



# ARASWF

## *Newsletter*



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### Field Day Planning

The May meeting is the last meeting before the scheduled annual Field Day. In June there will be no regularly scheduled club meeting. It is traditional for the Field Day to serve as the June meeting for the club and to encourage all members to come to the site and to participate in the activities. This year we are deviating from our traditional “get out in the field” type of activity to showcase our new club station at the Collier County Red Cross Chapter House. This is to do two things as the club station also will serve as a communications headquarters during time of emergency in the Collier County area. In times of emergency the club members will have to man the club station as liaison between the Emergency Operations Center and the Red Cross. The station would require manning for emergencies in the surrounding area as a support facility. The club will need operator that will be familiar with the station and with emergency communications procedures. These members do not need to have personal HF stations but will be able to use the club equipment. For those of you that are apartment/ condo dwellers, here is an opportunity for you to participate in a very real club service. Additionally the club need to recruit addition area members to serve the needs of Collier County in the case of a disaster that will require the opening of the area shelters. We need people that can handle emergency traffic and can relay traffic from this area to various control points throughout the state. The decision related to the number and the bands to be operated on during the Field Day will be discussed during the meeting this month. There will be a chance for all of you to assist in the preparation, and execution of the event. We will need people to handle a welcome desk. We will need people to guide visitors around the station set up. We will need people to explain the purposes of the new chapter house. We will need people to operate the station for the entire time period of the event. Come to the meeting, **May 28 at 7:30 pm**, and take part in finalizing the plan and sign up to participate in at least one of the jobs that will be available. **We will see you at the club meeting.**

De KQ0Q, FD chairman and K2ZEL, editor

## Club Information

### Meeting Time:

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

### Club Repeater:

K4YHB—146.670 (-600)

### EOC Repeater:

WB2WPA— 147.030 (+600)

### Digital

K4YHB—145.070

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## President's Corner

It's almost here "Field Day" ! This will be the last time we meet before Field Day, there will be no meeting in June. So come on in and let John know what time you will be able to help out at Field Day or just come by and vist for a while, but watch out ,we may put you to work !! This will be our first year to hold it at the Red Cross, all in the A/C ,that will be nice, so leave your mosquito repellentat home !Also if you would like to have a T-Shirt or a Polo shirt with the club logo and your call on it please let me know at this meeting. So we can have them by Field Day I hope. Also on June 1st , W4EHW Amateur radio station at the National Hurricane Center will be on the the air looking for reports on there radio station to test out it for Hurricane Season. Time will be 9am to 6pm on June 1st.

I will be seeing you at the meeting .

73 K4ADR



VK Pinup

## **Comment from Vice-President**

Every spring is a busy time for Ham Radio. There is a wide variety of different events taking place this time of year. As i write this , it is this the evening before the 2002 Dayton Hamvention is scheduled to start Billed as one of the largest hamfests in the world, a number of our members have already arrived there for the 'main event', and others are on their way. Unfortunately , not I , not this year. Other issues, health related, have taken priority this time around. But i will be there in spirit ! I have been to the Dayton Hamvention about a half dozen times now and each one leaves a lasting impression and fond memories in my mind. One piece of advice to those of you that have never seen this "Mother of All Hamfests", you must see it at least one in your ham career .You won't be sorry. I'm sure it will leave you with a lasting impression , too. I wish all our friends attending a safe trip, a good time, and hopes of finding some great goodies to bring home ! See you there NEXT year.....

Other things that are on the calendar in the near future include Field Day, of course !!! That's only about 6 short weeks away. Discussion & plans for this years event will be on the agenda at our next meeting. Be sure to attend.....

Every spring and summer also bring a variety of other contests. There is the ARRL VHF Contest scheduled for June, a CQ WW VHF Contest in July, and the ARRL UHF Contest in August..All 3 of these events bring a lot of activity to the VHF/ UHF bands right in the peak of the Sporadic E-ship season.. Many hundreds of stations nationwide will be participating. Its a lot of fun when the bands open and activity can get to be like a feeding frenzy ! Get in there to increase your WAS & Grid Squares total.

This time of year also brings a lot of outdoor antenna projects and weather related dangers Always keep an eye to the sky to stay safe.

See you all at our next meeting on May 28 at the 'Home of the ARASWF " , the American Red Cross HQ.

73 de WB2QLP

## **Notes from Sigi**

The May dinner meeting was held on the first of May, still in the Pacific 41. we had a nice group from 11 People, and the chatting had so many subjects, that one could believe it never ends. From the air waves, to Antennas, from Computer, to the weather, and not at least about the food. We still have not found a new place to hold our dinner meetings, but I bet something will come up. So the next Dinner Meeting will be on June 5. at 6 O'clock pm at the Pacific 41. Please make your reservation with me, either by E-Mail, or call 598-1353. Thanks to all who made this meeting a success. 73 de Sigi + Hanni.

