



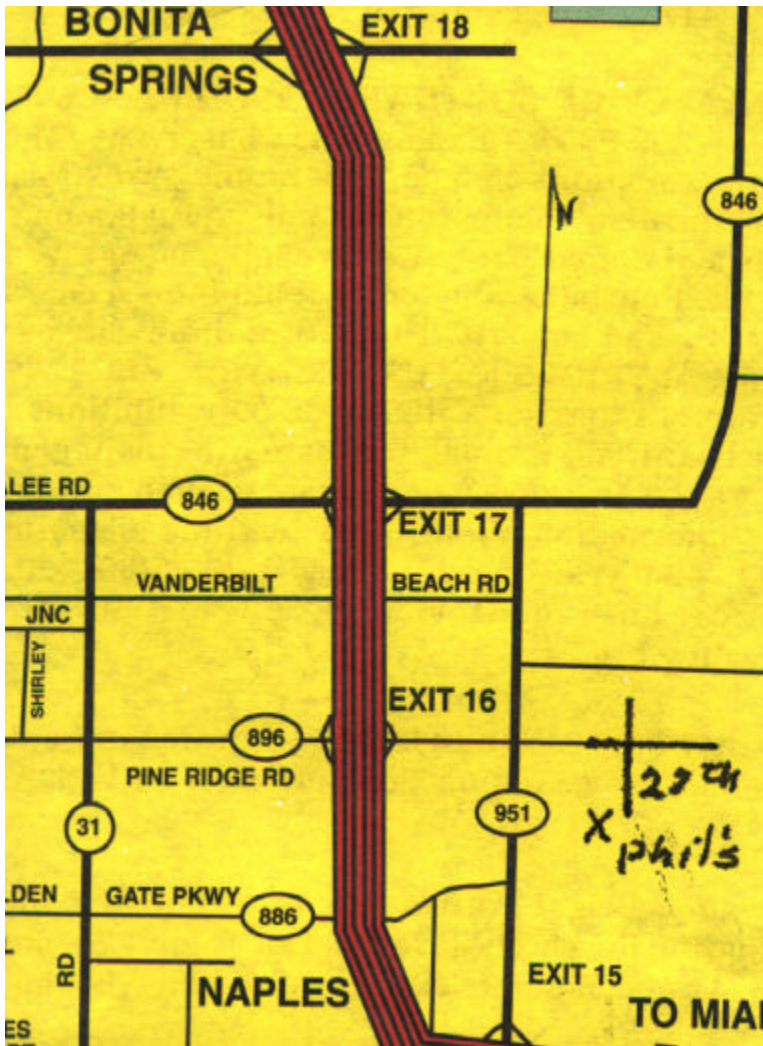
# ARASWF *Newsletter*



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N4VMT

## **From the President:**

There will be no regular technical meeting this month due to field day. We will be having field day at Phil's N4VMT's QTH this year. We need members to circle there calendar and plan to be there. We will start setting up Friday afternoon, operate the event Saturday and Sunday and tear down Sunday afternoon. In the past few years it seems the set up crew has gotten smaller each year. We need more help. In the immortal words of Bob WA8QYJ "Now is the time for all good hams to come to the aid of their hobby". Let me know via email (ad4tr@aol.com) or the repeater if you can help. You will miss a lot of fun if you don't show up. 73 de Martin ad4tr

## **FCC FEELING RESTRUCTURING'S IMPACT**

The impact of restructuring is being felt at the FCC. During the well-attended Dayton Hamvention FCC Forum, Bill Cross, W3TN, of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau announced that the Commission already had processed nearly 9200 license upgrades as of May 19--six times the normal flow of applications.

"It appears Advanced class licensees are upgrading in significant numbers," he said. "So are the Technician Plus class licensees." He recommended that experienced amateurs help newcomers to bridge the gap between their new license classes and their sometimes less-than-fully developed operating skills.

"Just like you, newly minted Generals and Extras want to comply with the rules," Cross said. "Just like you, they have invested a lot in getting that signal on the air, although it may be on the wrong frequency. And just like you, a correction that starts with 'you idiot' isn't going to get the result you want."

Cross defended the FCC's action lowering the Morse code requirement to 5 WPM. He also credited the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators' Question Pool Committee with "an amazing job" of revising the question pools in very short order. "They aren't easy questions," he said. "These exams are not 'dumbed down' by any stretch of the imagination. If anything, they're more difficult because the easy questions are gone."

Cross also said the FCC has a copy of its pre-April 15 database to keep track of which Technicians have HF privileges as a result of having taken a Morse code exam in the past.

FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth also addressed the FCC Forum. "Nothing about restructuring bothers me from an enforcement standpoint," he said. "We have a basically good set of rules" that the FCC is willing to enforce. While insisting he did not want to trample on anyone's First Amendment rights, Hollingsworth urged amateurs to present a good face to the non amateur community by maintaining a high level of on-the-air decorum. "We're being listened to all the time," he said. "So we have to think about what kind of impression we're making."

## Thoughts from the Vice President

Field day! Field Day!  
Come on out and have FUN!  
As Martin has said in his comments the club will start setting up on Friday afternoon if you can give some help to this task. The tear down is Sunday after lunch. At both of these events the more hands that we have the easier and quicker that the station gets ready for serious operations.

We need operators particularly during the wee hours of Sunday between 0000 and 0800. If you can give some time here the club would appreciate your help,

You need to come out on Saturday after 1200 and before 1200 on Sunday and sign in on the attendance sheet. Remember this event is the June club meeting. Sign in and take a turn at one of the operating positions and experience the rush of working Field Day 2000.

Now is also the time to do all those projects we put off during "season" since we can finally get into the hardware stores and Home Depot and Lowe's with the "snowbirds" out of town. Maybe it is a time to spend in the A/C studying to upgrade!!

Anyway, to all our Northern members have a wonderful summer, a safe trip back in the fall, and we will see you then.  
De John WA3TIH

## Bill's Squib

Well it is June and Field day is here. I am sorry that I will not be able to participate this year as the xyl and I will be on the road. My class is having a reunion and I need to see all the old folks that are left from the group that I went to school with. Each year there are fewer of us to commiserate and to exchange stories of the past. I ask all of you to take a lot of pictures for the July issue of the newsletter and to forward them to me.

Have a great weekend and rack up a lot of points for the club. Be sure to attend and to sit at one of the consoles for a while.

See you in July 73 de K2ZEL

## A gathering at "The Gathering"

On the 11th of June at 0900 there will be a gathering for breakfast and coffee of the hardy souls that will be directing the festivities of Field Day. It is the custom of the Field Day Group; operators, setup crew, tear down crew, support people (cooks, etc.), and cheering section to gather the Sunday before Field Day to walk the site and decide where the stuff will be setup on the following weekend. "The Gathering" is located on route 951 just north of Golden Gate Parkway. This is a "dutch" treat event and any and all members are welcome to participate in the chatter and the walk through. See you there !!

# Field Day 2000 - June 24 & 25

## 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:

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## Meeting Schedule

June 24&25—Field Day at N4VMT

July 7 Dinner Meeting Call Sigi

July 27—Regular Club Meeting

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