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Year 2000 Officers Retire

The club leadership during the year 2000 are shown above. Please extend your appreciation for a job well done.



Your 2001 Officers

These members have been elected to lead the club during the coming year. You are asked to assist and support the programs this coming year.



Meet the New President—A.D. Randolph , KE4JZT
I have lived in Naples for 34 years. I moved here with my parents from St. Albans , West Virginia in 1966. I got my Ham Ticket in Feb. of 1994 after I went to our clubs class at Lely High School for getting your li-
cense. I would like to thank Don (WD4FLY) and Richard (W0MIA) for teaching the classes and helping me and many others get there first Ham Ticket. Thank guys ,from me and many others. But the one that got me interested and introduce me to ham radio was Steve

(KD4VRY), so does that make him my ELMER? (hi hi) Thanks Steve. Now I would like to give thanks to last years Officers for a job well done ,Martin , John , Fred "thanks". I just hope I do as well. Just a short note , I had fun working the 10 Meter ARRL Contest Dec. 9th weekend. Sounds like most of the ones who worked it , enjoyed themselves and had higher scores than last year . So we as a Club should do well in the contest I hope !

73 de KE4JZT

Season Greetings to Y'All

Meet the new Vice President

Jeff Buerger—NJ2F

My family and I moved to Naples in the spring of 1998 from New Jersey. I was first li-
censed in 1961 through my high school radio club. Through the years, I have tried most modes in amateur radio, but weak-signal vhf is my favorite, with six meters being my favorite band.



My wife, two daughters, and two sons-in-law are also licensed amateurs. We all would like to wish all the mem-
bers and their families a very "Happy Holiday Season."



Meet the Secretary/ Treasurer

Bill Reynolds, K2ZEL

I moved to southwest Florida in 1983 after retiring from the University at Albany, Albany, NY. I am professor emeritus in the Physics department. I was first licensed in March 1957 and have held the same call continuously since then. I used to do a lot of building of the equipment that I used as an amateur. I was very active in the VHF area with equipment on 6m, 2m, and 3cm. I have been ac-

tive in the Navy Marine Corps MARS program since the 60s. My current activities include MARS, PSK, Packet, and some SSB. I am in the process of rebuilding my VHF station as I would like to be more active here. My other hobby is playing with the microcomputers. As you already know I have been your editor for the past four and a half years. I look forward to a good year of club activities.

De K2ZEL

Happy Holidays

Ho Ho Ho Have you heard???

Dinner meeting !!!!

Santa and Santanita have been there.

But they where not alone, 28 other happy faces, celebrate the xmas rituals. The President from the SWARC, Martin Pelt, AD4TR from the year 2000, an he's lovely XYL Pat, joined us. And the new incoming President A D Randall KE4JZT for the year 2001, with his XYL Carol, made a speech, and announced the new Secretary, and Newsletter publisher, and Editor Bill Reynolds K2ZEL, he was accompanied, by his XYL. Dottie. Also the President from the Quarter century Club Bob Montbriand, W0OB, and his XYL Joann joined in. Every one found someone to chat with, and the time went much to fast, to finish all the say-so. Everyone got a present from Santa and Mrs.. Claus, and a few smiling faces left with a door price. The food was good and plenty, and so where the drinks.

The next Dinner meeting will be on January 4. 2001, and hope to see you all there.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU,

and may all your wishes come through..

73 88 to the Girls
from Sigi W2JQ and Hanni N4SKT



Annual Reports

The President's Report for Year 2000

Our club has made a lot of headway the past several years. We have built a portable tower trailer complete with a 5 KW generator. We have also replaced the 146.670 repeater with a new machine and moved it to higher sight on the beach in North Naples. We recently acquired a 440 repeater and will be installing it along with a new packet node on the beach near Pelican Bay. Our club call is K4YHB this was an old call that the club held years ago and was able to reacquire 3 or 4 years ago. This past year the decision was made to make all dues due on January 1st and this created some confusion. If you paid no dues last year please send them in. All dues for 2001 are to be paid January 1st 2001. I would also like to inform the membership that in my possession is two 28 foot towers, an R7000 antenna and a dentron antenna tuner that the club owns. The tower trailer is stored and maintained by Larry AF4LH. The biggest problem with the club is getting more of our members active. We have a small group that does most of the work for the club. I would like to encourage more of the members to take a more active role in the club. We have a great time accomplishing projects and doing operating events together. At our November meeting we elected the new officers for 2001. Your new officers are AD, KE4JZT, President; Jeff, NJ2F, Vice President; and Bill, K2ZEL, Secretary/Tresuare. I want to thank these gentlemen for volunteering. Lets get behind them and support them and make our already great club even greater in the new millennium. Thanks for all your support in the past few years.
Martin, AD4TR

Happy New Year

Annual Reports

The Vice President's Report for Year 2000

The year 2000 was supposed to mark a new beginning, but for the ARASWF it was almost the end. We had a severe down turn of activity and number of participants during the year. This was especially evident at the turn out for the meetings, only one breakfast was held and poorly attended, and the lack of help for field day. The contest participation was also down.

