



# ARASWF *Newsletter*



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## **From the President's Shack:**

Remember sitting in your shack and tuning through the bands and all of a sudden you make that contact with that rare DX station? Remember that feeling when you contacted that last station to complete your Worked All States? What did you do? Don't you want to let the whole world know of your accomplishment?

This is how Clubs get started. A place where people can go to SHARE the same interest. A place where you can relax and feel comfortable asking that stupid question.

Amateur Radio is a hobby with limitless boundaries. Whether it's PSK31 or DX'ing, E-Link or IRLP, contesting or 10-10 hunting, all of it is fascinating and a club should be a large shack of people who would like to share their experiences.

I was looking through our local newspaper, and found three pages of special interest groups. Three pages!!!! Somewhere buried in there was an Amateur radio Club. The Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida is a place where I want to go to share the fun with people that understand that feeling we get from radio contacts.

If you would like to meet other people with the same interest, share your experience, have questions answered, or just have some FUN, The ARASWF is the place for you.

If, on the other hand, you feel the need to ridicule, may I suggest that you look in the newspaper and find another hobby to your liking. NAYSAYERS need not apply!

I look forward to seeing all who love this hobby at the next meeting!

Best 73's,  
K4SWF-Mark

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 25, 2003  
7:30 PM - RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE**

### **Minutes of October 2003 Meeting:**

The October meeting of the ARASWF was called to order at 7:30 pm by the president Mark- K4SWF, on 28 October at the Red Cross Chapter House.

Following introductions of members and guests present, a presentation was given by Mr. Louis Piche from the Metro Crime Prevention of Florida group.

The presentation was well received by those present.

Following the presentation the minutes of the September meeting were read by the secretary. The minutes were accepted as read. The treasurer's report was given with the notation that all current bills have been paid and there was a balance of \$1642.80 in the account. The report was approved as given.

During the pre-meeting activity there were 10 ladder line j-pole antennas constructed by club members under the guidance of K2ZEL and K4ADR.

The Echolink status was reviewed and a sheet of instructions for its use was given by Carl- WA9ZIF.

The shelter status report was deferred until the next meeting.

The revised constitution was presented for final discussion and a motion to adopt as presented was made by N3ISH and seconded by KI4AIM. The motion passed unanimously. A report of the contest endeavor was given by WB2QLP. It was a good session introducing some members to the aspects of contesting.

The floor was opened for nominations for the year 2004. The current president and vice president have agreed to serve another year. The position of secretary/ treasurer was separated to two positions. The current treasurer agreed to serve another year.

KI4AIM has agreed to be nominated for the position of secretary.

A nominating committee was appointed to seek persons to fill the other two positions on the new board of directors.

The possibility of a special event station was discussed for the Swamp Buggy Races in May. It was agreed that the club should proceed to develop the concept and to plan the event. The possibility of a booth at the County Fair was discussed.

The annual December dinner meeting will be held at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road in Golden Gate. The time will be 6:00 pm with individuals ordering from the menu. The Date is December 12, 2003. At this meeting the 2004 officers and board will assume the duties of leadership of the club for the next year. Reservation may be made by contacting Zigi- W2JQ at 598-1353 or through response with the form on the club web page. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectively submitted

G. William Reynolds, K2ZEL

## **HAMFESTS**

### **OKEECHOBEE HAMFEST**

Saturday, November 29, 2003

Agriculture Grounds - RT 441 N. across from the High School  
Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club 8 AM Till 4 PM  
Free Parking Free Tailgate with paid admission \$5.00 at Gate  
Talk-in on 147.195 (PL100) Grand Prize Drawing at closing  
Famous Catfish Dinner by Okeechobee JC's  
Along with Drinks, Hot Dogs and Hamburgers  
Prizes given out Hourly  
Setup Friday 5 pm—Secure grounds  
First Tailgate space is FREE with admission, extra spaces \$5.00 each  
Back at the original site! Bring your own tables.

