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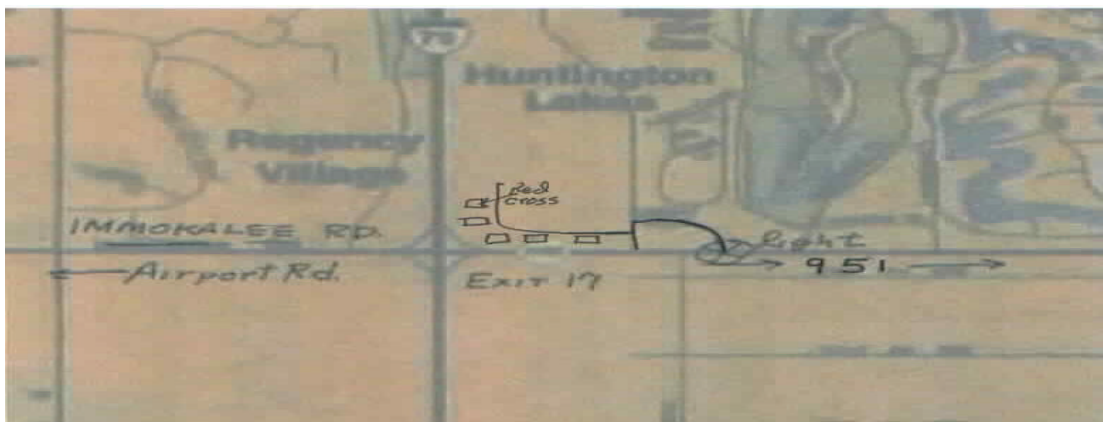
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October Meeting at Red Cross

As voted by the membership at the August meeting the Club will move its meeting place to the Collier County Red Cross Chapter House located at 2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive, Naples Florida. The chapter house is located north of Immokalee Road just east of exit 17 on I-75. The meeting time is unchanged with the board meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. If you are driving on Immokalee road from Rte. 951 you may turn right on either the road into Hunnington Estates and follow around to Northbrooke where a quick left and then a right will put you on Northbrooke Plaza Dr. or you may continue to Northbrooke and turn right and proceed one block and turn left. If you come from the west on Immokalee Road, go past exit 17 at I-75 and turn left at the light at the entry to Hunnington Estates and follow around to Northbrooke, turn left then right to get to the chapter-house. If the parking spaces are filled at the chapter house please park in the Sherwin-Williams lot next door. We plan to see you all there.





Field ops in Trieste 1952 K2ZEL, W1TAP, an ET, a GM, a RMSN the shore fire party

The rig shown here was a battery powered receiver and the transmitter was powered by a hand cranked generator. 25w out. Freq. 1.7 to 7.8 Mhz

Vice President's Comments

Ballots were mailed recently to all ARRL members who use Florida as their station address. These ballots are for Vice-Director of the Southeastern Division. Look over the statements from each candidate and then make your choice. All ballots should be returned by November 16th.

The CQ World Wide DX Contest, phone will be held on Oct. 27th - 28th. The club is organizing an effort led by Jordan, WB2QLP. We will be using our new club station located at the Red Cross building. If you are interested in operating part of the contest, contact Jordan.

November will have a number of major operating events. On Nov. 3-5 will be the ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW, on Nov. 17-19 will be the phone version of this contest. Then on Nov. 27-28 will be the CQ Worldwide Contest CW. Check your November QST for details.

The major hamfest in our area for November will be held at Okeechobee on Nov. 24th. This has always been a fun hamfest with a lot of local participation. So try to make it.

