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From the Presidents Shack:

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This is the time of year that we reflect on past accomplishments and future goals. I am looking forward to working with all of you to make this Amateur Radio Club the very best. Whether you are into voice, packet, satellite, emergency communications, or any other of the fascinating facets of Amateur Radio, I hope we can all work together to make our projects successful.

I would like to thank each and every HAM for their assistance to not only me but the club as a whole. YOU have accomplished a lot this last year and for that I am grateful. We have a lot to do this coming year and now more than ever, I need all of your assistance to make this club one of the best in Florida.

There will not be a club meeting for the month of December so we can all spend precious time with family and friends. The next meeting will be held at the Red Cross Chapter House on January 28, 2003 at 7:30 pm. Hope to see EVERYONE at the meeting.

Again, Best Wishes to you and your family during this holiday season.

73- Mark, KG4QPD

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

From the V.P.

At the beginning of our last club meeting in November, it was looking like the club's Christmas party was not going to happen. The restaurant that we had used for the party for so many years was no longer in existence. Their building was demolished to make way for a downtown beautification project.

Members voiced their ideas and opinions of where to hold our annual Christmas party dinner. It was decided that we try for a restaurant that: 1) could accommodate our group of about 30-40 people on a short notice, 2) give us our own private room, 3) we could order meals off the existing menu, and , of course, 4) be centrally located !!!! It would seem that this was not a real easy task, especially this time of year during 'the season'. On behalf of the club, Jeff, NJ2F, volunteered to take on this challenge. Jeff and his wife, Beverly, KA2EYL moved into action quickly and by the next evening had secured a restaurant that would meet our needs. They had contacted Perkins Restaurant on Pine Ridge Road, and the party was on, and scheduled for the following Wednesday evening, December 4th.

We had approximately 40 people in attendance. Laughter, good stories, good fellowship, and good food made for a very enjoyable evening. Our outgoing President, A.D. Randolph, K4ADR, made the ceremonial 'Passing of the Gavel' to the incoming ARASWF President, Mark Kennedy, KG4QPD. Kudos go out to Jeff and Beverly for making the ARASWF 2002 Christmas dinner possible!

The new year will bring continued growth to our club with new members joining all the time. There are many new hams joining our ranks, from new licensees to hams moving in to our area from up north.

With our new 'home' located at the Red Cross, and new people with fresh new ideas should make 2003 a very exciting time for the ARASWF.

Wishing you all a HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON,
and a HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

See you all at the next meeting , Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003 @ 7:30 pm. Local.

73 de WB2QLP Jordan

November Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by president A.D. at 7:30 p.m. on 26 November 2002. There were 28 members and guests present. Following introductions of persons present, the minutes of the October meeting were read and approved through motion by NJ2F, seconded by AA4RX. The treasurer reported \$1575.33 on hand with all current bills paid. The report was accepted as read through motion by KF4MJJ and seconded by AA4RX.

There was a report given by A.D. regarding the controller on the club repeater. It was decided that the present controller was adequate when some of the odd functions were disabled.

The secretary reported that the dues letter would be mailed toward the end of December. It is important to return the data update sheet. At present we are getting from 5 to 8 bounces on e-mail addresses.

Possibly over the holidays there will be a working party to reinstall the antenna and to replace the coax at the Red Cross Chapter House.

The president then proceeded to hold the club elections.
Mark Kennedy KG4QPD was elected president for the year 2003
Jordan Mash WB2QLP was re-elected as vice president for the year 2003
Bill Reynolds K2ZEL was re-elected as Sec/ treas. for the year 2003.

NJ2F took on the responsibility of obtaining a location and date for the December dinner meeting.

The next examination session for the club will be held at the Chapter house on 29 March 2003. Reminder of the Ft. Myers Hamfest, 11 Jan 2003 at the Araba Shrine Temple on Hanson Street.

The 50-50 drawing was won by AA4RX. The kitty had \$34.

K1PJ has accepted the position as volunteer communications coordinator for the Naples Red Cross Chapter.

Pete Jordan K1PJ gave a talk on "Expanding the "HAM" Population". Pete expressed some thoughts on the subject, and opened the floor for comments. Thanks Pete for the presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted
G. Wm Reynolds
Sec/ Treas.

