

**North Florida Amateur Radio Club / AlachuaARES(R) MAY 2025 MEETING**  
Tentative Program, **WEDNESDAY MAY 14, 2025**

**NORMAL QUEEN OF PEACE ROOM**  
**(We'll switch to the EOC for JUNE, JULY and AUGUST)**

Their SE building, right next to a parking lot, surrounded by a black fence to protect their school.  
Typically, the gate on the WEST side of the fence, about 30 yards from the parking lot, is open. You can usually enter either the west front door of the building, OR walk around to the south side and enter the door to room #5 If you can come, its is a better experience than Zoom!

***For more information, see the last page, which has detailed connection information.***

ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89530741792>

*Have something you'd like on the AGENDA?? Speak up, we will create room for you!!  
The time to ask for items to be considered is BEFORE THE MEETING if possible so that proper planning can be carried out to meet your desires. Contact Gordon 352 246 6183*

Time	Item	Presenter
6:30 PM	Ragchew/ Informal Conversations / SWAP SHOP Bring SWAP SHOP Items if you have stuff to allow to become prized possessions of OTHERS for Free or \$\$	Jeff Capehart W4UFL
7:00-7:08	Formal Meeting / <b>Introductions</b>	Jeff W4UFL
7:08-7:10	Approval of APR 2025 Minutes <a href="https://www.nf4rc.club/prior-meetings-2/2025-2/minutes-april-2025-meeting/">https://www.nf4rc.club/prior-meetings-2/2025-2/minutes-april-2025-meeting/</a>	Leland
7:10-7:12	Previous Month Hours Report	Jeff W4UFL
7:12-7:20	<b>PROGRAM TOPIC #1: Increasing Involvement</b> A. Signups for Operating, mentoring etc B. Scheduling LINK: <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qfvR2OZIToXQTXYu9ThjjZQQGlsFQ2vg_UzTMVBW9fo/edit">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qfvR2OZIToXQTXYu9ThjjZQQGlsFQ2vg_UzTMVBW9fo/edit</a>	Earl Sloan KI4OXD
7:20-7:35 (15 Min)	<b>PROGRAM TOPIC #2:</b> <b>Field Day ADVANCE SETUP</b> Note: Cumulative setup time can not exceed 24 hours, but only Class A/B stations cannot begin setup until 0000 hours on Friday. Rule 3.3 So we CAN setup even now. We can only operate 24 hours if we begin setup before the operating time start of Field Day.  A. Building 3-element beam in advance to reduce Field Day fatigue	Earl Sloan KI4OXD

	<p>(A great chance for people to learn about these famous antennas)</p> <p>B. Setting up the grassy field Sloping Vertical OCFD in advance (placing line in tree/hoisting) - typically Friday late afternoon</p> <p>C. Possibly getting the GOTA Lofton ECOMM trailer in advance and pre-positioning in parking lot (hopefully eventually securing a suitable spot where the antenna can rise)</p> <p>D. Pre-positioning the Tower Trailer in the back parking lot, back row between tree overhangs, in advance -- possibly Thursday or Friday?</p>	
<p>7:35-7:50 (15 Min)</p>	<p><b>PROGRAM TOPIC #3 - BONUS POINTS</b></p> <p>A. Friday evening copying ARRL Field Day Bulletin -- 100 pts</p> <p>B. PIO media coverage - Mainstreet Daily usually covers us by repeating any press release we send, but would be nice to have a DRAW that would get more coverage from TV/print</p> <p>C. Agency visitation (WHO can invite?)</p> <p>D. Elected Official visitation (WHO can invite -- ideas??)</p> <p>E. Educational Program -- which one?</p> <p><b><u>Satellite Antenna Pointing</u></b></p> <p>I'm thinking I should do one on how to simply control the Satellite Antenna pointing. This is not hard at all. If more people knew how to operate it, they could do so if media show up! What do people think??</p> <p>Do you want to have one on how to crimp coax connectors?</p> <p>Should we have Kevin Rulapaugh go over the MARC system again?</p> <p>Anything people would rather hear about?</p> <p>F. Public Information Table -- Ask Craig Fugate to bring his eye-catching system? Schedule media/public for satellite passes??</p> <p>G. Public location -- we qualify with the Trailer in the Grassy Field, and people at the entrance to the EOC</p> <p>H. Alternative Power -- we now have LOTS of solar power</p>	<p>Earl Sloan KI4OXD</p>

