



# ARASWF *Newsletter*



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## All Dues Are Due January 1

In the fall of 1998 the club membership voted to amend the club constitution and changed the dues date for all members to renew their membership to the beginning of the calendar year from the month of joining the club. The amendment allowed for some pro-rata payments for the persons who membership date was the last quarter of the year. Therefore all member dues are due this month with the exception of those who have paid during the past two meetings. Your checks of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) would be appreciated at the meeting this month or they may be mailed to the secretary/ treasurer at the following address.

Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida

c/o G. William Reynolds, K2ZEL

26951 Leport Street

Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Your check should be made payable to the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida.

Additionally at the same time the club officers and board would appreciate the completion of the enclosed data form so that we may update the club records. This information is necessary to keep the membership aware of the club activities and concerns. The secretary will also have update forms at the club meeting.

**Next Club Meeting**  
**23 January, 2001 @ 7:30 P.M.**  
**Shepard of the Glades Church**

## **The President's Corner**

January 2001, a new Year, new Officers, first I like to thank Bill and Jeff for stepping forward to help the Club out. Next we need YOU to tell us, what you would like to see the club do this year. I had heard one member say, he would like to have a Club Picnic! What do you think of this? When, where, time, let us know. Come to the meeting on Jan. 23 and join the fun, maybe meet a new Ham and let us know what you think the Club can do for the local Ham community.

I would like to say thanks to AD4TR ,KD4VRZ,NJ2F,WA1QPD and his daughter, Marissa for putting up the 442.025 repeater up and K4YHB Chat Node up, Both are working and doing good. Already we are having some of the Ft. Myers Packet Group checking into the node and joining us on Chat. The freq. for K4YHB is 145.050 .

So I hope to see all of you at the meeting on Jan.23 at 7:30pm .

73 KE4JZT



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## **The Vice President Reports**

I'm happy to report two new items of interest to SW Florida hams. On Saturday, January 6th, I was part of a team of club members who installed the club's new 440 repeater on a high-rise on the beach. The repeater is now operational on 442.025 MHz receive, and 447.025 MHz transmit with a PL of 151.4hz. It's only been operational a few days, but we've already had check-ins from as far north as Punta Gorda, Cape Coral and Ft. Myers. So dial up the frequency and give it a try.

The second item installed on the same day was the K4YHB packet chat node on 145.070 MHz with a link to our original chat node on 144.970 MHz. We have a 13 element 2m beam pointing north and we have already had some Lee County hams check in to say "hello". Dust off those old packet tncs and join the fun.

A hearty thanks goes to our team of volunteers. They were, Martin-AD4TR, Gary-KD4VRZ, Mark-WA1QDP and his daughter Marisa, and Jordan-WB2QLP. A special thanks to Marisa who helped carry equipment to the site and helped Jordan solder the coax connectors.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff- NJ2F

## **Dinner meeting**

Our first Dinner Meeting of the Year was held on January 3. at the Red Lobster Inn. We had a happy bunch of People together, and after arranging tables and chairs, we finally settled down to a nice chat.

Happy hour was still on, so drinks where ordered, and the menu was passed around, and every one ordered to his or her taste. Fran Guenther Mohr supplied us with news from the operation of Joan Montbriad, and we hope that she is getting better soon. The next Dinner Meeting will be on February 7. 2001, and I will send out reminder, so that every one can make reservation in time. For those how are not on the list yet, my Phone # 598-1353 give me a call, or send an E-Mail to : w2jq@peganet.com. 73 de Sigi w2jq.

## **Inventory of Club Trailer ( Stored at AF4LH)**

Here is the inventory of the trailer as of December 23,2000.

### **Major Items:**

1. 11 hp 6kw electric start generator.
2. 2 batteries and cover for above.
3. 5 fuel plastic tanks. 1 five gallon and 4 two gallon.
4. 4 Ea. Canopys 12' x 20'
5. trailer,tower
6. Rotor and controller.
7. Charcoal Grille.
8. Ta33jr tribander antenna.

