

WRC UPDATE

MAY 28, 2003



REMEMBER TO ZOOM IN ON THE PHOTOS...
200% RECOMMENDED

HIGHLIGHTS

MEETING: MONDAY JUNE 2 AT 7:30 PM

*Dedication of The EOC Communications Section
by Mayor Wenham and Members of the Village Council*
PHOTO SUMMARY:

*...April 5th Walk to Cure Diabetes and the
WRC Lost Child & Communications Booth*

COMING EVENTS:

...Field Day & July 4th in Wellington

BRIEFS:

...WRC Member Shirts & Hats

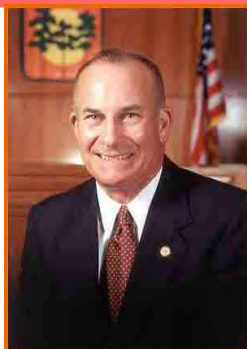
...Coming 60meter/5 MHz "Channels"

...New IRLP Codes for Improved Security

June 2nd WRC Meeting: *Dedication of Wellington's EOC Communications Section*

In time for the 2003 Hurricane Season... and other possible emergencies, the EOC's Communications Section will be up and running near full steam. WRC members are confident that its mission to permit emergency management personnel to communicate with other agencies and locations under "worst-case scenario" conditions, such as overloaded or dead telephone and cellular sites, loss of power, etc., will be accomplished.

Mayor Tom Wenham, Emergency Management Director Ken Roundtree and members of the Village Council



Mayor Tom Wenham

will be onhand at the WRC's next Meeting to recognize the planning and work of the many WRC volunteers and Public Works employees involved.

It was no small task to prepare the new EOC's location, at the Public Works Complex, for reliable communications and a high state of preparedness. For example, extensive protective measures against threats, such as intense lightning, had to be designed and built into the structure before expensive and sensitive communications equipment could be installed. Hundreds of volunteer man-hours were invested in the project that also included moving the "old" EOC from temporary quarters at the Water Treatment Plant.

Come to the June meeting and meet Village Officials and see the capabilities and resources of the Communications Section. Also discussed will be the prognosis for the 2003 Hurricane Season and other threats or potential emergencies.

Map & info at: <http://www.qsl.net/k4wrc>

FIELD DAY 2003 - June 28 & 29

Join us for for the first ever Field Day

Held at the Wellington EOC!

The 2003 FD rules have a new EOC Class.

Help us put the EOC to its first real test.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FOURTH OF JULY IN WELLINGTON

Entertainment... Fireworks

Bring the family... Help Out at the

WRC Lost Child & Communications Booth

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

New HF Frequencies... 60 Meters

Dick WD4CRB spent years running missionary networks in Peru on 5 MHz frequencies. His experience was that they performed extremely well.

US hams will soon be authorized five upper sideband channels on 60 meters. Many are excited by the prospects of frequencies having the best characteristics of both 80 and 40 meters! Those buying new HF equipment should take a close look at the Ten Tec line of software based transceivers that may offer the flexibility to add new HF bands.

Be On the Lookout for a Clothes and Codes Email...

Next week WRC members will receive emails about distinctive WRC attire and asking for shirt and hat sizes.

As for the codes, they are necessary for members to access IRLP **reflectors**...special node connections. Non-members can still use those reflectors but only when opened by a member.

The email will have full details about these two topics.

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A Photo Summary: The Lost Children & Communications Booth at... ***THE WALK TO CURE DIABETES***



ABOVE LEFT: As many as 3000 people of all ages attended the 2003 Walk and at times they swarmed across the Meyer Amphitheater field. The Lost Child & Communications Booth was centrally located and its banner could be seen from most anywhere. **ABOVE RIGHT:** FRS radios were used to coordinate with the event staff, onsite Wackenhut security and the West Palm Beach PD patrolling the perimeter.



ABOVE: Congressman Mark Foley, left, cuts the ribbon to begin the Walk. Later he addressed the crowds from the stage and recognized the Wellington Radio Club as among the many volunteer groups. **RIGHT:** Jerry N3HVC tests the UHF repeater and IRLP node during setup.



ABOVE: Congressman Foley at the Lost Child Booth listens intently as Larry KS4NB, left, and Jerry N3HVC, right, explain the two amateur radio bills before Congress. Foley's concern with Homeland Security and high regard for radio amateurs was evident. By the way, he fondly remembers Manny W4SS and asked us to pass along his warmest greetings! **RIGHT:** Amazed Dwyer HS students speak to Dennis SM6USS in Sweden via a crystal clear IRLP link.

*A letter from
Lora Martin Hazelwood,
JDRF Executive Director
to WRC Members says it all...*



Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's 2003 *Walk to Cure Diabetes*, held April 5th, has come to a very successful completion, and it is in no small part due to the efforts of our dedicated volunteers. The Walk is a fun and exciting way to raise the needed funds to continue the research necessary to accomplish JDRF's mission: finding a cure for diabetes.

All of us know someone who must contend daily with the complications of this disease. Therefore, your efforts to support this endeavor are greatly appreciated by all of us at the Greater Palm Beach Chapter who must rely on our volunteer base to man its ambitious annual fundraising schedule.

Taking the time to care about the welfare of others can be very rewarding. We hope enjoyed the festivities and look forward to seeing you next year.

Wishing you a wonderful summer,

Lora

The WRC Team at the Walk to Cure
John KG4JMO Cletus KG4KYD
Sandy KG4TSU Larry KS4NB
Jerry N3HVC



No lost kids or parents this year at the Walk... but team members were pleased with all the "communicating" that was accomplished! L-r: Cletus KG4KYD, Larry KS4NB, John KG4JMO and Sandy KG4TSU.

From Art WB2HIF in an Email to the Spidernet... *How to Safeguard Information You May Consider Confidential*

"This is NOT a Gag, I confirmed it by opting out my wife & I!

Repeat it is NOT a gag!!!

Your Credit: Personal Information goes public Starting July 1st, 2003, the four major credit bureaus in the US (Equifax, etc.) will be allowed to release credit info, mailing addresses, phone numbers, etc., to ANYONE who requests it.

If you do not want to be included in this release of your personal information, you can call 1-888-567-8688. Once the message starts:

**a) you will want option #2 (even though option #1 refers to this email, push #2)
b) then option #2. Be sure to listen closely, the first option is only for a two-year period.**

c) Make sure you wait until they prompt for the third option, which opts you out FOREVER. You should receive their paperwork in the mail confirming the "opting out" in less than one week after making the call."

de Art WB2HIF