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Generous Hams

During the past year a number of amateur radio operators have contributed significantly to our club activities. This note here in the newsletter is to allow us to thank them publicly for their generosity. Very early in the year KD4JYX donated a 440 MHz repeater to the club to be located at the old N1DL site. KD4DZW has completed the repairs that were needed and the unit is ready for installation at the site.

Later in the year the opportunity arose for the club to establish a station at the new Red Cross Chapter House. Equipment donations for this project were requested and the club members delved into their stations to outfit the station. N4XSE donated the services of his business to develop the drawings and site elevations that were necessary for the permitting process to install a forty foot tower. WB2QLP donated the Rohn tower and the tri-band antenna, F4FOM donated a Ham-4 rotor for the tower and many members turned out for the tower raising. WA3JTU donated the ICOM 735 with power supply and mike. N1QZQ donated the MFJ-969 antenna tuner to complete the basic equipment. WB2QLP added an Azden 4300 2m zcwr to the mix. N3ISH donated a heavy duty power supply for the VHF station. WB2IWC and KD4LXZ added 2 Kam 3 for packet operations. K2ZEL donated 2 computers, a impact printer, a G5RV antenna, and an ICOM 211 all mode 2m rig. K4SN donated a couple cabinets to replace the tables as a counter top is added. The station is now operational but there is still work to be accomplished in improving the organization of the space for operations. A Saturday work day will be planned for this next month to take care of these odds and ends. Club members with current valid membership cards may use the station following the rules found in the October Newsletter.

A significant number of members turned out for the working parties to do the installations. KF4MJJ, NJ2F, KD4VRY, W4GIZ, KE4JZT, KQ0Q, KG4NBB, WB2QLP, K2ZEL, N4XSE, K4SN were among those that I can remember working at one or more of the sessions. To all of these amateurs we owe our thanks. If any member or worker have been omitted you may be assured it is not intentional. Many Thanks!!

A Sort Comment from the President

Another month has gone by already, before you know it we will at the March of Dimes and Fieldday. So let us start thinking and planning for these Events at this next meeting. So bring your ideas and lets talk. We are planning this Sunday (Feb 17) to do some work at the Red Cross as to putting Cabinets and Countertop on and if enough help shows up to do some painting outside on the parking lot ballards. So I will be looking forward to see all of you at the meeting.

73 KE4ZJT A.D.

The Vice President speaks

It's February... its SUPPOSED to be winter, but have you looked outside lately. Its more like early summer, but without the high humidity and rain!

The skies are sunny, the temperatures are nice and warm, the beaches are full and the seasonal visitors (aka SNOWBIRDS) are basking in 'OUR WINTER WONDERLAND' !

We certainly have been enjoying unseasonable weather since the beginning of 2002. A far cry from just a year ago, when the temperatures were near freezing and we were all experiencing one of the coldest winters on record ! A lot of us were dressing up in warm clothing and using heat in our homes. FPL was loving it ! Electric bills were sky high.

Spring is near, and Major League Baseball Spring Training here in S.W. Florida is even nearer! This got me to thinking about a possible 'SOCIAL EVENT' for the members of the ARASWF....How about taking in a Ball Game ?

There's plenty of other time for contesting or antenna work..... Spring training only lasts a few

short weeks in the local area. So leave the radios at home and lets take in a sunny Sunday afternoon at the ballpark.

What say ????? If response is favorable from the ARASWF members, i will contact the Twins or the Red Sox organization to inquire about a group rate for tickets. Those who are interested please see me at the next club meeting on Feb. 26 at the American Red Cross HQImmokalee Rd. & I-75 behind Bob Evans Restaurant.

see you all there andLET's PLAY BALL !73 de WB2QLP

<p>Next Meeting Feb 26 2002 at 7:30 p.m. Collier County Red Cross Chapter House</p>
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Sigi's Ginner Meeting Report

Dinner meeting on February 6. 2002.

Our first dinner meeting this year was held on 6. February 2002 at The Pacific 41 Restaurant. We had 18 Persons attending this nice get together.

The cocktail hour session was some great chip chap, and just about every body had an other story to tell.

Also the question arise about the Repeater, Why still the PL ? Nobody is on anyway, and some Northern Ham could use the this communication link to get better around, could ask for direction or information about our Club, or the City of Naples.

The food was very good again, every one enjoyed it

The next dinner meeting will be on March 6. 2002 6 pm at the same location.

If any one knows of an other place where we could hold our dinner meeting, please let me know, we are open to all succession. As you know, the Pacific 41 will be torn down by July, as far as I know.

So see you all at the regular Club meeting on 28. Feb. 7 pm

73 88 de Sigi W2JQ and Hanni N4SKT

Minutes of January Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:27 by president KE4JZT. The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given. All current bills are paid and there is \$1897.00. Introductions were made by members and quests present. 32 members and guests were present.

The club has received a MFJ-969 antenna tuner from N1QZQ for the club station and has received the Ham 4 rotor from K4FOM for the station to replace the one on loan from WB2QLP.

It was reported that the club data on file with ARRL has been updated.

Sigi W2JQ reported that the next dinner meeting will be at the Pacific 41 restaurant on the first Wed. in Feb. Contact him if you are planning to go.

Bob, W0OB, gave a short report on QCWA group here in Naples. They meet for lunch on the second Tuesday of the month at the Pacific 41 Restaurant.

WB2QLP reported on some possible activities coming up, Hamfests, Contests, and possible social events.

