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Communications 101

Starting with the meeting this month the club will be presenting a series of half-hour information session regarding amateur radio radiograms and their handling in the amateur radio traffic system and in emergency communication networks. The presentation this month will be on the structure of the radiogram and will include examples of a message format. The session this month will also discuss the role of the different amateur radio stations in the process.

Future sessions will discuss the NTS (National Traffic System), The emergency Nets, and the necessary net procedures that are observed with each system. The sessions will endeavor to show where the local amateur becomes involved and will discuss his responsibilities with the process. These sessions are being developed in response to suggestions from the club members. If you have ideas for topics that could be a part of the ongoing club program the executive board or any of the committee chairmen would be to take your suggestion and pass it along to the appropriate person.

The Voice of the President

Summer is just around the corner and so is Fire and Hurricane Season ! Hopefully the service of the Amateur Radio will not be needed. But just in case it is , Bill Reynolds is going to have a session on traffic handling at the next club meeting. Anyone interested in learning how to handle traffic ,please come to March's meeting. We had a great showing at the last meeting .So I'll be looking to see you there. Don't forget March 30 is the CQ ww ssb wpx contest , it will a great time for all, So I will listening for you on the airwaves !!

73 KE4JZT A.D.

Next Meeting 26 March at the Red Cross - 7:30 pm

Comments from the Vice President:

For the past few months I have been trying to promote the idea of the ARASWF sponsoring a weekend social event for the club members and their families. We don't have to eat, sleep & talk 'ham radio' all the time ! Do we ?

Since we live in S.W. Florida during the spring time, we are fortunate to be close to 2 Major League Baseball Teams spring training facilities. I thought it would be a good idea to get a group of club members and their families together to spend an afternoon at the ball park.

Well, it was a good idea with good intentions !That's about as far as it got !

After numerous attempts and phone calls to contact both training facilities (Minn. Twins & Boston Red Sox) in Ft. Myers to try to purchase a group of tickets for a Sunday game, i found it was an impossible request. Since the spring training season only last 5-6 weeks getting tickets for a weekend game is tough....to say the least. Yes, there were a few tickets available for a few remaining games , but i was told over and over that it was highly unlikely to get 10-12 tickets for seats in close proximity to each other. What fun would it be to go to the game as a group and not be able to sit together. I was told to try again next year , but a lot earlier in the season when the tickets first go on sale. Then, maybe !!!

Oh well, back to square one.....any other ideas ?

C'mon folks, lets get out for a Sunday picnic or a fishing trip.....or a boat ride. You just might have a good time.....

Spring time is here.....let's get out and enjoy it. Leave 'chasing DX' or 'contesting' at home this weekend.....

Bring your ideas and comments to the next club meeting at the Red Cross on March 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

P.S.....Bring your QSL card to put on display at the K4YHB station.
De WB2QLP (Jordan)

Your Thoughts related to this?

From: KD4VRZ

Here is something that might be of interest to the club and member:

ARRL affiliated club stations may use the service when submitting club QSL's by indicating the club name. Club secretaries should check affiliation papers to ensure that affiliation is current. **In addition to sending club station QSL's through this service, affiliated clubs may also "pool" their members' individual QSL cards to effect an even greater savings.** Each club member using this service must also be a League member. Cards should be sorted "en masse" by prefix, and proof of Membership enclosed for each ARRL member.



March Dinner Deeting

We had a very nice turn out at the Dinner meeting on March 6. 16 persons where present. I introduced one new Restaurant, where we could hold our Meeting, after the Pacific 41 close there doors.

But I have 2 more places in view, and then we will have a selection of 3 Restaurants. If anyone knows a Restaurant, which we could go to, please let me know.

We really had a lively chat session, and eve-

ryone enjoyed the gathering.

FOR THE NEXT MEETING : Please make reservations with Don Mielke, WD4FLY. His phone number is : 262-5569, the meeting will be on April 3. Because Hanni and I will be out of town, the dinner meeting will still be at the Pacific 41, at 6 pm.

