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Club Holds VE Sessions

The club meeting for March was replaced by the Examination session. The VE coordinator reported that the session was well received. There were about 9 VE examiners present for the session and maybe another 8 or ten members participated in the parking lot bull session. During the March 28 testing session, we served 20 candidates and gave 23 tests with 16 passing, 7 failing. We had 4 earned upgrades (1 tech, 3 tech +). The remaining persons that pass their tests are anticipating the planned upgrade session on April 15th. On April 15th session there were 27 candidates with 20 upgrading to General class and 7 upgrading to extra class. Particular thanks go to the volunteer VE's for their service in both of the sessions. Special thanks are due Jeff Buerger, WB2WIH for the arrangements with "Books-A-Million" location for the upgrade session. Special Thanks also go to Dave's wife for her yeoman service as the money collector and the verification that people had the right papers with them.



5 Band Mod Log Periodic

Well It is up and it appears to be working. This home brew antenna has been built using pvc sched 40 pipe for boom and vertical support.. The elements are built from 1 inch Al tuning and from 1/2 inch sched 40 AL pipe. It works on 10m, 6m, 2m, 1-1/4m, and 70 cm. The front to back ratio isn't quite what I would like for serious VHF work but will accept the 3 to 1 that I got for the broad general coverage. With this antenna I worked 52 station on Fri. and Sat, Apr 14 and 15, on 28.121 MHz using the PSK mode. Only 9 stations were W-land. The rest were DX including Japan and Australia. It Works!

Comments by Martin

A group of us got together at my QTH to operate a multi/multi in the CQ WPX SSB contest. We had over 3000 QSO's and almost 7 million points. We have been getting together for this contest for 4 years now and our score improves each year. I want to thank everyone that participated for a great performance.

Speaking of contesting I want to remind everyone that the Florida QSO party is coming up on April 29th and 30th. Lets all get on the air and put Collier County on the map. For more information contact me at .Our club members have been active improving their stations. I recently added a second tower and HF beam. Glen E4KTZ recently got his tower up and Jordan WB2QLP now has a 50+ foot tower with a death ray 6 meter beam. I am told this beam sucks all the 6 meter signals out the air leaving no signal for anyone else to hear. We have proof of this phenomenon. Before the beam went up some of the club members had been working into the South Pacific for a few days. As soon as Jordan got the beam up the band closed and has been quite since. The active 6 meter ops in the area are currently checking with the FCC to see if this beam is legal.
73 Martin ad4tr, President

News From John

Income tax day has come and gone. The club has held two examination/ up-grade session with the results posted on the front page. The most important news—I would like to announce that I have a new XYL. Her name is Karen. She is very supportive of my ham radio hobby giving me the ICOM 706 as a wedding present..

The discussion session for the April meeting will be the start of the plans for the upcoming field day. This year the club is accepting the gracious invitation of N4VMT to use his location for operations. In the past years we have had an outstanding setup crew and coresponding Tear down and clean up crew. The duty cooks have performed with diligence and great skill in keeping the operators happy and well fed. We have had a small number of very dedicated operators. We particularly need more operators to work the stations. We especially need night time operators as in the past we have had to shut down operations so that the few very faithful could catch 40 winks. As a club group with the members that we have, we need to sign up operators for a block of time to operate. We need you to sign up for one or more two hour shifts at one of the operating positions. We need you to either to handle the mike or to handle the computer log. Don't worry about the possibility of a mistake. We all make them. It is a great chance to enhance your emergency operating skills. Come to the meeting and be a part of the discussion.

73 John wa3tih, vice president

Club Meeting April 25,2000

Community Service Notes

Club member have participated in two community events. First on April Fools day Bob Brady WA8QYJ, Dick Pettijohn W0MIA and Don Mielke WD4FLY helped Poinciana Elementary School with their Walk a Thon. They started at Lake Park Elementary School and walked first through “Jungle Larry’s”, than through The Conservancy on 14th Ave So. and than returned to Lake Park School.

On April 8th R L Caron K4GP, Donn Brown W4RAZ, Peter Pye KD4LXZ, Don Mayberry KD9N, Sigi and Hanni Boernert W2JQ & N4SK, Bob and JoAnn Montbriand W0OB & KB0WDP, Don Hyer AA1KI, Ken Ransom WA4UKB, Dave Bennett KC4FYH, Dave Weigel KD4JEZ, Martin Pelt AD4TR, A D Randolph KE4JZT, Dick Pettijohn W0MIA, Richard St Amant W0MR and Don Mielke WD4FLY furnished communication for the March of Dimes. There was a little confusion on where to go, but we got through it without losing anyone we know about. It was a good effort put out by the club and we could have have used a few more. Thank you to everyone who participated....de FLY

**Field Day 2000
June 24 and 25
At N4VMT QTH**

Dinner Meeting Report

The dinner meeting was held again like always, on the 2nd. Wednesday on the month. We had 26 person's present.

Birthdays where announced for: George W2GOG and XYL Harriet, Slade, both have birthday in April Paul K2VMD and XYL Fran, Guenther Mohr, have also birthdays April Wedding anniversaries where announced for : K4FA Matt and Evelyn Baker KD4LXZ Peter and Cilia Pye Peter and Cilia also celebrating there 9th. year of immigration from England. The chat was heavy around computers, and computer programs, and provider.

It was a real lively group, and one can tell how the food was, the way it was consumed. (Hihihhi).

Hope to see you all next month, and for our Winter guest, a nice and have a safe trip, where ever you have to go.

The next dinner meeting is on May 3. please call me for reservation 598-1353.

73 from Sigi W2JQ

From the Editor

Well I have finally become a General Class Amateur Radio License holder. It has only taken me 43 years. I can't even begin to enumerate the number of times that I failed the 13wpm code test. I even froze up after attending the Navy code school where I was copying 5 letter code groups at 16wpm. I haven't tried any of the new privileges yet but will over the next few weeks. At present I am having too much fun with the 10 m PSK. I will study the new exam questions group and get ready for the next level during the next few months. Will see you at the meeting.

Club Information

Meeting Time:

**4th Tuesday at 7:30 pm at The
Shepherd of the Glades Church
Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples**

Club Repeater:

K4YHB – 146.670 MHz (-600)

RACES/EOC Repeater

WB2WPA - 147.300 MHz (+600)

Club Chat Node:

CHAT – 144.970 MHz

ENAP Packet Node

WB2WPA-5 - 145.030 MHz

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Coming Events

The first two weekends in May there are scheduled five state QSO Parties, CT, MA, IN, OR, & NV. In June there is the WV QSO party on the second weekend. In Looking at the calendar for the next two months there are scheduled 10 CW events, 2 RTTY events, 10 CW/SSB events, 3 SSB events and 2 SSTV events. If you want to contest and just want to make a large number of contacts you should try some of these events. Of course, the Florida QSO party is the last weekend of this month. We invite you to participate and lets have a good Collier County showing. The biggest event of the year for the W-land operators ifs the annual Field Day scheduled June 24 & 25, 2000. See you there !!!!.

Meeting Schedule

Apr 25 - Regular Club Meeting 7:30pm

May 3 - May dinner meeting. Call Sigi

May 23 -Regular Club Meeting 7:30pm

Jun 7 - Jun Dinner Meeting Caall Sigi

Jun 24 and 25— Field Day 2000 - At

the N4VMT location in Golden Gate

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