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Field Day 2002

Field day 2002 was a different kind of event from past years as the club operated from the Collier County Red Cross Chapter House. The decision to operate from this location was a result of a discussion at a club meeting and the decision to show the support of the ARASWF in serving the community through public service to the American Red Cross. During the last year with the gracious offer from the Collier County Chapter, the club has outfitted a complete amateur radio station for use by club members, both those with home stations and those that are not able to operate from their home locations. The club changed its meeting location to the chapter house which has facilities for classes as well as a place where the club can also participate in other amateur activities. In addition the club has location from which to serve the community in time of need for communications support. The reports following from the board members will show you aspects of activities during the weekend.

From the President:

It was a great Field Day , I wish more of you had showed up and had enjoyed in the fun that we all had. So enough of that , at this coming meeting we need to discuss and determine what we are going to do about the 146.670 repeater, its sick and "NEEDS" to be fixed! This is hurricane season ,so do we send it out to be repaired? Also the same thing about our 440 repeater, what do we do? It's time for us to get our act in gear and get things right! If any of you have any suggestions about how or where, to help the Club get the repeaters repaired , please show up or give one of the club officers a call. Other than that ,not much else to say for now ,see "ya" at the meeting

73 K4ADR

From the Vice President:

Summer is well underway and Field Day 2002, held at the American Red Cross HQ, is history and was a huge success. It was a safe and fun event for all and our final score was well above our previous years totals. Although some of the bands did not produce the results we had anticipated, it was not due to any faults of our own. We had sufficient equipment, antennas, and manpower in place to rack up the Q's, but propagation

was not in our favor on the 10 & 6 meter bands. In the past, when these bands open, they can produce well over 1 thousand additional Q's. But, we still were above our last years score. When the final results are published in the November QST, we should place well in our class.

This was the first year for the club to conduct Field Day indoors. It was a PLEASURE !!!! We had all the comforts of home.....well, most of them anyway ! We had A/C, color TV's, a kitchen, bathroom facilities and sufficiently big desks and chairs. We didn't have tents, mosquitoes, bad food or soaked shoes. Let it rain, rain, rain.....I know where we'll be for FD 2003 !!!

The July meeting's program will be a general discussion of FD 2002, look over pictures, relate any funny or interesting experiences, discuss what we did right , wrong or any improvements we can make. It should be interesting and entertaining.....BRING ANY PICTURES YOU HAVE.....See you all there on Tuesday, July 23 @ 7:30pm
73 de WB2QLP Jordan

Note: the following is from the field day chairman and is included verbatim per his request. (editor)

From the Field Day Chairman:

Field Day or was it? I have heard a lot of chatter about the fact that I as Field Day Chair did not have "Field Day" in the true spirit of the event. Yes, it was "soft" and comfortable this year. No heat or bugs or RAIN!!!!

Now, my question. Where were the people that chatted about the spirit of Field Day? Did they bother to show up to provide encouragement or support---NO ! Have they been to any recent club meetings---NO ! Have they been to any of the "work parties" at the club station---NO ! I would like to see an attendance roster of the members attending the club meetings in the newsletter. That way everyone can see just where the support for the club is coming from.

We did surpass last years output with 1,747 QSO's. It was a terrific effort from the few that chose to be there. Most had a great time with a lot of enthusiasm.

My feelings about "Field Day" are that you do not put your resources out in the "danger area", but reserve them to a safe place and send mobiles to relay the information out. That is my opinion and does not reflect and club stance ! Further, I will not be adding my services or resources to any more club activities. I need time to learn how to use my new rig and since health problems have reoccurred, I will be taking a lot of "private time" for my family and myself.

73 KQ0Q

On the pages following are some of the pictures -





Club Net
146.640 MHz +600khz
1930 Wed



Pictures are the
courtesy of
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*Next Meeting
July 23, 2002
At the Chapter House*

Dinner Meeting

The dinner meeting on June 5, 2002

Well, as all the people went up north, there where not many left to our famous Dinner Meeting at the Pacific 41.

But we made the best out of it, and we had real good fun, and if you think that we could not find a thing to talk about it ? Think again.

There where only 6 of us, but the party was as lively as it could be, but I am not spelling the beans, to bad that most of could not make it.



We had in mind to speak with the manager, but he was to busy, and could not join in with us. So Hanni, my XYL, N4 SKT, talked to the second person in command, at the Pacific 41, and found out, that the deal with the Condominium fell through, and Pacific 41 will not being thorn down, and will stay in business, so we do not have to look for an other place for our Dinner Meetings.

The food was good, like always, and the company too.

Just look at this picture, and you can see the elite that keeps the Dinner Meeting going.

There is No Dinner Meeting in July and in August, because most of the People remaining have planed something else, and we will be back in September on the first Wednesday, of the Month, witch is the 4. in September.

We all wish you a very happy summer, stay happy and healthy 73 and 88

From Sigi W2JQ and Hanni N4SKT

Job Opening

The position of Newsletter Editor is available a member of the club who has an editorial inclination. Your present editor must relinquish this position after a number of years because of prior commitments to other organizations. Recently he was appointed training officer, NAVMARCOR MARS, for the state and was appointed a member of the Florida Joint Service MARS interoperability. These position require additional time. He has been a MARS member for more than 30 years and is retired Navy.

Club Information

Meeting Time:

4th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
Red Cross Chapter House
Northbrooke Plaza Dr., Naples FL

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Editor's Notes:

Well it has been a very busy month since the field day for me. As we move into the summer months with the extra emphasis on the hurricane season and general preparedness for the possible emergencies has brought much extra work for this station as state training officer for NAVMARCOR MARS. There has been weekly training sessions for members, spot training through the sending of training messages, and now joint service planning sessions for a state wide all service emergency exercise. My net time and administrative time this month is over 100 hours and the month is not over yet. Being retired Navy (40+yrs) and a MARS member for over 30 years makes this one of my primary activities as a volunteer. Looking at my time I find that I can no longer be both editor and club treasurer and still maintain my commitment to the MARS program. I. Therefore, am requesting that some club member step forward and assume the mantle of editor. I will continue to submit technical articles for the editor to review for publication. I will also retain the job of secretary/ treasurer at least until the end of the year. For the person who volunteers for this task I will give to him the software, etc. that I have been using for the newsletter. I will also provide him with whatever training that might need to get started and will answer any questions regarding the job.

See you at the meeting
Bill, K2ZEL