



# ARASWF *Newsletter*



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## **From the President:**

Another Hurricane Season almost gone and we were lucky again. The cooler weather feels great and our friends from the north are rolling into Naples, and I would like to welcome them to the Club meeting this month. It was brought up a few meetings ago about turning off the phone patch on the repeater. It has not been working for several months now, and we have been paying the bill, so I think maybe we need to discuss this issue again. Also, if enough are interested on doing a Fox Hunt, and if someone will step forward and get the ball rolling, maybe we could do one in the next few months. So I hope to see lots of you at the meeting.

73 till then - K4ADR

## **QCWA News:**

The Royal Palm Chapter # 152 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association invites anyone who has held an Amateur Radio License for 25 years or more to join QCWA. There are probably many hams in our area who qualify, but have never applied. To be a member of a local chapter, you must first belong to the national association. You can check out their web site at [www.qcwa.org](http://www.qcwa.org). National dues are \$20 which includes a subscription to their magazine "QCWA Journal" which is published four times a year. Our local chapter meets each month at Lely Palms on the second Thursday at 12:15 for lunch. Lunch is \$10 per person which includes your meal, beverage, and desert. Chapter dues are \$5 per year. For more information please contact Henry - W1CHK at 774-3406

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - OCTOBER 22, 2002  
7:30 PM - RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE**

### **From the Vice-President:**

Its that time of year again when we have to start thinking about the future of the ARASWF. By that I mean we **MUST** nominate and elect a new slate of officers for 2003. Traditionally, nominations are proposed at our October meeting, elections conducted at the November meeting and the 'transfer of the gavel' over to the new President and his 'cabinet' at the annual Christmas party in December.

In the past, more than once, we have come mighty close to the club dissolving. This was due to the fact that many members did not want to accept a nomination for an officer's position or to volunteer to be an officer of the club for the upcoming year. But in the very last moments of the eleventh hour, we were fortunate to have a few generous individuals step forward and to give of themselves to fill the positions of club officers and save the club from extinction.

Our current President , A.D. Randolph, K4ADR, has done a **GREAT** job during the years he has served. On his watch a lot has been accomplished and many advancements have been made in the ARASWF. We should be thankful to him for his volunteering to accept the President's position 2 yrs ago. He recently stated he will step down as Pres. for the next term.

Our club secretary / treasurer, Bill Reynolds , K2ZEL , who has served the club well for over 3 years also has advised us of his new commitments with other projects he has taken on and his position is in question for 2003.

The club newsletter editor, Pete Jordan, K1PJ, has recently volunteered to take over the newsletter duties from Bill. He's doing a **GREAT** job.....We hope Pete will stay on indefinitely !!!

Over the 20 + years i have been a member of the ARASWF, I have held different positions. Currently, of course, as the V.P. I will gladly stay on in this position for 2003 **ONLY IF** there is no other club member that wants to fill this seat.

I truly believe that in fairness to everyone , at one time or another, every member should have his/her turn as a club official in some capacity. This will keep the club growing and fresh new ideas coming to the surface.

Now that we have a permanent 'home' at the American Red Cross HQ, and a commitment to providing disaster communications for the people of Collier County, this meeting will be very important to the future life of the ARASWF. Please attend the meeting with this in mind.

Please also have in mind members who you would like to see be nominated and to be elected as 2003 club officers.

Oh yes, **VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME** , too !!!!!

See you all at the meeting on Oct 22 @ 1930 lcl.

73 de WB2QLP Jordan

### **Minutes of the September 2002 Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order by K4ADR at 7:30 pm on 24 September 2002 at the Collier County Red Cross Chapter House.

Introductions were made of the members and guests present.. There were 17 members and guests that signed the roster.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given. The treasury stands at \$1950.79 with all current bills paid. The report was approved as given.

Under old business, the expenditure of money was approved for the purchase of a new antenna for the repeater and for sufficient coax to replace the feed lines to that antenna, and to replace the coax at the Red Cross that was damaged by lightning. WB2QLP will order and the treasurer will provide the check for AA4RX to pick up the material when he next goes to the east coast.

AA4RX gave a report from the club testing session held on the 21st of Sept. He reported that 3 persons passed their tests taken; 1 Tech, 1 General, 1 Extra. Next testing session will be held in March 2003.

Bill, K2ZEL announced that he has accepted the appointment as assistant state director, NAVMARCOR MARS in Florida.

A list of the upcoming hamfests was reported. Note Okeechobee fest is Nov 30. Tampa is Dec 7 & 8.

The next skywarn classes will be held November 1 and 2 at the EOC. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted  
G. William Reynolds K2ZEL  
Secretary/Treasurer

## **Melbourne Hamfest Summary - KG4NBB**

I left town about 05:15, and arrived there about 09:15, on schedule. I had the APRS running, and I had my GPS on the dash showing the way. I also had Street Atlas running on the laptop computer beside me. I always knew where I was! I chatted with a couple of hams while cruising up I95, which helped pass the time.

