater Controller.
- ⑧ Sinclair 6 Cavity duplexer
- ⑨ Astron 35RM Power Supply

(#6) is history (all 36 Tubes) 19 Nov 87 GMD

JOE, TELL US ABOUT THE ANTENNA, ETC... *[Signature]*

I have created a "problem log" for the club station. Any equipment problems should be recorded there in as much detail as possible (might as well include procedural problems, too...). When the problem is fixed, log that too. The Station manager (temporarily me?) should review this log regularly and is responsible for seeing that problems are solved. Look for hints as to how to prevent problem from recurring e.g. maybe someone blew up a transmitter by running it full power on teletype. If they honestly logged the ~~was~~ problem and its cause, you will know to put up a warning sign telling people not to run full power in the future, even though you on RTTY might think they should know better... *[Signature]*

A WORD OF WARNING

If you take any equipment out of the health center, it is wise to call UPD (or at least Shands Security) and warn them. Jeff, KB4KEC was removing a rusty old junk cabinet from the station one day. A janitor saw him load it on ~~the~~ his pickup truck and called the police. They almost arrested him, and they did confiscate the cabinet. A few weeks later they called us and said we could come and pick it up. It belonged to KA9NDF, who said we could throw it away, and we just sort of never got around to picking it up. This was about a year ago. Maybe somebody should drop by UPD and see if they still have it... 17 Aug 86 [Signature]

Walt Johnson (WATKE) is a wealth of information. If he is
unable to answer a question about campus he can at
least direct you to someone who can. JMD 16 July 88

- History

Joe, (WA9NW) was elected president in December of 1984 superceding Jamie (KA3IKE). Stephanie (KB9ICM) was president during the summer of 85. WA9NW was president again for Fall 85 and re elected in Dec of 85. Wade (N4LRK) was president for part of the spring and summer of 86. WA9NW was president for the 2nd half of the summer, and the fall of 86. (and spring, summer + fall 1987) ^{9th JAN 1987}

17 Jul 86 JMD

Previous Club Presidents include: Art (WA1THV), Jay (AA4FL), Kurt (WA9YNE) 1981, Doug Rehman (KE4ZQ ^{wdg GRN}), Sud (WA4BUS), Ed Callaway ^{Jr} ()

~~The club was started~~ see next page... or the one after that..?

14 November 1987:

The TH-6 and 4 sections of Rhon 25 (one Top section) seems to have vanished from the roof of stands. — J.M.D.

November 30th 1987 Election Results:

President	- J.J. Falkanyer	KFAVE
V-President	- S. Lee Smith	
Treasurer	- Joe Safirstein	KA4PEM
Secretary	S. Lee Smith	N4NAB
Secretary	- David Petty	N4NUG

JMD

Lee Smith is now Pres. / JJ
Withdrew for the Spring 88 semester. JMD.

Well... JJ became Pres again!! then near the end of the Spring 89 semester he became inelly jable so Baby Doc... Joe WA9NW (President for life) became... President again. — but on May 6, 1989 Joe (WA9NW) Graduated (Gasp) so whom is the President now?

- current club officers Summer 89.
ZANDRA KC4IMB Treasurer
Sec
V.P
President

6 MAY 89
J.M.D.

- History -

The Club station, located in Room D-11-27 of the J.H.M.H.C. is (Surrounded, enclosed, protected) by a chain link fence. The fence was a gift to the GARC ~~by~~ the parents of a Club member, David Wolsfer () from Orlando FL. The material was picked up by Joe (W4ANWO) and Ian (KA4YEF) and layed on the floor of the station for months. Over the summer of 1985 Jeff (KB4KEC) erected the fence on lines designated by physical plant. The primary purpose behind the 'Cage' is to prevent the escape of contesters prior to the accumulation of the required number of points. A secondary reason is to increase the security of the station, since there are only about 10,000 keys to D-11-27 floating around.