I took a few pictures from this lively bunch of chatters. I see you all at the May 1. meeting.

73 88 de Sigi and Hanni



John , KQ0Q & Bill, KE4RGH admire the new look at K4YHB. ARASWF past president Bill Stearns, KE4RGH, was in Naples on vacation the week of March 1 and found time to visit the new 'home' of K4YHB. Bill now resides in Wilmington, NC and you can find him on 17m SSB. If you hear him on the band , give him a shout.....



The new look at the K4YHB operating position. The station continues to grow nicely thanks to the donations from club members. An additional shelf is planned as well as a nice wall banner with the club call. Come on by and operate the equipment on your spare time. Its available to club members on weekdays during business hours and on weekends by appointment. You have the option to use your own call or the club call 'K4YHB' . The club's call will be used on any club sponsored activity, contest or emergency activation

Minutes of the February Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the president KE4JZT at 7:35 pm at the Red Cross Chapter House. Following introductions of those present the secretary read the minutes of the January meeting. KD4VRZ moved the acceptance of the minutes and it was seconded by AA4RX. The minutes were accepted as read. The treasurer's report was given indicating that there was \$2318.28 in the treasury and that all current bill had been paid. KU1Q moved the acceptance of the report. It was seconded by AA4RX. The report was accepted as read. There were 28 members and guests present at the meeting.

WD4FLY gave a report on the upcoming March of Dimes Walkathon to be held on 6 April 2002 from 7:30 a.m. through noon that date. Members are needed to man the van and at the way points of the walk. Sign up with Don.

W2JQ reported that the next scheduled dinner meeting for members wishing a night out will be held on March 6th at the Pacific 41 Restaurant.

Jordan reported that the cabinets and counter top were in place at the station. He also noted that the DX Phone contest was coming up on the weekend.

N4XSE presented an idea for a club banner to be displayed in the station. It was recommended that he pursue the concept and report back.

KF4MJJ and KF4OXE went over procedures for using the IRLP node here in Naples. They gave a detailed procedure for starting the link and for making a contact and shutting down the link. Alan has indicated that he will write up the procedure for publication in a future issue of the newsletter.

During the discussion of new business the topic of emergency traffic classes was discussed. Bill, K2ZEL said that he would put together some ideas for several short training sessions.

AA4RX reported that the Fort Myers VE session is the second Thursday of the month at the Lee County Emergency Operations Center on Ortiz Street. The session starts at 6:30 pm and all VE's are welcome to work at the session. All persons wishing to upgrade may also walk in at that time. Directions to the center are—I75 to exit 22, west on colonial to first light (Ortiz), turn right and about 1 mile on the right.

The 50-50 collected \$47.00. WB8VQU, Dave won the drawing and contributed his half to the club. Thanks Dave.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Submitted by

G. Wm. Reynolds K2ZEL

Secretary/ Treasurer

Field Day is Coming Time to get ready

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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Editorial Comment

Time flies by faster than any of realize. It is now the end of March and 25% of the year has gone by. With the help of members from the club I now have a tri-band antenna up at the qth. It is the Mosley TA-33 SR and it works very well. The other night 10 m was open at 8 pm with this station hearing western Europe loud and clear.

This month we are trying half hour training and discussion sessions related to traffic handling. If these sessions prove to be popular we will widen the base of topics to be presented to the club.

Jordan is looking for more suggestions for presentations at the meetings. You do not have to be a polished speaker, just an interest in a topic that might be of interest to members of the club. Volunteer your thoughts to any of the board members, We need suggestions.

As of this week we have 80 members or family members that are current in their dues. There are still quite a few that have not responded to the mailing regarding their dues. Please respond as your dues supports club activities and projects.

It is the time of the year that our winter friends begin to make their annual migration to the northern realms. We want to wish them a safe journey. If you are one that makes the annual trek be sure that the secretary has your northern address so that you will receive club mailings and the newsletter. Thanks

See you at the meeting
Bill, K2ZEL, Editor