Well, it wasn't as large as Dayton, but then nothing is. There were fewer commercial vendors than I expected.

The inside sales area is an auditorium about the size of a small hockey rink. It was set up with numerous rows of tables. (The aisles between rows were very narrow. If anyone had yelled "Fire!" I'm not sure everyone would have gotten out.)

The outside area in the parking lot had fewer vendors, I think, but they were more spread out.

I checked both areas a few times, comparing goods and prices. There were lots of 2m FM radios, new and used, some dual-band radios, lots of HF radios, test equipment, computers and parts, etc. There was a very nice 1950' era television, turned on and working. There were a couple of the obligatory non-ham vendors (jewelry, video tapes, etc.).

As someone has pointed out, the median age of hams is rather high. I don't wish to contribute to the stereotypes, but a couple of note: several people trying to navigate the narrow aisles with walkers; a few electric wheelchairs; one vendor who could barely stand up, wearing a T-shirt touting a cardiac rehab unit; and one attendee who shuffled along the aisles, always with one hand on a table or display for support (with me following impatiently). In spite of all that, I didn't see any medical people on scene, and I don't think there were any incidents that required them. :-)

The outside vendors starting packing up by 13:00. It was getting hot out there. I saw a few items left for the garbage, but that's where they belonged for the most part.-)

So, in the end, the only thing I purchased was a hard disk drive for a laptop computer.

(2 GB for \$35 -- it's going into project I'm working on.)

I'm thinking I should have bought two.-)

I had lots of time for the return trip, so I made some side trips to see Lake Okeechobee, and a couple of the locks along the canal. The only rain I saw was for a short section near LaBelle on the return trip. Overall, a fine relaxing day.

Gerry Wheeler KG4NBB

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**Upcoming Hamfests / Flea Markets:**

Yesteryear Village Radio Club & Major Armstrong FMA

November 2, 2002

West Palm Beach, FL

Contact: Jeff Beals- WA4AW at 561-499-4156 or Email: wa4aw@arrl.net

Tailgate/Free Flea

University of Miami ARC & Flamingo Net

November 16, 2002

Coral Gables, FL

Contact: Bill Moore- WA4TEJ@beethoven.com

Okeechobee ARC

November 30, 2002

Okeechobee, FL

<http://flweather.com/oarc>

Contact: Chuck Phillips- KE4EUW at 863-610-0427 or Email: ke4euw@yahoo.com

Tampa ARC

December 7 & 8, 2002

Fort Myers ARC

January 11, 2002

Fort Myers, FL

Contact: Earl Spencer- K4FQU

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**DON'T FORGET OUR CLUB NET - WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
7:30 PM - 146.64 MHZ. REPEATER**

# *PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, Amateur Radio is an important Public Service and Phyllisan West, KA4FZI has been a dedicated supporter of the Southern Florida Section for over ten years; and

**WHEREAS**, Phyllisan, affectionately known as "Miss Phil" to the members of the section, has been an integral leader and mentor to her SFL staff and appointees, and provided training, answered unending questions, recruited appointees, represented the ARRL at Hamfests and conventions; and

**WHEREAS**, Phyllisan has, been the backbone of QFN for many years, is currently manager of QFN, and NCS on QFN and QFNS; and

**WHEREAS**, Phyllisan has introduced numerous young people to Amateur Radio during her teaching career and in her retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to her long volunteer hours on behalf of Amateur Radio she volunteers many hours at her church sharing her musical talents. And, in her spare time, she volunteers at Cape Coral Elementary School, putting in more time than any other volunteer at the school. All this she balances with family; and,

**WHEREAS**, we just can' t say enough good about Phyllisan, KA4FZI:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the members of the ARRL Southern Florida Section that October 2002 be designated as **PHYLLISAN WEST, KA4FZI MONTH** in Southern Florida and ask all Amateur Radio operators to give her a "Thank You" for her efforts on their behalf. We also dedicate the Southern Florida Section' s events of the annual **ARRL SET** to **"Miss Phil"** and hereby rename it **WESTSET**.

Dated the 14 day of September, 2002

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**Sherri Brower, W4STB**

**Section Manager Elect**

On Behalf of the Southern Florida Section

### **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

CHAT—144.970

#### **Club Home Page**

<http://naples.net/clubs/amradio>

#### **Club Officers/ Chairmen**

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### **FOR SALE:**

Kenwood TS830 HF Transceiver  
With Fox Tango Filters, manual, and  
Service Manual. Make Offer.

Call Dick W0MIA - 261-8537

### **Editors' Notes:**

I have assembled some surplus computer and network equipment, and will be donating it to the club. Included are 5 complete Dell PC's with monitors, keyboards, and mice. Most are Pentium-166 Mhz., running Windows 95 or 98. Hopefully these will make a good addition to the club equipment inventory, as they can be set up with Writelog, networked, and be ready for use during contests such as Field Day.

### **Contact Us:**

If you have info, articles, announcements, for sale items, etc.

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73— Pete K1PJ