## GREAT FUN TRANSMITTER HUNTING

1. THE OBJECT OF THIS GAME IS TO FIND A HIDDEN 2 METER TRANSMITTER.
2. THE HIDDEN TRANSMITTER (H.T.) MUST TRANSMIT AT LEAST 30 SECONDS OF EACH MINUTE.
3. HUNTERS MUST NOT TRANSMIT.
4. H.T. MUST NOT RELOCATE OR MOVE AFTER HUNT START.
5. HUNTERS WILL ASSEMBLE AND BE BRIEFED AT PRE-SELECTED STARTING SITE AND WILL START AT SAME TIME.
6. H.T. MUST BE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE AT ALL TIMES. CANNOT BE HIDDEN ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.
7. HUNTERS MUST CONFORM TO ALL TRAFFIC LAWS.
8. NO LIMIT TO HUNTERS IN ONE CAR.
9. NO LIMIT TO OPERATORS AT H.T. SITE.
10. H.T. MUST TRANSMIT ON THE SAME SIMPLEX FREQUENCY, 146.52 OR 147.55, (SPECIFIED AT) HUNTERS STARTING SITE.
11. THE H.T. SIGNAL MUST BE HEARD CLEARLY AT THE STARTING SITE.
12. VARYING THE H.T. POWER IS PROHIBITED AS IS THE RELOCATION OF THE H.T. ANTENNA.
13. THE FIRST HUNTER TO LOCATE THE H.T. WILL BE DECLARED THE WINNER AND WINS THE RIGHT TO BE THE NEXT H.T.
14. ALL HUNTERS ARE CALLED IN TO MEET AT A CONVENIENT PUB FOR DEBRIEFING.

### NOTES:

A SIMPLY CONSTRUCTED CUBICAL QUAD ANTENNA WILL PERFORM VERY WELL. SEE THE ARRL HANDBOOK FOR ANTENNA DATA, CHAPTER 20. AN "S" METER WILL BE VERY VALUABLE. AN ATTENUATOR WILL BE VERY VALUABLE.

(JERRY-W8TWJ@AOL.COM)

### Albuquerque Transmitter Hunting Rules

Albuquerque Transmitter Hunting Rules Designed to keep this a fun event for all Revised July 15, 1998  
1. The Hidden T signal must be copyable at the starting point by agreement among the hunters present. The start point is a small parking lot at the North end of Yale between the UNM North Golf Course and the Center for Non-Invasive Studies. Start times are 9 AM on First Saturday of each month and 1 PM on Third Sunday of each month. Call in frequency is the 147.15 (+, no PL) repeater.  
2. The transmitter must be on 145.565 MHz and maintain constant power throughout the hunt. The antenna may be in any configuration, but the polarization must not change during the hunt.  
3. The antenna and transmitter shall be within 500 feet of access by standard passenger cars in a publicly accessible area with no charge for admission. Reasonable care must be taken to ensure that hunters can safely get to the hidden transmitter and in the spirit of fun hunts, easy access to the transmitter via a traffic or safety hazard should be avoided by the hunter.  
4. The hunt boundaries are the edges of the latest Rand McNally map of Albuquerque. However, Sandia Crest, military reservations and Native American reservation lands are out of bounds.  
5. Rule Modifications: The following rule modifications must be announced before the day of the hunt and should be announced at least a week early: Any boundary extensions must be specified. Intermittent signals with less than 10 seconds of "on time." Any off-road distance extensions must be specified. Any variations to "minimum mileage wins" calculations. Alternate frequencies must be announced in advance, except for low power sniffing exercises.

## FOR SALE :

1) Icom IC-706 HF/ VHF all mode all band xcvr - 100w on HF & 6 mtrs - 10w on 2 mtrs( NO 70cm ) This is 1st generation model, I am original owner, non-smoker. Rig comes with separation cable ( \$ 52.00 option) , original box, manual, mic & power cord. Will gladly demo on the air..... only \$ 550.00

2) Kenwood TS-430s ( one of Kenwood's finest ever built ) HF xcvr w/gen coverage rcvr - 100+ watts on HF - rear port for xvtr a GREAT rig...cosmetically CLEAN...glad to demo ....mic & power cord....sorry , no manual, i am 2nd owner - both owners non-smokers.....only \$ 425.00