Upcoming Hamfests / Flea Markets:

Fort Myers ARC

January 11, 2002

Araba Shrine Temple

Hanson Street

Fort Myers, FL

Contact: Earl Spencer– K4FQU

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Florida State Convention (“Tropical Hamboree 2003”)

February 1 - 2, 2003

Miami, FL

Dade Radio Club of Miami

<http://www.hamboree.org>

Contact: John Hall - WD4SFG

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Orlando HamCation

Amateur Radio & Computer Show

February 7, 8 & 9, 2003

Central Florida Fairgrounds

Talk-In: 146.760 Repeater

[Http://www.oarc.org/hamcat.html](http://www.oarc.org/hamcat.html)

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**NO CLUB MEETING IN DECEMBER
THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2003
AMERICAN RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE**

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

December Christmas Dinner Party

On Wednesday, December 4th, the club had a Christmas Dinner Party at Perkins Restaurant on Pine Ridge Road in Naples. The event was put together on rather short notice, but thanks to the efforts of Jeff - NJ2F and xyl Beverly- KA2EYL, they were able to put things together quickly. Everyone had a great time and the evening went by quickly. Here are a few photos compliments of Jeff- NJ2F.



Jordan - WB2QLP (left), presents outgoing President A.D. - K4ADR with a plaque for his dedicated service as club President.



Mark - KG4QPD (left), receives the Gavel as incoming President from A.D. - K4ADR.



A.D.- K4ADR (left), presents Dana -KB2TRD with a MFJ SWR Analyzer she won at the Okeechobee HamFest and didn't even know it! She and Anthony - KB2SFA had to leave before the drawing, so they gave their tickets to A.D.



Congratulations to our 2003 Club Officers.

Jordan - WB2QLP (left) - Vice President
Mark - KG4QPD (center) - President
Bill - K2ZEL (right) - Secretary / Treasurer
Good Luck in the year ahead!

Operating News

Some of our club members are getting together on the air in an attempt to increase activity in our area. Posted below is the schedule which has been adopted as of press time. Anyone with equipment for the band and mode listed is encouraged and welcome to join in the QSO. All times listed are local. So print this page and hang it in the shack or on the refrigerator in the kitchen to as a reminder.

Radio Night

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FREQ.</u>	<u>MODE</u>
Sunday	6:00 PM	50.125 MHz. -	USB
Monday	7:00 PM	144.200 MHz. -	USB
Tuesday	7:00 PM	147.030 Rptr. -	FM - EOC Net (except 2nd Tuesday- EOC meeting).
Tuesday	8:00 PM	222.100 MHz. -	USB
Wednesday	7:30 PM	146.640 Rptr. -	FM -ARASWF Club Net
Wednesday	8:00 PM	432.100 MHz. -	USB
Wednesday	8:15 PM	443.700 Rptr. -	FM

Club meetings are 4th Tuesday each month
except June-Field Day--and December--Christmas dinner.

10 Meter Contest

The ARRL 10 Meter Contest was held on the weekend of December 14 & 15, 2002. Operators were allowed to work both phone and cw, and pool their scores as a club effort. Some of our participating members included AA4RX - Howard, WB2QLP - Jordan, K4ADR - A.D., NJ2F - Jeff, K1PJ - Pete, and KB2SFA - Anthony (using the call of KA2EYL/N for extra points). Whether you participated as a serious contester, or just operated for a few hours, it proved to be lots of fun. Band conditions on Ten Meters were great, and with lots of signals on both SSB and CW, it provided plenty of multipliers as well. We'll post the final score results in the next newsletter.

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

FOR SALE:

LDG AT-11 Automatic Antenna Tuner - \$100

VHF SWR/Power Meter - \$25

PK-232 MBX Packet TNC - \$65

Call Marty K1FHR at 591-1630

FOR SALE:

Kenwood TR7950 2M - FM Transceiver
45W / 5W Output, 21 Memories, scans.
NPC 13.6 VDC @ 12 A Power Supply

Make Offer. K1PJ - Pete 216-2021

Contact Us:

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

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If you don't get a live body, I have voice
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73— Pete K1PJ