	<p>capability -- anyone want to head this up??</p> <p>I. Emergency Power (discuss Waiver)</p>	
7:50-8:10 (20 Min)	<p><b>PROGRAM TOPIC #4: Field Day Saturday Setup</b></p> <p>A. Setting up MESH system, wifi routers, batteries, antennas and extension poles -- Earl, Susan and Mark have traditionally handled this and are quashing problems (hooray for them!)</p> <p>B. Setting up Station 1 -- EOC radio room desk, computer, additional monitor (VGA), wireless or wired mouse -- Station Chief?</p> <p>C. Setting up Station 2 -- Huckstep radio, computer, possibly additional monitor, wireless mouse - Huckstep Station Chief?</p> <p>D. Setting up Station 3 -- EOC Gobox, computer, additional mointor, wireless mouse -- Station Chief?</p> <p>E. Moving Travel Trailer into position, stabilizers, ground wires, lightning arrester(s) -- Gordon typically handles</p> <p>F. Moving diesel generator trailer into position, power cables, ground wires. -- Need Help!</p> <p>G. Setting up Station 4 -- Gordon's gobox, Gordon's computer, possibly additional monitr (VGA) - Gordon typically handles Station Chief</p> <p>H. Setting up Solar Power charging station -- Need Chief!</p> <p>I. Possibly setting up GOTA Ecomm Trailer / Assembling Beam for raising -- Anyone to watch over?</p> <p>J. Setting up cooking grill/equipment -- Think Earl is watching over this?</p> <p>K. Setting up food in break room -- Everyone?</p>	Earl Sloan KI4OXD
8:10-8:20 (10 min)	<p><b>Program Topic 4: Operating / Logging</b></p> <p>A. Reminders / Updates? -- <i>Could everyone invite people who have been scarce recently?</i></p>	Gordon / Group Discussion

	<p>B. Helping newer participants -- do we want to have a Chief for mentoring?</p> <p>C. Mentors for the GOTA Trailer?</p>	
8:20-8:25	<p><b>License Class Zoom for Lofton Students (and others!!)</b>  Beginning after June 3  <b>Signup for Zoom Instructors: (must get materials)</b>  <b>Explain how to get access to DropBox.</b>  <b>Going well!!</b></p> <p><i>School de jour:</i> <a href="https://www.hamradioschool.com/">https://www.hamradioschool.com/</a> (much much easier than ARRL materials)</p> <p>Instructor Resource Page:  <a href="https://www.hamradioschool.com/instructors">https://www.hamradioschool.com/instructors</a>  (The "sign up" for instructors is on that page)  Learning supplements:  <a href="https://www.hamradioschool.com/technician-learning">https://www.hamradioschool.com/technician-learning</a>  Although Stu's system is heavily "online" -- there is a printed course guide also, which has been helpful to me:  <a href="https://www.hamradioschool.com/technician">https://www.hamradioschool.com/technician</a></p>	
8:25-8:30 5 Min	<p><b>REPEATER UPDATE:</b> "issues"  NEW REPEATER STATUS</p>	<p>Jim Carr  David Huckstep  Leland Gallup</p>
8:30	Adjourn?	

<b>HYBRID In Person / Zoom Meeting</b>	
<b>ZOOM ACCESS</b>	<p>Join Zoom Meeting  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89530741792">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89530741792</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 895 3074 1792  One tap mobile  +19292056099,,89530741792# US (New York)  +13017158592,,89530741792# US (Washington DC)</p> <p>Dial by your location  +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)  +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)  +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)  +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)  +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)  +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)</p> <p>Meeting ID: 895 3074 1792  Find your local number: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89530741792">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89530741792</a></p> <p>The Zoom is never perfect, but perhaps this week I'll remember to grab the amplified speakers....</p>