3) Assorted LONG boom 2 mtr yagis ( 17B2, 13B2, 4218XL ) and Rohn 20G/25G Tower sections and tower accessories  
If interested contact WB2QLP@aol.com or at 455-4823

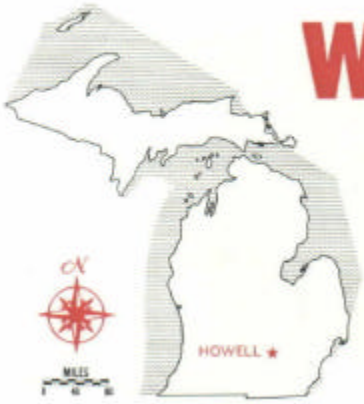

K2ZEL has a MFJ Deluxe Versa Tuner II (MFJ-949E) for sale  
Call Bill at 992-4708

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## Member QSL Card

Howell, Michigan 48843, U.S.A.  
(LIVINGSTON COUNTY)

**WB8VQU**

CONFIRMING CONTACT				
RADIO		DATE		GMT
MHZ	MODE	RST	WATTS	

 **HOWELL** ★

73,  
Dave Ducett  
619 Roosevelt Street

Pse QSL Tnx

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Editor's note: Dave needs to get a new card to reflect his move to SW Florida.  
( Hey where is your card???? Feature here next month???)

Announcement from W4EHW  
Amateur Radio Station at the  
National Hurricane Center

W4EHW Hurricane Season 2002 On-The-Air Station Test

Saturday, June 1st, 2002 9am-6pm EST (1300z-2200z)

The purpose of this annual Station Test is to test all of our radio equipment, computers and antennas. RFI monitoring is also done to NOAA & NHC equipment. We will also be testing some new antennas and equipment that are being installed for this coming season. A few new operators will receive hands-on training.

W4EHW will be On-The-Air on HF, VHF and UHF  
We plan on using the following phone frequencies +/-QRM  
7.268mhz, 14.325mhz, 21.325mhz, 28.525mhz.  
CW will be on 14.035, 21.035 and 28.035. PSK31 on 14.070.  
South Florida area VHF & UHF Repeaters & 146.52 simplex & 144.200 ssb

Report your Callsign, Signal Report, Location &  
Short Weather Report ("Sunny", or "Rain", etc.)

Non-Hams are invited to submit their actual weather using the  
On-Line Hurricane Report Form at <http://www.fiu.edu/orgs/w4ehw/WX-form1.html>

Thank you for your participation in this TEST.

QSL Cards are available via W4VBQ. Please S.A.S.E.

Due to security measures, NO VISITORS will be allowed at NHC during this test.

Please forward this announcement.

73,  
John McHugh KU4GY, Amateur Radio Coord. National Hurricane Center  
Julio Ripoll WD4JR, Asst. Amateur Radio Coord. National Hurricane Center  
W4EHW Home Page: <http://www.fiu.edu/orgs/w4ehw>

## **Minutes of April Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by WB2QLP, vice president at 7:30 pm April 23, 2002. President A.D. was sick. The minutes of the March meeting were read by the secretary and approved through a motion by KQ0Q seconded by AA4RX. The treasurer's report was given and approved through a motion be KB2SFA seconded by KD4VRZ.

The secretary read the communications to club for their discussion. There was no action required.

A motion was made by John, KQ0Q that a check be written to the Collier County Red Cross of \$200.00 at this time and a second check of the same value be written in November. The motion was seconded by AA4RX and was discussed thoroughly. The motion was defeated. Another motion was made to donate \$200.00 to the Collier County Red Cross Chapter designating that the funds be used in Collier County. This motion also indicated that an additional donation should be a part of the November agenda. This motion was passed and the treasurer was directed to prepare and deliver the check to the chapter house before the next meeting of the club.

Jerry, W8TWJ, gave a short presentation of transmitter hunting as a possible club activity (see article in May newsletter). There was some lively discussion regarding the possibilities of this event.

Bill, K2ZEL, continued the Communications 101 series with a short presentation on the National Traffic System. He listed the frequencies for the Florida nets as they currently listed at ARRL.

Confirmation for using the chapter house location for the 2002 Field Day was received by the secretary from the Red Cross. Chairman KQ0Q and his committee are busily preparing for the event. All members are asked to plan to participate that weekend.

The April 50/50 was won by a budding amateur visiting our meeting, Tom Silver-son. He is planning to take the test in Ft. Myers at the next offering.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm. Next meeting May 28, 2002 will be at the chapter house. It will be the last meeting before Field Day.

Submitted

G. William Reynolds, Sec/Treas