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From the President:

Sounds like Hurricane Season is about to pay us a visit. I hope not, but if it does, have your HT's and other radios ready. I do have the Red Cross badges from the pictures that were taken at the last meeting. You may call me at home (455-2194) or see me at the next Club meeting to get yours. Let's hope we will not have to use them this weekend.

It has been a fun two years for me but I will not run for another term as President. Its time for someone else to step forward and take their turn at it. It is not a hard job because it's the members of the Club that do all the work. We have a great group of Hams here in Naples, it has been my pleasure to serve as your President and I will help whoever takes office in January.

There was a group of us who ran the ARRL QSO Party this weekend and we all had FUN. This time of year the VHF contacts are few and far between in a contest so I would have hoped some more of the local Hams would have come out and given us some points for the contest, but most of us did do better than we did last year, so I guess I should not complain to much. 73 for now and hope to see all at the next meeting.

K4ADR

From the Vice President:

Summer 2002 is now over, Field Day 2002 is a distant memory and the return of the 'Snowbird 2002' is close at hand. We all got thru the somber anniversary of the tragic events of 1 year ago with thoughts and memories as fresh as if it occurred yesterday! For the rest of our lives, every September 11th we will re-live where we were, what we saw, and how we still hurt.

Just when we thought we'd sneak by the peak of hurricane season untouched, today (Tuesday, 9/17) comes news of a Tropical Depression gaining strength in the western Caribbean and heading in our general direction. The next 72-96 hrs is going to be a critical time for all of us in SW Florida. We might, just might, have a hurricane in our backyard before we meet next Tuesday !!!!

Keep a close eye on the weather over the next few days and have a plan in mind for the protection and welfare of your families, your homes and, of course, your radio equipment, computers, and antennas. My tower will certainly be cranked down, tilted over and secured if things start to get 'interesting' !!! I want it to be operational again as soon as the danger has passed.

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From the Vice President - (Continued from Front Page)

Many times in the past, here in Collier County, we' ve been very fortunate to escape approaching storms at the last minute. We' ve had many close calls....Let' s hope and pray that it happens again, but we must be prepared if it doesn' t.

The ARASWF club members will volunteer at the EOC, the American Red Cross HQ, and the shelters opened around the county to provide communications as needed. BE SURE to have necessary ID badges in your possession for access and travel.

On Saturday, Sept 21 ---WEATHER PERMITTING --- an Amateur Radio testing session is scheduled at the Red Cross HQ at 9 am. It will be headed up by our new VEC, Howard Roux, AA4RX. All license class exams will be available. Those interested in upgrading or becoming new hams are invited to attend. Please pass the word around.....

Good Luck to all, weather related or otherwise !!!!!

73 de WB2QLP Jordan

Minutes of the August Meeting:

The meeting was called to order by the president K4ADR at 7:30 pm August 27, 2002. Following introduction of the persons present at the meeting, the business portion of the meeting was deferred for the presentation by the Red Cross.

Mike Myerson hosted the presentation by the Red Cross Chapter. The presentation indicated the areas in which the radio club would be of support to the mission of the Red Cross in Collier County.

Pictures of the members present at the meeting were taken for the identification badges for emergency access to the supporting activities and facilities by the club members in time of emergency.

Following the presentation, the business portion of the meeting proceeded with the reading of the minutes and the treasurer' s report. They were accepted as read.

Jordan and AD inspected the repeater site and recommended that the club replace the antenna and the coaxial feed line. It was moved, seconded and passed to expend club funds for this purpose.

It was moved, seconded and passed that a \$50.00 petty cash fund be supplied to the editor for newsletter expenses. Receipts to be filed with the treasurer.

By consensus, it was decided to display the club trailer at the commemorative event on Sept 11 at Cambier Park with the Red Cross Emergency Van.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectively submitted

G. William Reynolds, K2ZEL

Secretary

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

(239) 775-8776 Weekdays

FMARC Radio Classes:

The FMARC is running Amateur Radio classes (including code), which started on August 19, 2002, 6:30PM at the Lee County Emergency Operations Center on Ortiz.

Contact is Addison Lawrence, KC4UCN, at 239-433-0358. If any of our members have anyone that is interested in getting started in ham radio, this is the way to go. It may be too late to enroll in this session, but they also have ongoing exam sessions on the second Thursday of each month at the Lee County EOC.

September 11th - Memorial Program

On September 11th, 2002, there was a memorial program held at Naples City Hall in memory of last year's 9/11 attacks. It was planned for Cambier Park, but because of inclement weather it was moved to the city hall. Our club was called upon to assist the American Red Cross at this program. The club members who attended were, K4ADR, KF4MJJ, KA2EYL, KB2TRD, KB2SFA and NJ2F. Our club banner was displayed on KF4MJJ's vehicle which was stationed alongside the Red Cross response vehicle. Some of our members distributed American flags to the public. The flags were supplied by the Red Cross. There were speeches by public officials and a song by a local children's choir. It was a moving ceremony which lasted a little over an hour.