73, Jeff, NJ2F

The Editor's Comment

Last week I discovered what it is like to fly in this post 9-11 era. I flew to Pittsburgh, PA and back to visit family and to participate in a reunion of shipmates from a ship that I helped to recommission near the beginning of the Korean Police Action in 1951. The ship was the USS Stoddard DD566. Originally it was commissioned in 1944 during WWII and was decommissioned in 1946 in Charleston, SC. There were a number of us that were recalled to active duty to augment the fleet in 1951 and we were assigned to ships that had been moth-balled in the reserve fleet along the both coasts. As an electronics technician I was assigned the task of refurbishing the communications equipment and the radar equipment. We got it ready for sea in ninety days. It was great to visit with those shipmates that made this reunion. Several are hams and we have made schedules during the next few weeks.

At the airports, I was greeted with long slow moving lines as we checked in. I had to show photo ID four times as I went to my seat on the airplane. At the airports there was obvious evidence of increased security in the police personnel and in the National Guard in fatigues and M-14. Other than the time required to board the airplane the flights proceeded as normal. If you are going to fly you will need an additional hour.

Minutes of the September 2001 Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 25, 2001, by the president KE4JZT. Introductions were made of the persons present. There were 19 members and guests present.

The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. A motion from the floor by N4XSE and seconded by WB2QLP that they be accepted as read. The treasurer's report was given. There is \$1582.98 in the checking account and all current bill received have been paid. N4XSE moved and seconded by WB2QLP that the report be received as presented.

After discussion, KD4VRZ moved that the dues section of the club by-laws be amended to read that the annual dues be \$25.00 per calendar year and that new members joining after July 1st in the calendar year that their dues be \$12.50. Members renewing would be responsible for the full years dues. KD4DZW second the motion and it was passed unanimously.

WB2QLP reported on the progress on the station at the Red Cross. Saturday, OCT6th there will be a work party to finish the painting etc. at the chapter house. The secretary was directed to schedule with the disaster coordinator the use of the Station for the CQ WW DX contest starting 0000Z 27 Oct. through 2400 28 Oct, 2001. Jordan will be coordinating the crew for this event. Members wishing to participate see Jordan.

Members are reminded that starting next month, the Club will meet at the Red Cross Chapter House. The meeting time will remain as the 4th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. with the executive board meeting at 7:00 p.m. prior to the meeting. The editor will include a map showing the directions to the chapter House in the next several newsletters.

The secretary was directed to write a letter thanking the church for the use of the hall for our meetings during past years and to include a donation of \$100.00 to the church. The letter is to be forwarded to KE4JZT for signing and delivery to the church with the keys to the building.

The Secretary was directed to contact W2JQ, the social chairman, relative to the dinner meetings and to discuss the December Christmas activities.

KD4DZW gave a status report on the repeaters. The parts have been received for the 440 machine and the repairs will be accomplished this coming weekend. Mark, WA1QDP, is aware of the problems with the .67 machine and as soon as arrangements can be made for access repairs will be accomplished.

During new business the topics of programs for the meetings and the possibility of an amateur radio class were discussed. It was pointed out that the annual report for the repeater was not submitted to ARRL for inclusion in the new directory. The secretary will check on this. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectively submitted

G. William Reynolds, Sec/Treas.

From Sigi—

This appears to work very well. If you have any concerns about passing on one of these self generating programs, then this will stop it dead in it's tracks.

IT WILL "NOT" HOWEVER KEEP YOU FROM GETTING ONE.. It just stops your computer from automatically grabbing your address list and sending to all listed.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR COMPUTER FROM SPREADING A VIRUS

Checked with our tech support person here at CSU, and he tested it and it worked. At least we can keep others from being "bugged."

So, pass the word instead of a worm.

The following will not stop your PC from being infected with a virus, but it will stop it spreading to your friends and business associates.

Most viruses spread by automatically emailing itself to ALL contacts in the address book of the infected PC.

By following the below method it will save you from the embarrassing situation of having to tell all your friends and associates that you may have inadvertently mailed them a virus.

The method:

In your address book add a contact as just AAAAAA. This will make it the first address in your address book.

Do not give it an email address.

If you do get infected with a virus, when it tries to forward itself to all in your address book, you will receive an error message "The message could not be sent. One or more recipients do not have an email address"

Simply go to your out box and delete the message. You then only have to worry about cleaning up your own PC.

