

FL QSO PARTY 2026 - SATURDAY 1 PM APRIL 25

1. EVENT:

We are going to do this as a FUN LEARNING EVENT. You can operate using our callsign (NF4AC) or you can operate with your own, if you prefer. You can log on PAPER or you can use N3FJP which we will have set up on a simple set of computers with a simple WIFI network.

GOAL IS TO SHARPEN YOUR EMERGENCY OPERATING SKILLS -- *Understanding of radio; antennas; transmission lines; emergency power; SWR; -- and to sharpen your ability to actually get in there and COMMUNICATE! Jump in, get the timing down right, connect to other stations are really succeed! We saw YEARS of experience gained in hours at our FL POTA event and hope to see more of that this time! Talk is cheap-- come OPERATE!!*

I could see this eventually even being a club station or field day location...or repeater, or digipeater or RMS.....lots of possibilities if we are helpful and friendly.

ALL AMATEURS OR INTERESTED NON AMATEURS INVITED.

CALLSIGN NF4AC

N3FJP REGISTRATION: 16600

2026 Florida QSO Party -- YOU are the target of folks trying to get all Florida Counties Organized by: Florida Contest Group. <https://floridaqsoparty.org/> All 67 Counties expected to be involved.

The official event is 2 separate days of operating, Sat 12Noon EDT-2159 EDT, and Sunday 0800 EDT - 1759 EDT; but our effort will only be Saturday afternoon

- Specific RULES: <https://floridaqsoparty.org/rules/>
- We will operate CLUB STATION NF4AC on bands 40/20/15/10 meters in the multi-multi category (multiple transmitters, multiple operators) on PHONE and CW only (no digital)
- We send: Signal Report and County (abbreviated ALC) <https://floridaqsoparty.org/counties/counties-list/>
- We receive: Signal Report / State or Canadian State or "DX"
- MULTIPLIERS for every State or Province worked!

ADDRESS

12720 NW 109th LN Alachua, FL 32615

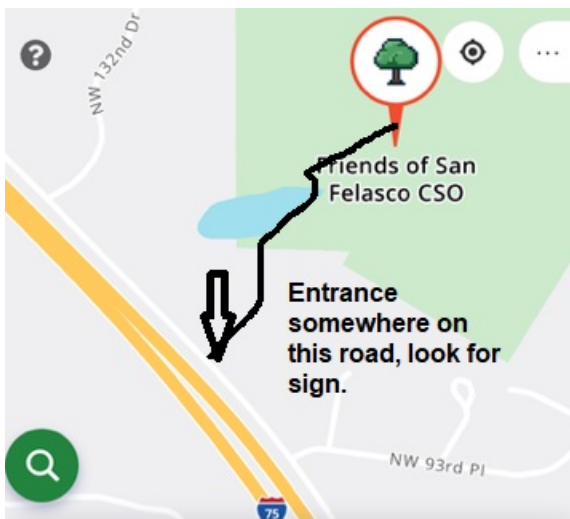
My google maps took me right there. The entrance is marked only with a simple sign on 109th Lane, which intersects with CR 241 just on the north side of the bridge over I-75 (sharp turn-back). You go 1.2 miles SE on 109th Lane, and then the sign of the facility is on your LEFT. Dirt road, well kept my low-to-the-ground electric vehicle had no problems. About 1/2 mile of dirt road, one uphill section is paved.

2. DATE/TIME:

AFTER the GARS Tail Gate. Arrive at or after 1300 Local EDT.
Saturday April 25 2026

3. MAP

ADDRESS
12720 NW 109 th LN Alachua, FL 32615





Park on the right by the Quonset



hut styled Community Support Organization building.



FACILITIES: There is a restroom in the building and also a refrigerator. Leave everything better than we find it.

4. Health and Safety

The building is air conditioned. There is electricity. So really no hazards. DRY WEATHER so no smoking or fires permitted.

The Park does not allow ropes or lines through trees. Plan your antennas accordingly. There is PLENTY of space and multiple places to park your vehicle.

5. Plans

Legalities: Gordon registered our event with the Park:
 There is no REGISTRATION that you need to do. Our group is already registered.
 Just show up!

6. ORGANIZATION

Contact Gordon Gibby KX4Z for more information.