NJ2F - Jeff

Club Net: Don't forget! Wednesdays at 7:30 pm on the 146.64 Mhz. Repeater.

CLUB MEETING

Tuesday, September 24, 2002 - 7:30 pm at Red Cross !

Nominations for Club Officers!

Upcoming Hamfests / Flea Markets:

ARC-BA Hamfest and Computer Show

October 12, 2002

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

Contact: John or Millie Bradley at 904-782-1185 or Email: ku4ay@ku4ay.net

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

Cy Harris W4MAQ Memorial Free Flea

October 12, 2002

Plantation, FL

Contact: Robin Terrill- N4HHP at 954-583-3625 or Email: kg4chw@arrl.net

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

Fort Myers ARC

January 11, 2002

Fort Myers, FL

Contact: Earl Spencer- K4FQU

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Introduction to Disaster Services - K1PJ, Ed.

At the August 27th Meeting, Pat Lawrence (Training Coordinator), and Mike Myerson (Disaster Chairman) of the American Red Cross, Collier County Chapter, gave us an excellent presentation entitled "Introduction to Disaster Services". It was very informative, and outlined the mission and types of services provided by the ARC. The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers, that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. It does this through services that are consistent with its Congressional Charter and the Principles of the International Red Cross Movement. Their service involvement includes Disaster, Blood, Health & Safety, International Services, and Armed Forces Emergency Services.

Because of their organized structure, the ARC Disaster Services ensure a nationwide system of disaster planning, preparedness, community disaster education, and response that will provide people with quality services delivered in a uniform, consistent, and responsive manner.

Since the club now has a station set up at the chapter house, we discussed the role the club could play in providing radio communications when the need arises. For example, in case of a Hurricane, the Red Cross would be called upon by local government to set up and man shelters as needed throughout the county for the first 72 hours. Since the county EOC has already indicated they don't have enough manpower to provide communications at these shelters, it is hoped that our radio club could be the team to provide this service. Also, since the Red Cross radio equipment is located in the same operating room as ours, we could possibly provide communications between the Emergency Response Vehicle, State Headquarters, other Chapters, and the county EOC as well. Presently, most of the schools within the county that are designated as possible emergency shelters, already have 2 Meter VHF antennas and feed lines in place. Emergency power would also be provided.

This is certainly a worthwhile project for the club, and deserves further attention to detail and organization. If at all possible, members are urged to take an active role in our partnership effort with the Red Cross.

Chapter Identification Badges with a picture ID are required to gain entrance into Shelters, ARC Headquarters, the EOC, etc. Therefore, all club members should have their picture taken at the Red Cross HQ so that badges can be provided. Many members have already had their picture taken at the August club meeting, and additional photo sessions will be set up in the future.

President - A.D. and V.P. - Jordan were invited to attend their quarterly meeting scheduled for December 12, 2002, 7:30 PM at the Red Cross Chapter House.

A Job Well Done



Pat Lawrence - Training Coordinator and
Mike Myerson - Disaster Chairman from the
American Red Cross - Collier County Chapter



Club VP - Jordan - WB2QLP (left)
Club Pres. - A.D.- K4ADR (center)
Club Sec./Treas. - Bill- K2ZEL (right)

Terms to know:

- **Tropical depression** - an organized system of clouds and thunderstorms with defined circulation. Maximum sustained winds of 38 mph (33 knots) or less.
- **Tropical storm** - an organized system of strong thunderstorms with a defined circulation. Maximum sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph (34-63 knots).
- **Tropical storm watch** - issued when tropical storm conditions may threaten a specific coastal area within 36 hours, and when the storm is not predicted to intensify to hurricane strength.
- **Tropical storm warning** - winds in the range of 39 to 73 mph can be expected to affect specific areas of a coastline within the next 24 hours.
- **Hurricane** - a warm-core tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or greater.
- **Eye** - center of a hurricane with light winds and partly cloudy to clear skies. The eye is usually around 20 miles in diameter but can range between 5 and 60 miles.
- **Eye wall** - location within a hurricane where the most damaging winds and intense rainfall are found.
- **Hurricane watch** - a hurricane or hurricane conditions may threaten a specific coastal area within 36 hours.
- **Hurricane warning** - sustained winds of 74 mph or higher associated with a hurricane are expected in a specified coastal area in 24 hours or less. A hurricane warning can remain in effect when dangerously high water or a combination of dangerously high water and exceptionally high waves continue, even though winds may be less than hurricane force.

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

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Homeland Security Directive - 3:

In March 2002, the U.S. Homeland Security Office and the White House established five threat conditions for possible terrorist attack:

- **Green** = Low
- **Blue** = Guarded
- **Yellow** = Elevated
- **Orange** = High
- **Red** = Severe

On Tuesday, Sept. 10, the state of alert was raised to an Orange level.

Although these alerts are mainly intended for government agencies, the Red Cross has developed a complementary set of guidelines for other areas.

For more information, visit their website: **www.redcross.org**

Editors' Notes:

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

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73— Pete K1PJ