



# ARASWF

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### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are more than one hundred licensed Amateur Radio Operators residing in Collier County, Florida, who, from time to time, have demonstrated their value in public assistance by providing public service and emergency radio communications; and,

WHEREAS, the Amateur Radio Operators donate these services free of any charge to local government or the citizens assisted by such services; and,

WHEREAS, these Amateur Radio Operators are on alert for any emergency, local or worldwide, and practice their radio communication skills during the American Radio Relay League, Inc., Field Day exercise; and,

WHEREAS, Field Day is an annual 24-hour Amateur Radio communications event held nationwide by Amateur Radio Operators to practice technical and operational skills, and provide for emergency preparedness of local radio amateurs. Field Day is generally recognized as a community service to the benefit of the public and in the interests of the health and welfare of the residents of Collier County; and,

WHEREAS, this year's national (and Collier County) Amateur Radio Field Day exercise will take place on June 23 and 24, 2001.

NOW THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida, that the week of June 18-24, 2001, be designated as

AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

DONE AND ORDERED this 12th day of June 2001

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

James D. Carter, Ph.D., Chairman

ATTEST:

*Dwight E. Brock*  
Dwight E. Brock, Clerk



On June 19, 2001 I accepted the Proclamation from the Board of County Commissioners on the behalf of the club and Amateur Radio. As we voted on the last meeting this Field Day will be dedicated to Gary Arnold, Gary headed up the local Amateur Radio Emergency Service and worked for the Collier County's Emergency Management Division. He kept us all informed of approaching hurricanes and all the current information. His wisdom and knowledge will be missed by all. \_ \_ ... \_ \_ \_

73 KE4JZT  
A.D. Randolph

Field Day - 6/23 & 24/2001

# Dave Taylor: Farewell to a special public servant

Friday, May 25, 2001

By DAVE TAYLOR, Special to the Daily News

Once a newsman, always a newsman.

This column is usually written about the news media, personalities and programming. This week it will be a tribute to a newsman at heart who passed away this week.

Gary Arnold worked for Collier County's Emergency Management Division for 13 years. But more than his government service, Gary was a professional journalist, a loving father and friend to everyone who was fortunate enough to meet him.

I met Gary in 1982 when we went to work at the ABC affiliate in Fort Myers. He arrived with sterling credentials in radio and sports play-by-play. We both started with the television station at the same time and our bond became more than one of co-workers. Gary was a true friend and one of the most respected people in the community.

As a journalist, Gary got his facts straight and wasn't afraid to ask the difficult questions that are so common in the news business. He had a nose for news but he was from the old school of journalism. People would talk to him knowing that he would give their side of the story in a fair and balanced manner. Gary treated people with compassion and an understanding manner, which was unique. He had the best sources in town from years of getting to know newsmakers and building their trust.

If you wanted to know what was going on in Collier County ask Gary Arnold. He had his finger on the pulse. He eventually worked his way up the ladder at the ABC affiliate to become the news director and his news judgment was above reproach. His integrity would never be compromised. If you had a problem, he had an open door and a genuine interest. In all the years I'd known him, I never heard anyone mutter a harsh word about Gary Arnold.

Ironically for a newsman who dealt primarily with hard news stories, Gary seemed to get the biggest kick out of his feature stories with animals at Jungle Larry's. I used to watch those stories and marvel at his child-like interest and perspective on the animal kingdom. I was always amazed at how a hard news reporter could completely change

gears and turn out a feature story that illustrated another dimension of his abilities.

While covering Collier County government in the following years, I would make frequent stops in his office to talk about his other passions — his wife Kady of 27 years, his daughter Kaitlyn, computers, the weather, ham radios and his beloved Atlanta Braves. It seemed like Gary was always planning his next opportunity to see a game, whether it was in person or on television.

When a hurricane was approaching, he was the person to see with the latest storm track and all the current information. As a trained journalist, Gary knew what information reporters were seeking and he was straightforward about it. If you needed an interview, he was never too busy. If you needed anything, he would gladly go out of his way to help.

Gary Arnold was a big man, but in life, his heart and soul could not be measured. He will be dearly missed by all.

(This article is reprinted from the Naples Daily News)

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### **Minutes of May Meeting**

The May meeting of the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida was called to order by the president, KE4JZT, at 7:30 p.m. on the 22nd of May 2001 at the Collier County Red Cross Chapter House. There were 22 members and guests present.

The first order of business was the reported passing of Gary Arnold, WB2WPA, Emergency Management Coordinator of Collier County. Gary Had been a member of the club and a strong supporter of RACES in this area. A minute of silence was observed in his memory. The Club received a motion to contribute \$50.00 to the Naples Botanical Garden in the memory of Gary Arnold. The motion passed unanimously.

The secretary read the minutes of the April meeting and were approved as read. The treasurer reported that there was \$1294.71 in the bank account and that all current bills have been paid.. The report was approved as read.

Under old Business it was reported that NJ2F, Jeff, took a first place in the recent VHF Sweepstakes Sprint.

The pre-field day breakfast will be held at the Bob Evans Restaurant on 17 June 2001. Following breakfast the members will walk the field day site planning where to site the antennas and transceivers. It was moved, seconded and passed that the Field Day be named “The Gary Arnold Memorial Field Day” in honor of Gary Arnold, WB2WPA.

Following a tour of the Chapter House and the proposed location of a club station at the Chapter House the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by G. William Reynolds, Secretary

## 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 - 147.030 MHz (+600)

### Club Chat Node:

CHAT - 144.970 MHz

### ENAP Packet Node

WB2WPA-5 - 145.030 MHz

### Club Home Page:

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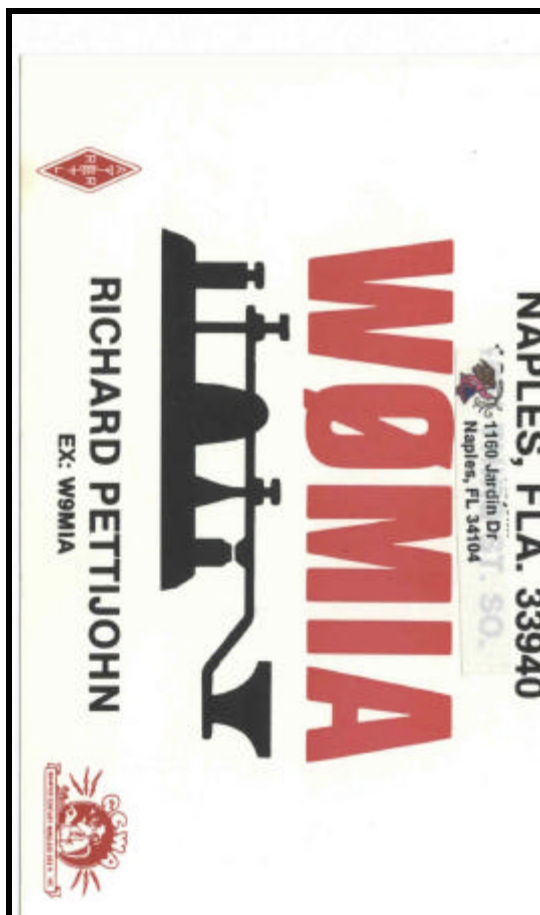
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Hi I am now working part time for radio shack and have been given permission to set up a ham equipment area, "they never had one" I need some input as to what the hams would like to for me to have on hand. I just ordered \$1000 worth of items they didn't have. I would like you to please put this in the news letter, AD said he would like to see that. let the hams know what's going to be available for them.

JACK, KF4AER



Field Day 6/23,24/2001 at  
Vetrans Community Park  
North Naples