



# ARASWF

## Newsletter



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AD - KE4JZT Jordan - WB2QLP Bill - K2ZEL  
President Vice President Sec./Treas.

### Your 2002 Officers

The amateurs pictured above are the elected officers of the ARASWF for the coming year, 2002. A.D. continues as president for the second year and Bill continues as the secretary/ treasurer. Jordan, a former president has accepted the job as vice president and will also serve as the program chair for the year. Each you, the members of the club, are encouraged to suggest and recommend programs and activities for the club during this next year. Our officers need the assistance and participation of all in making the club interesting to all members of the amateur radio community here in

Next meeting Jan. 22 at the Chapter House

## **President's Comments**

2001, Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida !!I think it has been a good year for the Club. Here are a couple of outstanding things I can think of , Field Day where all that came had a good time, meet a lot of visitors who came by wondering what the heck was going on !. And we had the high score in the 4A Commerical Class of 4,680 points. Next is having the Red Cross let us to come into ther building and set up a radio room and install a tower in there back yard. believe this is going to be good for the both of us. We had a good turn out at the meetings all year long and all that came to the meetings had a good time.

Now the coming year of 2002 I want you members to give us and idea's on what the Club may do ,a Special Event maybe, a cookout at a Park, lets hear from you!!!! So with that I will say MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

73 KE4JZT A.D.

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## **Year-end Notes from NJ2F**

Looking back to the past year of our club, I've come to the conclusion that we need to thank AD, KE4JZT for pulling our club from the edge of abandonment. He was the only one willing to step forward to assume leadership of our Club. Thank you AD!

This turned out to be a good year for our club. First we a had a great Field Day at a new location. George, N3ISH did a great job as Field Day Chairman. We actually had members of the general public come and get an idea of what Amateur Radio was all about. We had a good turnout from members and nonmembers alike.

The next major development for our club was our affiliation with the Red Cross. Due to the efforts of Jordan, WB2QLP, Mike, N4XSE and Fred, KF4MJJ, the club installed a tower, antennas, and equipment for our Club station at the Red Cross building. This was a historic event for our club. Thanks to all who donated their time and equipment to this worthy project.

One last thought as outgoing vice-president. Please support our club by coming to meetings, participating in events and paying your dues.

73, Jeff, NJ2F

## December Dinner Meeting

The dinner meeting was held on December 5, 2001, at the Pacific 41 Restaurant.

This was our 7th annual Christmas party, what my wife Hanni and I arranged.

We had 34 persons present, and the chatting across the tables was just interrupted, by the waitress, as she asked for more drinks or for the order what you would like to eat. The selection from the menu is plentiful, and I believe every one found what one liked.

Santa and his helper, came not through the chimney this time, but they had good things in their Male and Female Sack to give away. The lucky one walked home with a door prize under his or her arm.

Every one had a good time, and that's all what counts, and the XYL's did not have to cook and sweat in front of the oven, even if the dishwasher would have taken care for the rest of the mass. hihhi.

For the OM's a little advice : Take your XYL's at least one day in the month out for a nice dinner, I arrange everything, I even call you 3 days ahead of the date, so you won't forget, and make the dinner meeting, have a nice cocktail, nice chat, with the guys, and enjoy a good meal. OK that's about all for now, We wish you and your Family a very happy Christmas and Holidays, and a very Happy New Year 2002.

73 and 88 de Sigi w2jq and de Hanni N4SKT.

Below are pictures of the members and xyls present for the good time



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## **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:**

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

**<http://naples.net/clubs/amradio>**

### **Club Officers/ Chairmen:**

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## **FOR SALE:**

**MFJ-HAM STICKS-10M-20M-40M**

**COST: \$19.95 ea. plus shipping**

**\$15.00 ea.-all for \$42.00**

## **URGENTLY NEED:**

**SIX CONNECTOR POWER PLUG-  
FITS KENWOOD, ICOM ETC.**

**JERRY, W8TWJ**

**[263-2172-W8TWJ@AOL.COM](mailto:263-2172-W8TWJ@AOL.COM)**

## **Ham Fest Calendar**

Jan 11 & 12	Fort Myers ARC
Jan 19 & 20	Sarasota ARA
Jan 26	DeSota ARC
Feb 2 & 3	So Eastern Div ARRL Dade Radio Club of Miami
Feb 8—10	No. FL Section Orlando ARC
Feb 16	Highlands Co. ARC
Feb 24	Zephyrhills Area ARC

