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From the President:

Thank you Pete Jordan for stepping forward and taking over as the new News Letter Editor. I'm sure he will do a excellent job, just as Bill Reynolds has done for several years. We all would like to say thank you Bill for the time and effort you have put into the Clubs News Letter. I'm sure like me, we all look forward to reading it each month. I was on a local repeater the other day and ran into Bob - N4WFH, and he asked if I could pass on some information about setting up a BBS in the Naples area. We will have a summary for the "SWFDG Network" to pass out at the meeting.
73, K4ADR

From the Vice President:

There have been some new additions to the appearance of the K4YHB station at the Red Cross HQ. Thanks go out to club member John Simander, KQ0Q, for his generous donation of white kitchen cabinets to the ARASWF. After approval was granted for the installation by the RC, on Sunday, August 4, Club Pres. K4ADR, Club V.P. WB2QLP, and KQ0Q, gathered at the RC HQ to 'hang' the cabinets on the wall above the radio operating position. (See Pictures) The installation took approximately 2 hours. With this addition, the final phase of the station is close to completion. A few small finishing touches will be completed in the near future. We hope to have a BIG turnout for the August 27th meeting since the RC will be the main program presentation. It comes in a timely manner, since we are currently in the heart of hurricane season. They will discuss the combined roles of the RC, the ARASWF and the EOC in the event of an actual emergency activation for Collier County. The information presented will be VERY important for all of us! Pass the word around about this IMPORTANT meeting to all your friends, other hams, and on the repeaters. See you all on Tuesday, August 27th at 7:30 pm at the RC Chapter House.
73 de WB2QLP

Minutes of the July Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by K4ADR, president. Introductions were made for those present. There were several members including the president of the Fort Myers club among our visitors.

The secretary gave a short commentary of the field day indicating that the club expended \$156.20 for field day, primarily for food for the operators. The treasurer reported that all current bills received have been paid and that the current balance is \$1865.18. The reports were approved as given.

Bill has requested that he be relieved of the editorship of the monthly newsletter. K1PJ, Pete Jordan has volunteered to assume the job. Thanks to Bill for a job well done during the past five years.

AD reported on a continuing problem with the 67 repeater. There is a need for more technical help with respect to our repeaters and digipeater.

VHF activity night for club members and area amateurs was discussed but no action or recommendations were made. It was noted that in the last QST, NJ2F and KB2SFA were noted for their participation in recent VHF activities.

It was noted that on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm there is a 2m rag chew net for this local area. The net is meeting on the 146.64 repeater while the club repeater is unavailable. It was also noted that the RACES net meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm on the 147.03 repeater.

AA4RX announced that the club test date will be Sept. 21, 2002 here at the Red Cross Chapter House. He also announced that there will be a class for persons desiring to become amateurs at the Lee County EOC. It will be hosted by FMARC and the starting date will be announced later.

Alan reported on the IRLP link which is connected through the county 2m/440 repeaters, and noted that there are some changes coming up.

The Melbourne Hamfest is scheduled for Sept. 14, 2002. The Fort Myers Hamfest is to be Jan. 11, 2003. The 50-50 raffle was won by George N3ISH.

Motion to adjourn by KD4VRY, seconded by N3ISH at 8:50 pm.

Respectively submitted

G. William Reynolds

Skywarn Training:

Basic and Advanced Skywarn training is now scheduled for Friday September 27 and Saturday September 28, 2002.

The Basic Spotter training will be 10 AM until 12 PM both days.

The Advanced training will be 1:30 PM until 3:30 PM both days.

Participants must have attended a Basic Spotter course to attend the Advanced Course. Both can be taken the same day.

Pre- registration is required by Thursday, August 29th.

When you register, please indicate each class you plan to attend & date/time.

Skywarn training will be held in the EOC:

Collier County Emergency Operations Center

3301 East Tamiami Trail

Naples, FL 34112

The EOC is located at the northeast corner of Airport Rd. & East Tamiami Trail (US-41 East).

If you are interested in attending this training, please contact the Collier County Skywarn Coordinator, Eric Gissendaner, w4giz@weathernet.us

SWFARA to hold License Exam Session:

The club will hold a test session on Saturday, September 21, 2002 at the Red Cross Chapter House on Northbrooke Plaza Drive.

The Code test will be at 9:30 am, and the Written tests will start at 10:00 am.

