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ARLB009 Revised question pools now available

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators Question Pool Committee has released revised Amateur Radio examination question pools into the public domain. The revised questions, covering the new Elements 2, 3 and 4 that become effective April 15, 2000, now are available on the ARRL web site at <http://www.arrl.org>.

The QPC anticipates that the Element 4 question pool will remain valid until June 30, 2002, the Element 3 question pool until June 30, 2003, and the Element 3 question pool until June 30, 2004.

QPC Chairman Ray Adams, W4CPA, says the five-digit numbering system used in past question pools continues to be used in the new question pools. Graphics have been integrated. Minor revisions still are possible.

Current Novice, Technician, Advanced and Amateur Extra graphic sheets remain available and valid. Examinations for the new Elements 2 and 3 will contain 35 questions; examinations for the new Element 4 contain 50 questions.

License Examinations Next Month at the Meeting

From the VP

I was very impressed by the large turnout for our January meeting. A lot of things were covered and a lot of "after meeting" groups were continuing until we had to turn out the lights. It showed a very positive attitude toward our club and keeping it together and I want to express a big "Thank You" for supporting our club.

Secondly, I sent a very scolding email to several members before the January meeting and a very strong message in the newsletter. I received many replies, all of which were positive along the lines I stated. I want to thank those that responded. Anytime you have a comment or suggestion about how our club is being run or how we can improve it please send me an email---nfn06110@naples.net, or wa3tih@mediaone.net. It is your club and we can only do what you as members want.

We had another contest in January, the ARRL VHF Sweepstakes and several club members participated. Jeff—WB2WIIH probably had the best score, but all were submitted as a club again. You do not need to be a contester to help—just make a few contacts and send in your logs. A program will be scheduled soon to show all how to compile and submit your summary sheet and logs. You also do not need a huge station to compete. I had 39 QSO on 6,2,440 in 18 grids. I got 23Q's in 13 grids on 6 meters as far away as Ontario with my M Squared loop in my attic. I had 13 Q's on 2 and 3Q's on 440 all on m squared antennas in my attic.

That brings up our program for this months meeting. AD KE4JZT will bring his new mini rig FT100 and I will bring my mini rig Icom 706mkIIG with power supplies to let you see what they look like. We maybe even can bring some kind of antennas for comparison. Both rigs cover 160 to 440 mhz with general coverage receive. I will also have the relay switching box that Ken WA4UKB built for me to key an amplifier from the Sept 99 QST article

Next month I will be sending out a questionnaire about your station—rigs and logging software. If you are too cheap to spend 33 cents just email it to me. We want to get all the members using the same logging program so submitting our logs is so much easier. Martin spent many hours of his own time converting logs so they would count for the club. Right now we have registered versions of CT and WriteLog that can be made available to club members.

Well, the DX season is about over. DX ends in April and E skip starts in May. I did not work a new country this spring but with the April 15 new privileges, "I can go where no tech has gone before"!!!!!!!!!!!! Who knows, only "THE SHADOW KNOWS"!!!!!!!!!!!!

73

WA3TIH

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Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida
Minutes of Meeting

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

Field Day Chairman Jordan Mash, WB2QLP

Newsletter Editor, W Reynolds, K2ZEL

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: No Previous Minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Reported that there will be a VE testing session on March 28 at the regular club meeting. Testing will start at 1830.

Discussion about new license, some confusion on requirements, this is to be straitened out prior to the March meeting.

TREASURE'S REPORT: The ARA of SWF account is held by the SunTrust Bank of Naples.

Expenses	\$0.00
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Income	\$0.00
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Current balance	\$
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Treasure's Report. No Treasure report.

REPEATER TRUSTEE REPORT:

FIELD DAY CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Voted and approved to have 2000 Field day at Phil's.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crew needed to work on N1DL, Volunteers ask to contact Martin.

Martin talked about need for members to participate in club functions and events.

WPX March 25 and 26 at Martins.

Antenna party at Martins house February 26.

Martin requested a Tech committee look into what we can due with clubs money.

Bill K2ZEL asked for a moment of silence for KA3EHK SK.

Don WD4FLY talked about upcoming March of Dimes event.

Voted KF4YOX, KB2SFA as new members to the club.

Martin explained why we still have the PL. It is turned on when the band gets noisy. It was recommended and approved that the club officers monitor the repeater and turn on the PL when necessary.

The Packet breakfast has been changed to The Sunday Morning breakfast, It will be held on February 26 prior to the antenna party at martins.

Presentation on QSL cards by Jordan WB2QLP.

President Martin Pelt reminded the members that the next meeting of the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida would be held at 7PM on February 22nd 2000.

The meeting was adjourned by President Martin Pelt, AD4TR at 835 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred C. Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer

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>

Club Officers:

President – AD4TR – Martin

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Training Committee – AD4TR

Webmaster - KE4KTZ - Glenn

Social Director—Sigi - W2JQ

Meeting Schedule

Feb.23 - Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Mar.1 - Dinner Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Call Sigi for reservations at
598-1353

Mar.23 - Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Coming Events

Hamfests:

Feb. 27 - Zephyrhills ARC

Mar. 4-5 - Gulf Coast ARC

Mar. 11 - Highlands County ARC

Mar. 11 - Englewood ARS

Mar. 18 - Martin County ARC

March Contest Calendar

Mar 4-5 - ARRL DX (SSB)

Mar. 13-14 - QCWA QSO Party

Mar. 12 - HiSpd Sprint (RTTY)

Mar. 25-26 - CQ WW WPX

From the Editor

Well this has been a busy month since the last meeting. I have been helping the widow of KA3EHE in collecting his ham gear and finding the documentation so that it may be sold to amateur radio operators that may be interested..

Rocky was like the rest of us in ham radio. He collected everything and kept everything in his own unique filing system. We expect to have the list completed before the next newsletter. At this time I can say there are a number of antennas, 2 HF rigs, several handhelds, etc. The gear will be listed next time.

In addition I have been working on computers. I have several of my own and have been experimenting with Linux operating system. It definitely is an operating system for the programmer/ tinkerer. I also take care of the church computer system as a volunteer. We have 20 networked computers for the staff and volunteers that work at the church. Keeping them all running and training the personnel in the proper use of the system is almost a full time job. As I tell my wife it keeps me out of trouble.

The newsletter is thin this month as there was little to report from some of the committees and no articles were submitted.

De K2ZEL