## **FIELD DAY 2001 IN MEMORY OF GARY ARNOLD WB2WPA**

THE CLUB MEMBERS GATHERED ON SATURDAY MORNING AND STARTED TO SET UP FOR FIELD DAY. WE HAD THE BACKING OF THE COUNTY AS THEY LET US USE THE EMERGENCY BUS AND THE COUNTY PARK. WE HAD A PAVILION THAT WE SET UP THE RADIO'S AND COMPUTERS UNDER IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER. GOOD THING WE DID AS ONE HOUR BEFORE WE STARTED WE HAD A SHOWER. OTHER THEN THAT THE WEATHER WAS GREAT. WE SET UP OUR TOWERS, BEAMS, AND WIRE ANTENNAS. I WANT TO SAY THANKS TO ALL THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION. THE CLUB DID A GOOD JOB ALL THE WAY THROUGH. WE WERE LUCKY TO HAVE A BOY SCOUT STOP BY AND HE DID GET ON THE RADIO AND MAKE A CONTACT. THAT HAD TO BE A GOOD FEELING AS HE WAS ONLY 11 YEARS OLD. WE HAD OVER FIFTY PEOPLE ATTEND MEMBERS AND VISITORS. WE DID PICKUP A FEW MEMBER BECAUSE OF THIS. WHEN WE HAVE PEOPLE LIKE THIS THE HOBBY IS IN GOOD SHAPE. NOW THE GOOD NEW WE COME OUT NUMBER ONE IN OUR DIVISION. THANKS AGAIN.

MARY NV4Z& GEORGE N3ISH COCHAIRMAN

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### **ARASWF SPECIAL EVENTS**

In April of 2001 the ARA club participated in the 31<sup>st</sup> March of Dimes WALK AMERICA. We had 18 members operating radios' at Check Points and manning the POOPOUT MOBILE. The check points would report back what supplies might needed, the progress at that point, and report any casualties for John and J R in the POOPED OUT MOBILE. No missing persons this year.

The March of Dimes presented the club with an attractive plaque in appreciation of our participation. Club members also received T-shirts and a few other niceties.

We were also asked to help out an elementary school in their walkathon, but the event was canceled out because of inclement weather, and wasn't rescheduled.

73...WD4FLY

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### **Editor's Report**

In 2001 the Newsletter was published 12 times. Snail mail averaged 15 members and the remaining were sent as a pdf file by e-mail to the membership. There is still a need for members to submit articles for publication. This year each issue usually carried one or more pictures. Most reports have been timely received for inclusion in the newsletter. It has been a good year. Thanks. Holiday Greetings to all

Bill, K2ZEL, editor

## **Year End Treasurer Report 2001**

this report indicates the financial condition of the club at the close of the year 2001. Further details within the accounts indicated below may be seen at the January club meeting when the print outs of the reports will be available.

Beginning Balance	\$ 293.29
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Dues collected	\$1850.00
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Donation cash	\$ 97.00
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Other (coax, shirts, 50-50)	\$ 793.00
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Total	\$2740.00
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Total Income	\$3033.29
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### **Expenses**

Bank Charge	\$ 26.50
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Donation	\$ 150.00
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Misc.—shirts, field day, license for trailer, decoration	\$ 554.85
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Insurance, Liability	\$ 650
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Postage	\$ 206.90
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Telephone	\$ 219.29
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Total	\$1817.54
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Balance at end of Year	1215.75
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Submitted

G. W. Reynolds, K2ZEL

Treasurer



## Minutes of the November Meeting

The meeting was called to order by KE4JZT at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 27, 2001 at the Red Cross Chapter House. Introductions were made by those present. There were 21 members and guests present.

The secretary read the October minutes and they were approved as read. The treasurer's report was given with a balance of \$1589.71 in the checking account. All current bills have been paid.

The repeater is back on the air after replacing the power supply and the coax.

Sigi reported on the plans for the December dinner meeting and requested \$25.00 for decorations. The expenditure was approved and the treasurer will issue Sigi the check.

Each month the club station shows additional work. Terry donated some cabinets for the area and the crew will have them installed. A counter top will be procured for the area.

Nominations were presented for the year 2002. A.D. for President, Jordan for Vice President, and Bill for Secretary/ Treasurer. The slate was elected by proclamation.

K4FOM has indicated that he will donate a Ham 4 rotor for the tower at the station.

Members are reminded of the ARRL 10 m contest of 15 and 16 December. The club members operate their station and turn in their scores indicating that they are also participating as an affiliated club to ARRL.

Terry, Jordan, and Jeff were recognized as having completed 50 WAS on 6 meters.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted

G. Wm Reynolds, K2ZEL, Secretary