We could use one or two non-VE club members to assist with registration, etc.

Contact Howard—AA4RX

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FMARC Radio Classes:

The FMARC is starting beginning amateur radio classes (including code) on August 19, 2002 at 6:30PM at the Lee County Emergency Operations Center on Ortiz between Colonial and MLK Blvd. Contact is Addison Lawrence, KC4UCN, at 239-433-0358. Also Addison can get ARRL study publications at reduced prices (for instance the code tapes are marked 14.95, he charged me 12 - he also has code CD' s). If any of our members have anyone that is interested in getting started in ham radio, this is the way to go. Also, they have ongoing exam sessions on the second Thursday of each month at the Lee County EOC.

Howard - AA4RX

Upcoming Hamfests:

Melbourne Hamfest

September 14, 2002, 9 am-5 pm.

Set up Friday, 6 to 8:30 pm. Talk-in: 146.85-

Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd., Melbourne, FL

All tickets are \$5.00

Tailgate spaces are \$15.00 (includes 1 ticket).

Swap Tables are \$25.00 per table (includes 1 ticket per table).

Commercial Tables are \$80.00 each.

Visit our website at www.pcars.org

Additional Info: Tim Madden (321) 724-9339 or KI4TG@arrl.net

ARC-BA Hamfest and Computer Show

Location: Bradford County Fairgrounds, just north of Starke, FL on US 301

Date: Saturday October 12, 2002

Time: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Prices: Tickets are \$4.00, Tables are \$5.00, Tailgateing is FREE with ticket.

Every 4th table is FREE, Children under 13 are FREE

Talk in: 145.150-

Vendors Setup on Friday from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm or Saturday from 6am +

Please let us know if you plan on coming so we can have your area ready.

FREE overnight RV parking (no hookups)

On site concessions including breakfast.

Door prizes.

Exams (must be pre-registered)

For more info contact John or Millie Bradley at 904-782-1185

or e-mail ku4ay@ku4ay.net

Web site: <http://www.ku4ay.net/starkehamfest.html>

We look forward to seeing you all there and pass this info to your friends.

John (KU4AY)

President, ARC-BA

Club Net:

Don't forget our weekly club 2M net. Wednesdays at 7:30 pm on 146.64

CLUB MEETING: Tuesday, August 27, 2002 7:30 pm at Red Cross !

K4YHB Improvements:

On Sunday morning Aug 4, the K4YHB Construction Crew went into action. We planned a work party to start around 9 A.M. but because of a late breakfast we got a late start--10 A.M.

First the Construction Engineer (aka K4ADR) measured and pounded the walls looking for the studs. Then the Construction Supervisor (aka WB2QLP) started sorting and searching for parts. Then the Construction Procurement Supervisor (aka KQ0Q) started looking for shelves, doors, and pins to hold the shelves.

Things went very smoothly until we noticed that the top of the computer which had a coax line lying across it was black !

We had taken a lightning hit. But more on that in another article. We had the set of cabinets up, tools collected, and doors locked by 12:30. Another job well done.

73,
KQ0Q - John



Construction Engineer and Construction Supervisor preparing to start project, Photo by Construction Procurement Supervisor.



The finished project and other dedicated club members present.

More Construction Photos

Taken August 4th at the K4YHB station located at the Red Cross Chapter House.
Photos Courtesy of Jordan — WB2QLP



A.D.-K4ADR and John-KQ0Q position the straps used to hang the cabinets.



A.D.-K4ADR anchors straps to the wall.



Construction progresses as the new storage cabinets are put in place.



A.D. and John putting on the doors.
These cabinets make a great addition to the K4YHB station facility.

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

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Editors' Notes:

First I'd like to thank Bill—K2ZEL for the great job he's done over the years, putting out a fine Newsletter for our Club. Bill will still continue to serve as our honorable Secretary/Treasurer.

Recently he was appointed training officer, NAVMARCOR MARS, for the state and was appointed a member of the Florida Joint Service MARS interoperability. As you can see, this will certainly keep him out of trouble for a while.

Hopefully I'll be able to follow in his footsteps and continue to provide information and articles for our members via our club Newsletter.

Since this was my first issue, I hope everyone will bear with me while I get my feet wet. As with any newsletter, I'll need the help of the membership to send me information and articles to be included in these pages.

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If you don't get a live body, I have voice mail on all phone lines.

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to help the club! 73— Pete K1PJ