If you forward this message to all your contacts then the chances of them sending you are a virus will also be reduced.

From Glen

GM creates Web link to aid mobile installations: In response to a request from ARRL, the General Motors Engineering Center has created a Web link to its official guidelines for installing radio transmitters in vehicles. The Radio Telephone / Mobile Radio Installation Guidelines page is <http://service.gm.com/techlineinfo/radio.html>. Installation guidelines for Chrysler and Ford are reprinted, with permission, in the ARRL RFI Book, <http://www.arrl.org/catalog/6834>. ARRL offers additional information about automotive RFI on its Web site, <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/rficar.html>.

Hello, here is the information about our Hamfest.

March 9th Port Charlotte Charlotte County Hamfest EARS/PRRA

Donations \$5.00 / Drawings

Located on CR776 / 2.4 mi S of US41

Talk-IN 147.255+ / Food

Info Victor KF4VHX 941.473.5560

PS: Thank you for posting it. If You have an upcoming event I 'll be more than happy to post it on our site. <http://home1.gte.net/res04c83/prra.htm>

Note for electronic Log Users

The country files have been updated. All files for CT, NA, TR and WriteLog are now contained in a single file.

You can download the update from:

<http://www.k1ea.com>

Here are the release notes:

16 October 2001 (CTY-1101)

- * Added TO9T to callsign list for Guadeloupe, FG (thanks W4ZV).
- * Changed Marquesas Is., FO/m, to Zone 31 (thanks AB4RL).
- * Removed AH7K, KH7K and WH7K from prefix list for Kure I. These callsigns are assigned to stations in Hawaii, KH6.
- * Added XP1AB to callsign list for Greenland, OX (thanks OZ0J).
- * Added VB2V in Zone 2 to callsign list for Canada (thanks NB1B).
- * Added ZK1CG to callsign list for North Cook Is., ZK1/n (thanks W7TSQ).

Here are the relevant parts of the README file:

This archive contains country files for use by REGISTERED users of K1EA's CT contest logging software, as well as other software that supports the CTY.DAT file format (for example N6TR). This archive contains the following files:

ARRL.CTY CT7/8 country file for use during ARRL DX contest
CQWW.CTY CT7/8 country file for use during CQ WW DX contest
IARU.CTY CT7/8 country file for use during IARU HF > Championship
CTY.DAT CT9 country file (all DX contests)
COUNTRY.DAT NA country file (all DX contests)
WL_CTY.DAT WriteLog country file (all DX contests)
CTYHDG.EXE program for putting beam headings into CTY files
CTYHDG.PRE geographic (latitude/longitude) data for CTYHDG
CTYHDG.DOC documentation for CTYHDG
HISTORY.TXT revision history
README.TXT this file you're reading now
FILE_ID.DIZ description for BBS upload

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

CT8 and earlier:

- Extract the ARRL.CTY, CQWW.CTY and IARU.CTY FILES to your CT directory.

CT9:

- Extract the CTY.DAT file to your CT directory

NA:

- Extract the COUNTRY.DAT file to your NA directory and run NAU.

WL:

- Extract the WL_CTY.DAT file to your WRITELOG\PROGRAMS directory and run the "Convert cty to WriteLog" program from the WriteLog program folder.

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Club Information

Meeting Time:

**4th Tuesday at 7:30 pm at The
Collier Co. Red Cross Chapter House
2610 Northbrooke Dr, Naples, FL 34119**

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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From the President

This will be our first official club meeting at the Red Cross building. It's an honor to have the Red Cross invite us to use their building as a meeting place and to have a club radio station on site.

I have been in contact with some members of the Ft. Myers Club about coming down to a meeting to give us some training on Emergency Traffic Procedures. They are not able to make it to this meeting but we are trying to work out a date in the near future. I was told a Saturday would be better than a Tuesday night for them, so let me know if you would like a Saturday class?

See you Tuesday.

73 KE4JZT