7. RESOURCES

There will likely be open stations for you to jump in and make contacts with others mentoring you! Items you may wish to bring include:

- Hat to protect from sun
- Sunscreen
- Water / other refreshment
- Snacks
- Bug Spray (I haven't had much of a problem there)
- Amateur Radio Station
- Antenna -- remember you cannot use trees. A ground-based vertical is a good idea, or a mast of some sort with an end-fed or inverted or vertical antenna. You can also use a vehicle-mounted antenna, and of course a balloon is always possible, or even a kite!
- Transmission Line -- it is a great idea to get your antenna well away from others so that your radio doesn't experience OVERLOAD from other transmitted signals. Several hundred feet is not too little at all!
- Band Pass Filter -- These are great for allowing you to reduce interference from other stations -- Gordon will bring the Antenna Multiplexer that allows multiple stations even on a single (well behaved multiband antenna) and also some bandpass filters.
- Power Source -- we will have both AC power and several BATTERIES also.
- Scratch Paper for helping with your contacts
- Consider a CLIPBOARD so things don't fly away
- Pen/Pencil to write with
- Leave the site with no trace of your presence!

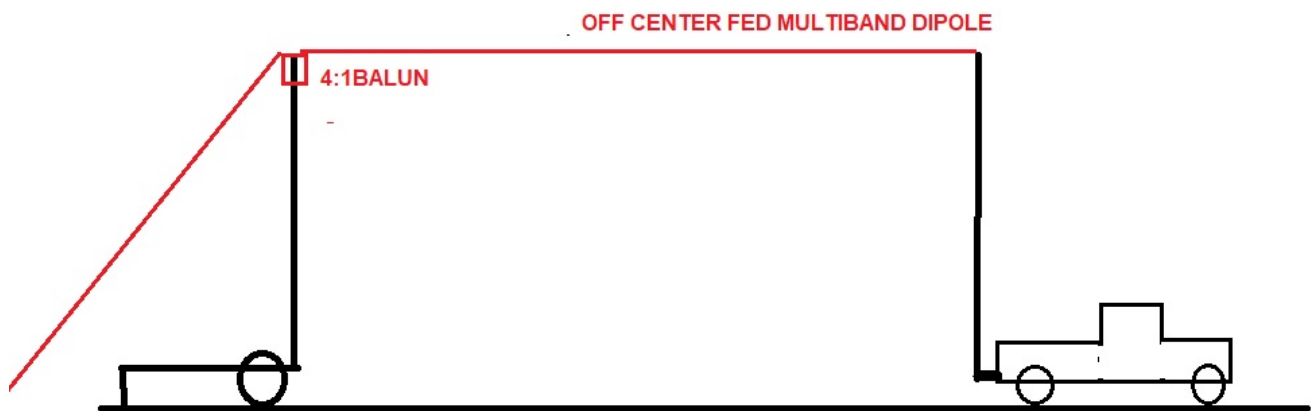
EQUIPMENT PLANS

No.	NAME	
1	Gordon KX4Z	Transceiver: ICOM7300 Antenna - multiband OCFD stretched HIGHER between two simple telescoping masts, possibly also \$49 Amazon Vertical. Do not plan to bring RV trailer this time. Do not plan (as of now) to bring 2nd transceiver
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ANTENNA IDEA FOR FL QSO PARTY

Multi band Off Center Fed Dipole, much HIGHER than I was able to get it at the POTA effort, and amenable to the antenna multiplexer so more than one station can use it.



SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES

(contacts outside these suggested frequencies are still valid)

CW		PHONE
<i>Mobile Windows (don't call CQ if you aren't mobile in these ranges)</i>	<i>Everyone</i>	<i>Everyone</i>
7.025-7.035	7.035-7.055	7.185-7.285
14.040-14.050	14.025-14.040 14.050-14.055	14.225-14.325
21.040-21.050	21.025-21.040 21.050-21.055	21.300-21.400
28.040-28.050	28.025-28.040 28.050-28.055	28.400-28.500

VOICE CHEAT SHEET "KNOCK THE RUST OFF!"

PHONE SUGGESTION

YOU	OTHER STATION
CQ FLORIDA QSO PARTY CQ THIS IS NF4AC NOVEMBER FOXTROT FOUR ROMEO CHARLIE OVER	
	K1AAA
K1AAA THIS IS NF4AC YOU ARE 59 ALACHUA ALPHA LIMA CHARLIE ALACHUA OVER	
	QSL YOU ARE 59 VERMONT VERMONT
QSL THANKS SO MUCH AND GOOD LUCK! QRZ NOVEMBER FOXTROT FOUR ROMEO CHARLIE NF4AC FLORIDA QSO PARTY	

CW SUGGESTION

CQ FL QSO CQ DE NF4AC NF4AC	
	K1AAA
K1AAA 5NN 5NN ALC ALC NF4RC K	
	QSL 5NN 5NN VT VT K
QSL TU 73 QRZ FL QSO NF4AC K	