16 July 86 9MD

Scott Fox (KF4TT) was a gamesville resident ~~until~~ from \approx 1976 until he moved to New Jersey in 1986. While he was here he was one of the Club's most active supporters. He maintained the 91 and 82 repeaters, fixed the Club's equipment and supplied us with innumerable goodies (eg. Silver/teflon coax connectors, RG-214 coax, etc., etc.). We are forever in his debt.

10 Aug 86 9MD

Ian Jones (KA4YEF) was Treasurer of W4DFU in 1984. He graduated (Escaped) in 1985 and $\frac{1}{2}$ since been a major supporter of the Club. The mounting hardware (Value \approx 500.00) that is holding the Rhon 45 to the side of Beatty tower (repeater tower) was designed and paid for by Ian. While he was a student, Ian's H.T. battery was always expiring, so we began referring to a dead battery as an "Ian" (or Ion). 10 Aug 86 9MD

Mike Bush (KB4ABE) paid for the new celwave 4 bay dipole on the 91 repeater, he also donated the 100 feet of Andrews semi-rigid coax that now feeds the system. 10 Aug 86 9MD

Ian was an outstanding treasurer (by student government auditor's standards). His books were often praised by the 56 auditors who lucked into them. 25 Aug 86 ~~9MD~~

Ian's new even heavier duty Rhon 45 mounting system has been installed @ Shands - Thanks Ian
01 Nov 87 ~~9MD~~

"OFFICIAL" HISTORY

The club was founded in 1934 by (I think) W4IX, W4DNU, ~~W4NG~~ (Earl Tonges) and others, using the call W4IX. W4DNU sent in the paperwork ~~for~~ for a club license along with his own, but he had a problem with his. The club got the call W4DFU in ~~the~~ Sept or Oct of 1934, but DNU had to send his ^{application} again and got the call W4DNU about a month later.

(W4DNU = John Lenkerd?, W4NG = Earl Tonges) I got this information from John and Earl on two meters about a year ago and I have probably messed up the details. Someone should sit down with a tape recorder & Earl (who lives in Gainesville) and make him talk, because he was telling me about the rigs they built for the club ~~etc~~, who some of the early members were, etc.

There is an article taped to the inside of the shack door announcing the formation of the club in 1934

17 Aug 86

~~REJ~~

REJ

History -

Does anyone know where the horseshoe over the door to D11-27 came from? ^{GMD} 16 July 88

The signature on the picture of Natalie Wood is in KAHYEF's handwriting ^{GMD} 17 July 88

The brass plaque on the signal wane was
donated by Ian W. Jones KAHYEF GMD 7 AUG 88

Equipment History

On December 25th 1985 Dr. Dean Bidgood (WT4A) donated to the Gator Amateur Radio Club, Signal One model 1030 Serial Number 09051040. Hewlet Packard model 608C SN 2082. Tektronix model 190 SN 008524. Heathkit (Oscilloscope) model 10-455D SN 01642. IRL Rtty Demod. Model FSK1000 SN 82597. 10AUG86 SMD

The G.E. MSIR PRO RECEIVER AND PWR SUPPLY THAT IS ON THE 91 REPEATER WAS DONATED BY SCOTT FOX (KF4TT)

THE G.E. FLEET-PHONE 6 METER REMOTE BASE WAS DONATED BY MIKE BUSH (KB4ABE) THE COLLINS Model 1804-1 Antenna Tuner WAS A GIFT FROM JEFF WISCHER (KB4KEC)

The Electronics work bench was Donated by the U.S. Navy. (MOET NAS JACKSONVILLE) 10AUG86 SMD

28 OCT 1987 SMD

I think that the Alumni of GARL should start a fund to purchase a Permanent Home for the Gator A.R.C. SMD 7 AUG 88

ON Saturday, November 12, 1988 -- Joe 'Balls' Safirstein intimidated Shands security into opening hospital stores and giving us our New Mosley Pro-67 Beam antenna. one Hell of a party ensued!