Alan, KF4OXE, and Eric, W4GIZ, discussed IRLP contacts using 440 repeaters and the internet. Eric provided club members with a demonstration of the process. More information is available on the internet at 'www.irlp.net' The 443.700 repeater is always connected to IRLP for those that wish to try this method of communications.

The 50-50 kitty collected \$43.00. Sigi won the drawing. 2002 were collected during the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. for the IRLP demonstration. Submitted G. Wm. Reynolds

Special Event Station for March 2002

This month I thought I would add this information regarding to “on the air” special event stations scheduled at this time for the month of March. The listing is one of many available from the ARRL web site. All amateurs should surf this site for information on our hobby.—editor

Rapid City, SD: QCWA Dakota Chapter 102, W0DAK. 1500Z **Feb 23** to 0300Z **Feb 24**. Commemorating 25th anniversary of Chapter 102. 21.375 14.275 7.240 3.889. Certificate. Frank Shaw, W0DAK, 118 E Van Buren, Rapid City, SD 57701.

Round Rock, TX: Cen-Tex Contest Group, WA5DTK. 0001Z **Feb 23** to 2359Z **Mar 6**. Commemorating the siege days at the Alamo. 7.265 14.265 21.265 28.465. QSL. Barry Brewer, WA5DTK, 603 Broken Bow Dr, Round Rock, TX 78681-7401. For more information, e-mail jbrewer@constant.com.

Arlington Heights, IL: Peace Corps ARC, KA9NLX. 1600Z to 2300Z **Mar 1**. Celebrating the birthday of Peace Corps, and to honor its volunteers. 7.283 14.325 21.375 28.525. Certificate. John Paskevicz, KA9NLX, RPCV, 1423 North Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Port St Lucie, FL: Port St Lucie Amateur Radio Assn, K4PSL. 1500Z **Mar 1** to 2100Z **Mar 15**. Commemorating the arrival of the NY Mets Baseball team in Port St Lucie for their annual spring and summer training. 28.310 21.350 14.250 14.030. Certificate. Dr Maurice I. Sasson, W2JAJ, 8598 Florence Dr, Port St Lucie, FL 34952.

Daytona Beach, FL: Daytona Beach Amateur Radio Assn, Inc, K4BV. 1800Z **Mar 1** to 1800Z **Mar 10**. 2002 Daytona Beach Bike Week Event. 28.450 21.250 14.265 7.210. Certificate. DBARA/K4BV, PO Box 9852, Daytona Beach, FL 32120-9852. Operation plans include HF phone and PSK31, primarily during daylight hours.

Philadelphia, PA: Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, W3AA. 0000Z **Mar 1** to 0000Z **Mar 31**. Celebrating the 50th Birthday of W3AA in the Franklin Institute. 28.393 21.350 14.230 7.240. Certificate. Stephen Hoch, WU3I, 4638 Oakland St, Philadelphia, PA 19124.

Wasilla, AK: Matanuska Amateur Radio Assn, KL7JFU. 2100Z **Mar 2** to **Mar 23**. Celebrating the 30th running of the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. Operation will con-

tinue through the day after the last sled completes the race. 28.460 21.315 14.246 7.290. QSL and certificate. Len Betts, NL7NF, 3090 Bald Eagle Dr, Wasilla, AK 99654. Will try to operate all bands. For more information, contact lelba@yahoo.com.

Trenton, NJ: Delaware Valley Radio Assn, Inc, 1200Z to 2200Z **Mar 10.** Six months after September 11, honoring all firefighters, EMS, police, and victims and their families. W2ZQ on 12.240 and 7.235, W6OI on 28.400 (10X International). QSL. Harry F. Hochman, K2IQN, FF/EMT, 22 Daisy Ct, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889.

Brainerd, MN: Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club (BAARC), W0UJ. 1500Z to 2300Z **Mar 9.** \$150,000 Ice Fishing Extravaganza. 28.450 21.350 14.250. Certificate. BAARC, PO Box 801, Brainerd, MN 56401.

Macon, GA: Macon Amateur Radio Club, W4BKM. 1500Z to 2200Z **Mar 16.** Celebrating the 20th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. 21.335 14.240 voice; 14.055 7.135 CW. Certificate. Macon ARC, PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208.

Milwaukee, WI: Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, W9RH. 0000Z to 2400Z **Mar 16.** Commemorating the 85th anniversary of the MRAC. 28.470 14.270 7.260 144.220. Certificate. Tom Schulte, W9RH, 8802 Castle Ct, Franklin, WI 53132. Multiple bands, CW, SSB and FM.

Mount Holly, NJ: NWS-Phi SKYWARN Assn, WX2PHI. 1500Z to 2100Z **Mar 17.** Promoting Hazardous Weather Awareness Week in Pennsylvania. 28.373 14.273 7.273. Certificate. John Holmes, WX3W, WX2PHI Special Event, 126A Worman Rd, Bath, PA 18014-9099.

Contest Calendar

I looked at the contest calendar for March and April and found 21 listed for March and 24 listed for April. That is too many to list in the newsletter. The contests that might be of interest to many of our members include the ARRL DX contest on March 2 & 3, State QSO parties—Wisconsin 10-11, Virginia 16-18, Alaska 16-17, CQ WW WPX contest 30-31. In April Missouri QSO party 6-7, Michigan QSO party 20-22, Ontario QSO party 20-21, Florida QSO party 27-28, Nebraska QSO party 27-28. . For a wider listing go to <http://home.online.no/~janalme/hammain.html>. He lists the contests by the month and has links to the rules for the contest coming up. He also has the results from some of the past contests. Contesters should bookmark this page.

Club Information

Meeting Time:

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

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

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