### **Minor Items:**

1. Roll of yellow rope.
2. Club Flyer or flag
3. US Flag
4. Roll of various lengths of coax.
5. 2 each Clamp lights
6. 1 set of cheapo 3/8" sockets and ratchet.
7. 1 Partial set of 1/2" drive sockets and ratchet.
8. 10 assorted open end wrenches.
9. 3 pair of pliers.
10. 1 needle nose.
11. 3 Channel locks pliers.
12. Hammer and crowbar.
13. 1 linemens pliers.
14. 1 torpedo level
15. 6 assorted screwdrivers
16. 100 to 150ft of control cable
17. Assorted dipoles and wire and wire antennas.

## **From the Webmaster**

The following was received and forwarded to the editor.

From: "Thomas Roscoe" <k8cx@hamgallery.com>

To: <ke4ktz@amsat.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2000 1:35 AM

Subject: LINK

Could you please put a short article in your clubs newsletter about the benefit the Ham Gallery could have to your members?

The K8CX Ham Gallery <http://hamgallery.com> contains the following:

The Gallery - A large Photo Gallery of Ham Operators , Hamshacks, Ham Collectibles, Antenna farms, DXpeditions, DX locations, Contest Stations, etc.

You are welcome to submit your own ham photo for this gallery.

Rare DX Sound Clips from 1998, 1999, 2000 - Over 250 Rare DX sound clips in Streaming Real Audio format.

Free Ham Classified Ads - This is a Buy, Wanted, Sale, and Trade page. You can post your ham equipment in 21 different Ham related categories. Dayton Hamvention Photo Gallery - Over 450 Photos taken at the Dayton Hamvention from 1997 - 2000.

WRTC 2000 Photo Gallery - 114 Photos from WRTC 2000 in Bled, Slovenia.

100 Most Wanted Countries Archive - Compare the last 7 years (1993 - 1999) of Most Wanted Countries in order from 1 to 100. This chart shows the different countries moving up and down the list from year to year.

Code Copying Tests - Currently 2 "Streaming Real Audio" Morse Code tests, answer sheets, and Brag Lists. These tests are written by K8CX, given as a Code Copying Contest at the Warren Hamfest in Warren, Ohio (for the last 10 yrs). They consist of 100 real time callsigns sent from 13 to 65 WPM with a 3 second gap in between. You can take the test, sign the Brag list, and then look at the answers while listening to the test again. Several hams use it to improve their code speed.

Webclusters, and Other Useful Information - Access to 24 DX Telnet sites, the OH2AQ DX Summit Webcluster, Japan Webcluster DXSCAPE, The Japan DX Cluster, most used Ham Links and more.

Ham Links - These are a large collection of current links to Amateur radio websites on the Internet! A link to your radio club has been added to this list.

QSL Card Gallery - QSL Cards from the most wanted DXCC countries, Deleted countries, Antique QSLs, and more. We ask your members to submit QSL card scans from their collection that fit in the listed categories.

DX News and Ham News - Get the latest Ham radio DX bulletins, Propagation Bulletins, and Ham related news bulletins.

The Search Engine Page - This is a large collection of Search Engine links. I use it as an opening page for my browser. Your club members may want to do this too.

The site is constantly being added to and updated. Use it and enjoy

Member Personal Data Update  
January 2001

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Out of Area  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Present or Past Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Ham Band Preferences and Modes \_\_\_\_\_

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Ham Activities \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional Notes and Suggestions \_\_\_\_\_

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Please include with your dues and mail to club secretary

Thank You.

## **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/ Chairmen:**

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Please include the following statement in the next club newsletter.

" WILL THE PERSON THAT BOR-  
ROWED MY GIN POLE FOR THEIR  
ANTENNA PROJECT PLEASE  
RETURN IT TO ME OR CONTACT ME  
A.S.A.P. THANK YOU  
de WB2QLP

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