



## Amateur Radio Week Proclaimed in Sun City Center!



Sam Brandes N2OF (left), Bill Barron W1WAB, and Dave Schierenbeck N8PF display the Hillsborough BOCC proclamation presented by Commissioner Brian Blair (right).

*-Photo by John Bowker WA2WEN*

Hillsborough's Board of County Commissioners officially declared the week of June 24 as 'Amateur Radio Week' in Sun City Center. The action was taken at the regular meeting of the Board on May 16, 2007.

The Proclamation (see page 5), timed to coincide with Field Day, noted the many community service efforts of the Kings' Point and Sun City Amateur Radio clubs; including emergency services provided by members during Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma.

Trustee Dick Marshall K1KTK made all the arrangements for the proclamation. John Bowker WA2WEN also attended the ceremony.

### *President's Message*

Field Day is an important time not only to test our emergency equipment -- but to renew old friendships and make new ones! Many area amateurs-- from Manatee, Hillsborough, and Pinellas Counties stopped by to enjoy Field Day at Sun City Center.

With our orange shirts and enthusiastic grins, everyone said we were the best FD group they saw!

*--David Schierenbeck N8PF*

### *2007 Field Day Results*

*The logs are done and soon to be submitted to the ARRL by Dick Marshall K1KTK. Not a bad result considering the band conditions and it being our first time out in many, many years! Our exchange was '6AWCF'.*



*The Tally: 40 meter phone-- 24  
20 meter phone--148  
20 meter PSK31-- 23  
Total -- 195*

*Nine NTS Radiograms, including the message to the WCF SM were passed.*

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**Club Meetings** First Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM in the Florida Room

## Field Day 2007!!



**Ken Young K1KEY warms up his 40 meter rig at his Field Day 'campsite'. Ken operated all day, stayed the night, and kept on the air all Sunday! Guess his 'Buddipole' antenna system really does work!**

*-Photo by Bill Barron W1WAB*

## Volunteer Spotlight: 2007 Committees

**Documentation**

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**Emergency & Special Events**

Rick Sochon N1OV

**Entertainment & Sunshine**

Rita Hale W1UZR

**Newsletter & Historian**

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**Field Day & QSL manager**

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**Publicity**

John Bowker WA2WEN

**Radio Room Equipment**

Bob Goldberg WA4M

**Welcome**

Bob Hibbard N1ZK

**Radio Room Operations**

- Bob Casey KE4CFJ  
- Jack Werkowitz KI4NXI

**Training**

Don Chinnery WU9T

**VE Team**

Dick Marshall K1KTK

**KE4ZIP Nets**

George Gray W4GAG

Field Day 2007 started early - at 9:00am to be exact - when the set-up crew arrived to discover the promised awnings and tables hadn't been set-up! But quick action by Rick Sochon N1OV got the maintenance crew to quickly erect two large covered areas; filled with tables and chairs.

While Ken Young K1KEY set up his tented 'shack' and sleeping quarters, Bob Hibbard N1ZK hoisted a 'magic' dipole antenna over the bandstand area-- using the flagpole hoist and a couple of trees. Other antennas soon criss-crossed the bandstand green.

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**Get involved! Volunteer for a Committee today!**





Rick N1OV (left) and Bob N1ZK inspect the vertical antenna setup.



Bob N1ZK (right) gets a hand erecting the 'magic' dipole antenna to the flag-pole hoist..



Bob N1ZK (left) amused the group with his CQ 100 demonstration and webcam.



Bill W1WAB (left) greets WCF Technical Manager Geoff Haines N1GY.



Let the Contest Begin!!



Anita AI4YV (left) makes her first ever HF contact!



Rick N1OV (left) fires up the club FT-920 on 20 meters.



Bill W1WAB (right) struggled all day to get the PSK-31 rig to 'fire-up'. It finally did for a total of 23 contacts.

## Field Day (continued)

All the members lugged station and their own equipment out to the grassy area and 'tuned-up' in anticipation of the 2:00 pm start.

The joint KPARC/SCCARC event did have a few snafus. With 7 stations operating [6 contest and one GOTA] in the poor conditions, the carefully conceived band plan was forgotten by many-- resulting in a lot of RFI on 20 meters! And the PSK-31 station set up by Bill Barron W1WAB kept locking up-- only enabling 10 contacts as night fell.

But all these problems were forgotten as over 30 members vied for opportunities to operate. And, there were numerous guests-- including WCF Section officials Dee Turner N4GD, Geoff Haines N1GY, and Neil Lauritsen W4NHL.

Many residents and our invited SCC CA Board members also crowded the radio room --to view the activity and perhaps write out one of the nine NTS Radiograms passed during the event.

## Let's Eat!

Everyone was excited to see Dick Marshall K1KTK arrive and start cooking up the ribs, chicken and pork. A huge feast was laid out for the members -- topped off by brownies and watermelon!

