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December Holiday Meeting

There is only one scheduled meeting for the month of December. December 6 will be the annual holiday dinner meeting. This year it will be held at the Red Lobster Inn on US 41 north of Coastland Mall. The dinner gathering will begin at 6:00 pm when you will order from the menu and beverages to celebrate the season may be purchased. This meeting is also the time that the new officers are installed for the coming year. The dinner group has decided to continue the gift exchange again this year. The suggested limit of \$5.00 was agreed upon with a man buying for a man and a woman buying for a woman. Those bringing gifts will participate in this activity. Dinner will be after the Happy Hour. The installation of officers will follow the dinner. You may attend the installation of the officers by coming after the dinner at about 7:30 pm. **Reservations are necessary.** Reservations may be made by calling Sigi at 598-1353 before December 3. There will be no other meeting this month because of the holidays. There will be a December Newsletter with the annual reports and other information.

November Dinner Meeting

The November dinner meeting was held on November 1 at the Red Lobster Inn. There was a 2 for one Happy Hour followed by dinner ordering from the menu. There were fifteen persons present for this activity. Stories and tall tales were swapped by those present and a time of good fellowship was had by all attending. Remember the December meeting. This will be the annual holiday party and the installation of the officers for the next year. The date will be the sixth of December. For Reservations call Sigi, W2JQ at 598-1353

The President's Report

Our club plans to wrap up the installation of our new 440 repeater and our new packet node at a condo on the beach near pelican bay. We also hope to meet with the Red Cross to get a site for a club station at their new Collier County building.

I want to remind everyone that we have 3 events coming up in the next month. On December 2nd a large group of us go over to the Okecho-bee Hamfest. The weekend of the December 9th is the 10 meter contest which should be a blast this year with the current propagation and don't forget the clubs Christmas party in December.

This month we will have elections for club officers. Thus far no one has stepped forward. I assure anyone considering stepping forward that we will honor the first count of the votes and not get tied up in endless recounts. I sure hope we can get some people to step forward.
73 Martin ad4tr

From the Veep:

Well, it is that time of the year again. Rain and humidity are gone along with the heat. We can start welcoming our snowbird friends back and that will help with club meeting attendance as they always have many "northern" stories to tell. It is also time for us to start those antenna projects we put off because it was raining or too hot. We do our projects in the winter while the snowbirds do theirs in the summer

It is also time to decide just what direction our club wants to take. I for one will not accept an office. I will be job hunting and have no idea of what hours may come up. For those of you that don't know, I was a resident property manager in Pelican Bay. The Board of Directors decided to replace me after 3 ½ years. That meant since I lived on property I had to move. I had 30 days to find a place to live, pack all my "stuff", and get moved—all while working an 8 hour day. Anyway, I got moved and after about 45 days finally got back on line with the computer and got back on 2 mtrs. So now it is time to start "pounding the bricks".

I will continue to support the club activities as I have time. We need to get some more people involved in our activities. Don't forget to get your reservation to Ziggi for the Christmas dinner. We also have some contests coming up that you can participate from home and submit your score to be added to others for a total club score. Even if you only make 5 contacts, we can use the points.

Lets turn the corner and make this coming year a great one for the club and our members

73, de WA3TIH

The Secretary's Report:

Comments from the Editor:

Well I seem to have recovered from the chaos resulting from being unable to send any e-mail with an attachment. In the process I lost all the e-mail addresses and related messages that had been transmitted to me over the past few months. I have reconstructed those files to the best of my ability with what backup data that I had.. The past two months have been unusually busy for me with both the xyl and my mother recovering from serious illness. This has meant that I have not been able to devote the time that I would normally have spent tracking the reports etc. for the newsletter.

It may not be much of a problem this month but next month it will be critical for all activity chairs and current board members to submit their annual reports by the close of the second week of December. This time frame is necessary to prepare the December issue of the newsletter for the membership. These reports are required from these individuals by the club constitution.

I did get a few minutes to work some 10 meter PSK on the 17th and 18th of November and it is interesting to note that there is a growing number of hams around the globe that are using electronic qsls or are e-mailing qsls directly to amateurs. I worked FK8GX on New Caledonia around 8 pm local and had his qsl the next morning e-mail confirming the qso. To date I have 60 qsl either through eqsl or direct e-mail from 17 DXCC countries and various states in the US. I have also uploaded my logs for those contacts as well as replying snail mail to a number of other stations confirming contacts. Amateurs may register for the eqsl cards at <http://www.eqsl.cc> and can configure their own card. You can even customize your card with your own graphic at the site. The use of the electronic qsl appears to be a good way to go to confirm your contacts.

Speaking of 10 meters—The 2000 ARRL 10-Meter contest is scheduled for December 9th and 10th. The rules were published in the November QST. The club would like to all members that are able to operate this band either cw or ssb to participate and to turn in your score both as an individual station and as a member of the club as a part of the club total score. We did this last year for the first time that I can recall. Even if you do not work the entire period every little bit will help the club.

I had hoped to present a list of nominees for next years offices in this newsletter. The nominating committee did not get a report to me to be included. Therefore you will have to attend the meeting to find out who they are and to elect your officers for the first year in the next millennium. The meeting will be Tuesday November 28 at 7:30 pm at the church.

A restatement of the three laws of thermodynamics: You can't win. You can't break even. You can't quit.

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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Activities

**28 Nov. 2000—Regular Club Meeting
7:30 pm**

02 Dec, 2000—Okechobee Hamfest

06 Dec. 2000—December Dinner

Meeting at Red Lobster Inn

9 & 10 Dec. 2000—Ten Meter Contest

03 Jan. 2001—January Dinner Meeting

13 & 14 Jan 2001—Ft Myers Hamfest