We also had a very serious problem arise during the last few months of the year. That was that no one stepped forward to run for office. For those of you that were not at the November meeting, there was a motion on the floor to disband the club. Copies of the constitution were available for all that were present. In order to conduct business there has to be 9 members of which 2 must be Board members. Without officers, the club could not conduct business. That would mean that all club property would have to be sold and proceeds donated to charity.

So just what would that mean? No one would have to worry about the tone on the 67 repeater—there would be no repeater. As The Enclave made the site available to the ARASWF, the use would have to be renegotiated by the new owners and that might not be made available again. Also the new owner would be responsible for maintaining the repeater which is difficult with the members we now have. There would be no field day and no tower trailer that so many worked so hard to build and maintain, or any contest club scores. The only good thing to come out of dissolving the club would be for the few that work so hard at thinking up excuses for not attending meetings, helping on field day or any other club activities so they could finally relax.

Fortunately, the motion was not needed as three people came forward just as a second was about to be given. Yes, you came very close to not having a club. So, let's all learn from this because it may happen again next year.

Happy Holidays to all and may they be full of happiness and joy.

73 de John WA3TIH

y'All Take Care

To the Membership.

Thank You for letting me serve as your Secretary/Treasurer, The coming year looks to be even more exciting and I hope all have the Merriest of Christmases and a Joyful New Year.

Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida
Minutes of Meeting 28 November, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Martin Pelt, AD4TR. Club Officers and all attendees were introduced. Sign in Sheet is attached to these minutes of all attending members.

The Following Officers or Officials were present:

President Martin Pelt, AD4TR

Vice President, John Simander, WA3TIH

Secretary/Treasure, Fred Edwards, KF4MJJ

Newsletter Editor, Bill Reynolds, K2ZEL

The Secretary/Treasure verified that a quorum was present and that the Officers present were qualified.

TREASURE'S REPORT: The ARA of SWF account is held by the SunTrust Bank of Naples. Attached to these minutes is the current P & L report ending Nov 2000. Below is a brief report of our current balance.

Expenses \$ 78.69

Income \$ 76.00

Current balance \$ 311.86

NEW BUSINESS:

President Martin Pelt reported the passing of K4VMD, Jean Paul Gunther-Mohr. A moment of silence was observed. A motion was made to send a card to the widow and donate \$25.00 to the Cath Lab at NCH. Motion was second and passed.

The 440 Repeater and Packet will be installed at Naples Key on Jan 6th. Work party will meet at the Perkins on 9th Ave. in the Shopping center with the Kmart. At 9am.

Election results (no hanging chads)

President AD KE4JZT

V President Jeff NJ2F

SEC/TRES Bill K2ZEL

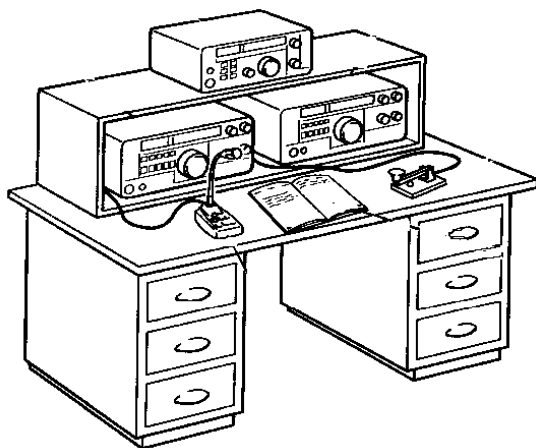
Congratulations to all.

President Martin Pelt reminded the members that the next meeting of the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida would be held at 7PM on Jan 23 2001.

The meeting was adjourned by President Martin Pelt, AD4TR at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred C. Edwards, KF4MJJ, Secretary/Treasurer



*Good
DX
and
Many
New
Contacts*

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

Club Home Page:

**<http://naplesfl.net/~araswf> or
<http://naples.net/clubs/amradio>**

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From The Editor

Well we end another year of activity as the ARASWF begins to plan for a new year of activities. This past year the club participated in a number of contests, held field day at Phil's, worked with the walk-athon, had a good turn out for the ARRL 10m contest, had several interesting talks at the meetings, etc. It was noticed that for some activities the participation was marginal for a club of our size. We all need to suggest to our new leadership possible activities and programs for the coming year. Suggestions may be forwarded to any member of the Board for placing on the meeting agenda.

This past year the newsletter was published eleven times. The paper that was used for the snail mail was contributed by the Sherrier Press, Myrtle Beach. The ink and printing by K2ZEL. Photos were provided by N4VMT and WA3TIH from the field day. The present distribution of the newsletter is by both e-mail and snail mail. Snail mail copies are 45% of the current monthly distribution .

This next year I will be wearing two hats, that of editor and Secretary/ treasurer. I will try to do my best in serving the membership during 2001. If you need a copy of the club constitution it will be available from the secretary. After the books have been transferred, amended copies will be available showing the dates of amendments. Have a good Holiday Season.

De Bill, K2ZEL

*Next Meeting
23 January, 2001
See You There
at 7:30 pm*