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Communications 101

At last month's meeting we started a series of information sessions on traffic procedures in the amateur radio system. The first session was devoted to the format of the amateur radio radiogram. Each section of the message was discussed and the purpose of each message line explained. The session also defined the role of each type of station in the message handling process.

This month there will be a discussion of the National Traffic System (NTS) and the place of the local net in the system. During this session the roles of the various station will be discussed and where we as amateurs fit into the system

One of the main objectives of these session is preparation of our club members in the event of an emergency situation. Club members are going to be asked to assume various responsibilities during any disaster or emergency event that might occur in Collier county.

Plan to participate in the session. The handout from the previous session will be available for those not getting one last month.

From the Editor's Desk

Well it appears that the summer season is coming to southwest Florida at a very rapid pace. This past week we have had three thunderstorms in the late afternoon and are seeing afternoon temperatures in the high 80s and low 90s. This seems to be early for the season and it looks as though we will need to get ready for the possibility of severe storms sooner this year. This means that each of should check our equipment, backup power sources, antennas, etc. Are you a part of the ARES or RACES programs to man shelters? Have you your kit ready to go to a shelter and handle communications? Have you checked into the nets recently to brush up your procedures? All of us that have liaisons with other emergency nets need to share that capability with the EOC. Remember that the EOC will be the primary net control for all the disaster communications here in Collier County. Our individual stations and

the club station at the Red Cross will be under their control during an emergency.

The next big event for the club this year is the annual field day. John, KQ0Q, is the chairman and he will be contacting people to take charge of various tasks in preparation for the event. If you are asked please step up and lend a hand to make the event a success. We will need operators for around five transceivers on all bands. From 80m through 2m. There will be opportunities for everyone to work his favorite band for the club. We need people to man the logs and to work a welcome sing in desk. We need people to explain what amateur radio is. We need people to help set up the stations and to tear down and clean up following the event. We need people to take pictures of the event and pass them along to the editor for the July issue which will summarize the event for all members. Hey this is our biggest event of the year. Be apart of the fun. De K2ZEL, editor.

From the desk of the Vice President

Springtime is once again upon us here in S.W. Florida which means that Field Day 2002 isn't far off. According to the calendar as of this writing, its only a short 10 weeks away. Since we have no club meeting in June due to F.D., we have only 2 more scheduled club meetings before "The Main Event" .

It was good to see John, KQ0Q, step up to volunteer as Field Day chairman this year.

We had a great F.D. 2001 last June held at Veteran's Park in N. Naples. It was headed up by George, N3ISH & Mary, NV4Z and they're going to lend a helping hand again with this year's event.

Now that the club's permanent home is here at the American Red Cross chapter house, our plan is to hold F.D. right here at this facility... where we'll all be cool, dry and bug-free !!!! Unlike past events when we hot, sweaty and mosquito bit !

Since we have an Amateur Station already set up at the RC, we plan to bring in additional equipment, computers and antennas on tower trailers. All members are urged to participate to help make this the BEST Field Day yet.

Switching gears, our thanks goes out to Howard Roux, AA4RX, who volunteered to head up the Volunteer Examiner Testing program for the club. He will take over the reigns from Dave Mayberry, KD9N, who ran the program for many years. Our thanks and appreciation goes out to him as well. Howard is a veteran of many testing sessions held in Lee County and we look forward to following his lead as VEC and the experience he brings to our club. Scheduling future testing sessions and upgrade exams will be addressed at upcoming meetings.

See you all at the ARASWF club meeting on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:30 pm.
73 de WB2QLP



MARCH OF DIMES.

The participation of the club membership in this years MARCH OF DIMES WALK A THON set a new record with 27 members taking part.. CONGRADULATIONS & COODOS TO ALL.

Dale Hugley KG5QD and Gerry Wheeler KG4NGG went out a head of time with their GPS and

mark out the course and water points, and made up a map that they used with the ARPS tracking system. With transponders in Water Truck with Jordan Mash WB2QLP, Lead 1 Dale Hugley KG5QD & Alan Ricotta KF4OXE, & Trail Vehicle John Simmander KQ0Q & R L Caron K4GP. The system worked quite well and impressed a lot of passerby's and local officials. It was also a practice exercise in Emergency Management.