13 NOVEMBER, 1989 -- 2 MOTOROLA MX 360 HTES WERE ACQUIRED FROM EE DEPT. 1 UHF / 1 VHF BOTH ARE TO BE USED FOR REMOTE BASES FOR UHF/VHF REPEATERS. - APPROXIMATE VALUE WITH CHARGER \$3200.00. (2 ~~HTES~~ RADIOS WERE DONATED TO THE UNIVERSITY FROM MOTOROLA), 23 NOV 89 SMD

1 January 1993 -- 1 AE-3 Ether Net Card was LOANED to the Club by Joe D. Pietro WA4PWC SMD 1 JAN 93

Station Users,

It's a good idea
to open the outer door when
you're here so people know we
use the station.

TAX,
JEFF KD4BFZ

P.S. Don't forget to sign in on the log
on the cage door.

Oct 12, 1993

-- This looks like the first new entry in years, and in fact it is. I've taken office and I'm currently Pres. of ~~QRP~~ GARC. By the way I'm Jeff Perkins, KD4BFZ. We've been funded this year by SE, but as of yet we haven't spent any money.

J. D. P?

DECEMBER 1, 1993

JEFF PERKINS, KD4BFZ, 24 y/o president of UF's Gator Amateur Radio Club and a member of GARS (Gainesville Amateur Radio Society) became a ~~member~~ Silent Key November 18, 1993 in a car accident. Jeff taught the only amateur radio license class offered this fall, through the Reitz Union, and had been instrumental in regaining essential funding for GARC from the Student Government. The UF Homecoming Football Game was his first time providing EMS radio support. He enjoyed it and intended to come out to more games. Jeff was the "Gator" in the GARC transmitter hunt that brought the GARC membership together in October. Jeff was an enthusiastic, active leader who welcomed new hams into the hobby and was working hard to revitalize the Gator Amateur Radio Club. He truly will be missed.

de KE1BRL Nancy Hurley

As the following secretary/treasurer after Jeff, I want to commend Jeff on what an excellent job he did in all of his years here with GARC. He was a dedicated leader and very good friend of ours. We will truly miss him.

de KD4KSC Renae Smirlis

Jeff was an excellent leader, and did an excellent job with the Gator Amateur Radio Club. Jeff was a close friend of mine and he will be missed tremendously. Jeff had a lot of great ideas for the club, and we tried to accomplish most of those. It is unfortunate that those efforts had to be cut short. I don't feel that I could run this club effectively with his absence! I wish the future officers luck!

de KC4NWK Jen Simonds
Vice President

10/20/96

Antenna Party!! We have replaced the boom on the 2m/440 rig w/ a 1/4" dowel jammed into 1/4" electric PVC. Looks good!

Straightened the famous leaning HF tower, and "resecured" the lower bracket on the 6-m tower w/ S.S. bolts.

By the by... the bolts out of the Ken Pro KK-500 elevation rotor ~~are~~ ^{are} METRIC bolts.

2/17/01 - Anatoly Efimer (AF4DK) took over in 1997.
A new Kenwood TS-870 was added to the club
station from Student Government Funding in 1998.
This transceiver has served as our primary HF
and others for field pay 2000 with our receive
mobile tower which was found in surplus (IPAS)
in 1999 by David (W4YET). Robyn Wilson stepped
in after Anatoly got distracted by his doctor to mind
Wilson (K64ELZ) served as president with Martha
Nunes (K64EAZ) for the most part of 2000.
When she and Nunes left, I became president
in the middle of the Spring semester of 2000.
Our active student membership has dwindled to
just enough to fill the required student position
but we have remained alive and active, and
with great support from our faculty, staff, and
alum members. I write these words in a
club station during unhappy circumstances. The
college of Medicine is threatening to kick us out
of the 111-27 location for use for research
and faculty. I meet today with
Ken Masey (K64IPA) an alum emeritus of
the situation to discuss the fate of our
presence in the School of Science Building.

- 2/17/01 Luis Huidobro
K64VTF
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