It was a great way to end the day!  
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## Field Day (continued)

Some of the most exciting activity occurred on Sunday morning and early afternoon as Ken Young K1KEY, Jim Key KI4TMX, Bob Hibbard N1ZK, and Bill Barron W1WAB worked to maximize the KE4ZIP QSO count.

This effort was greatly assisted by using Ken's computerized log; which avoided 'dups'. Even Bill's puny FT-817 with 3 watts made 3 QSO's on 20 meters using N1ZK's 'magic' dipole.

## QSL??

All KE4ZIPs Field Day QSO's were uploaded by Bill Barron W1WAB into [www.eQsl.cc](http://www.eQsl.cc) -- and several electronic 'TNX' cards have already been received.

To see the KE4ZIP QSL cards received to date, see <http://www.sccarc.info/arcqsl.html>.

Electronic QSLs are the norm in digital modes and are becoming more common for phone contacts as postage rates go up.

## Next year!

We're already planning next year's event! If you would like to get involved, contact Dave Schierenbeck, N8PF or Bill Barron W1WAB.

*-by Bill Barron W1WAB*



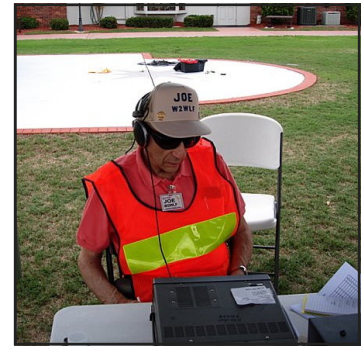
The club banner was on display.....



... which attracted a lot of visitors to the club-house!



Everyone got a chance at the radios!  
-Photo Anita Akridge AI4YV



Joe Sturniolo W2WLF is all outfitted for the next 'emergency'!  
-Photo Anita Akridge AI4YV



Dick K1KTK (left & below) and Marsha Marshall K1NGI prepared all the food.....



.... Which was quickly gobbled down!  
-Photo Anita Akridge AI4YV



-Photo Anita Akridge AI4YV



Jim Key KI4TMX (left) and Ken Young K1KEY working the 20 meter band on Sunday morning.



# 2007 Hillsborough County Proclamation



## Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Amateur Radio Clubs of Sun City Center and Kings Point, KE4ZIP and W3SOB respectively, have a combined membership of more than 200 members; and

WHEREAS, these operators continually demonstrate their skill and ability in dedicated volunteer service in the interest of the community, state, and national welfare by providing communications services to the community for walk-a-thons, parades and emergency communications during hurricanes and severe storms; and

WHEREAS, these operators have represented Sun City Center before the citizens of the world by traveling to Mississippi to assist with emergency communications after Hurricane Katrina, as well as to Ft. Lauderdale after Hurricane Wilma; and

WHEREAS, the continuing presence of these operators is of great benefit to Sun City Center in times of need and a service to the community by conducting classes to help people learn to become amateur radio operators and administering exams as part of the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Volunteer Examiner Program; and

WHEREAS, as part of their preparedness for emergencies, this year's Amateur Radio Field Day will take place on June 23 & 24 in conjunction with other clubs throughout the United States and Canada.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County, Florida, does hereby declare the week of June 17-24, 2007 as

## Amateur Radio Week

in Hillsborough County in recognition of this important emergency preparedness exercise, and calls upon all citizens to pay appropriate tribute to the Amateur Radio Operators of Sun City Center.



Jim NORMAN  
Chairman  
Ken Hagen  
Vice Chairman  
R. Althoff  
Jim San  
Ace Ryster  
Rene P. Terlita  
Mark Sharpe

Dick Marshall K1KTK was instrumental in obtaining the approval of the Board of County Commissioners to declare the week of June 24th as 'Amateur Radio Week' in Sun City Center.

The Proclamation is displayed on the wall of the KE4ZIP clubhouse.

John Bowker WA2WEN must also be recognized for his efforts in getting pre-event newspaper media coverage and arranging for Bill Barron W1WAB to present personal Field Day invitations to the SC-CA Board at its regular June meeting.

A 'soapbox' blog of the KE4ZIP Field Day event was also submitted to the ARRL. See [http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox/index.html?con\\_id=133&call=ke4zip](http://www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox/index.html?con_id=133&call=ke4zip)



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*Quite a Sight!*



Threatening weather-- and even a clap of thunder didn't stop the Field Day action.

Nor did the record 96 degree heat!

Here the 'magic' antenna can be seen hanging at a 45 degree angle down from Old Glory.

*Photo Anita Akridge  
AI4YV*

*Event Calendar*

July 2007  
4 Meeting Canceled

*The Event Calendar will be updated in the next Regular issue of the **CONNECTOR***

*Monitor the KE4ZIP 147.225 [pl 146.2] repeater for announcements and alerts.*