Members of the club participating were Ken Ranson WA4UKB, Fred Edwards KF4MJJ, Dick Pettijohn W0MIA, Howard Roux AA4RX, Chris Huhn KU4HN, Gary Randall KD4VRZ, Anthony Rowtie KB2SFA, Diane Rowtie KB2TRD, Jeff Buerger NJ2F, Rowe Hudson KO4PK, Glen Niesen KE4KTZ, Mark Kennedy KG4QPD, Mike Welsh WD8RFL, Gerry Blumental W8TWJ, Armon Morgan K4FOM, Bob Montbriand KB0OB, Jo Ann Montbriand KB0WDP, Bill John Bill KA1RZ, Don Hyer AA1KI, Peter Pye KD4LXZ and yours truly Don Mielke WD4FLY.



The MARCH OF DIMES presented to the club a nice plaque for our help in making their day a huge success



Minutes of March Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president A.D., K4ADR (note new call), at 730 p.m. on 26 March, 2002 at the Collier County Red Cross Chapter House. There were 24 members and guests present. Introductions of persons present were made.

The secretary read the minutes of the February meeting and they were accepted in a motion by KD4VZ seconded by AA4RX. The treasurer reported that all current bill had been paid and that there was \$2423.00 in the bank account. The report was accepted in a motion from N3ISH seconded by KD4VRZ.

One new member submitted his application for membership. Steve Ludewig, N2VSE, was accepted as a full member in the club.

KD4FLY reported on the upcoming March of Dimes Walk-a-thon scheduled for 6 April. Don passed out maps of the route and information regarding the assembly time for members working at the event. They still needed members to man some of the stations. Sign up with Don.

KD9N, Dave Mayberry, has resigned as VEC for the club due to health. AA4RX, Howard Raux has volunteered to accept this job for the club. He will check on the necessary requirements for the appointment and report progress back to the club. Howard reported that the new question pool becomes effective for Extra in July. Those planning to upgrade now should make arrangements to take the present exam in Fort Myers.

Alan KF4OXE, reported on the progress in upgrading of the EOC repeaters and the current status of the project.

In new business, KQ0Q, John, has volunteered to act as field day chair. N3ISH, last years chair, and K1OJ have agreed to assist John. John will be calling on club members to serve and to participate in the planning and execution of the event.

Special recognition was given to Pete, K1PJ, for his excellent work on public relations for the articles that have been appearing in the Naples paper.

The possibility of setting up a special event station for the Swamp Buggy Races was discussed but no action was taken at this time.

Bill, K2ZEL, presented the first of several short training programs designed to improve the message handling abilities of club members. The first session was on the format and structure of the ARRL message. Each portion of the message format was discussed and the message handling requirements were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted

G. William Reynolds, K2ZEL

Secretary

Next Meeting - 23 April at 7:30 pm

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)
K4YHB—4

RACES/EOC Repeater

WB2WPA - 147.030 MHz (+600)
WB2WPA—4

Club Chat Node:

CHAT - 144.970 MHz

Club Packet Node

K4YHB - 145.070 MHz

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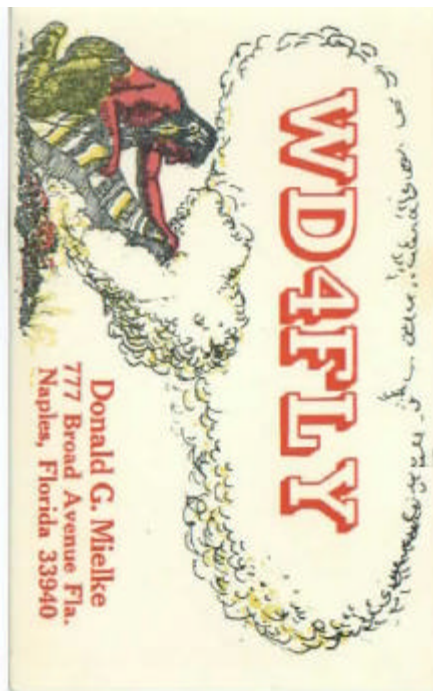
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