Info: E-mail [ad4rz@earthlink.net](mailto:ad4rz@earthlink.net) or call (863)467-0516

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### **TAMPA BAY HAMFEST**

December 6 & 7, 2003

Manatee Civic Center - US 301 & Haben Blvd. - Palmetto, Florida  
2003 ARRL West Central Florida Section Convention  
Hosted by the Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council  
Hours: 8 am - 5 pm Saturday, and 9 am - 2 pm Sunday  
Admission Tickets: \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door  
120 paved tailgate spaces outside - \$15 each (plus admission ticket)  
Indoor Swap Tables—\$20 each  
Commercial Booths are also available  
Two Amateur Exam sessions - Saturday & Sunday - 9 am  
Forums and Programs—DX/Award QSL Card Checking - Guest Speakers  
Talk-in: 145.430 & 442.950 (pl 100)  
Visit [www.fgcarc.org](http://www.fgcarc.org)

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### **FORT MYERS**

Saturday, January 10, 2004

Araba Shrine Temple - 2010 Hanson Street - Ft. Myers, FL  
Talk-in: 146.880  
For more Info: Paul Horton - K4OVC - (239) 995-8951

### **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

Friday - December 12, 2003 - 6:00 PM

Perkins Restaurant - Pine Ridge Road - Naples

Call Sigi - W2JQ asap at 598-1353 or email [w2jq@comcast.net](mailto:w2jq@comcast.net)

Or Fill out the form on-line at [www.araswf.org](http://www.araswf.org)

~ **COME AND ENJOY** ~

### **NEW LICENSEES**

Congratulations to: Rodney Smith - KI4DBI (Technician)

Jean Chonoles - KI4DBJ (General)

Both took their tests at the recent club VE session on November 15th.

Thanks to Howard - AA4RX and volunteers for putting together the session.

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### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Jordan - WB2QLP, Mark - K4SWF, and A.D.- K4ADR were appointed, and will present a slate of nominations for Board of Director positions.

So far, Mark - K4SWF (ex KG4QPD) has agreed to stay on as President, and Jordan - WB2QLP as Vice President. The Secretary / Treasurer position has been separated into two positions. Bill - K2ZEL as Treasurer, and Rik - KI4AIM would take over the duties of Secretary.

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### **EchoLink on K4YHB/R**

Thanks to Carl - WA9ZIF, we now have EchoLink connected to the 146.67 Rptr. For information, check out the club website at [www.araswf.org](http://www.araswf.org) and click on the EchoLink link in the left column.

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### **ARRL 10M Contest**

December 13 & 14, 2003 Individuals can work the contest at their home QTH, And score can be applied toward a club effort. Contact Jordan - WB2QLP, or Bill - K2ZEL if you are going to operate. For complete contest rules, check out The ARRL Website at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

## **Club Information**

### **Meetings:**

4th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.  
Red Cross Chapter House  
Northbrooke Plaza Dr., Naples FL

### **Club Repeater:**

K4YHB—146.670 (-600) PL136.5

### **EOC Repeater:**

WB2WPA— 147.030 (+600)

### **Digital**

K4YHB—145.070

CHAT—144.970

### **Club Home Page**

<http://www.araswf.org>

### **Club Officers/ Chairmen**

President— KG4QPD - Mark

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Field Day 2003 - WB2QLP— Jordan

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## **Some Simple Rules**

We use the facilities of the American Red Cross - Collier County Chapter.

They have graciously allowed us to hold our meetings and gatherings there, and to maintain a Club Station and tower there.

We must remember that it is their facility, and that we are guests.

When the Red Cross is holding a training class or other meeting at the same time as us, we must try to keep the noise down.

Before leaving the building, we should make sure that everything is put back in its place, and the thermostats are set back.

If we make a mess, we should clean it up.

If the floor needs vacuuming, do it.

Remember that the office areas are off limits when Red Cross staff is not there.

Also, they have requested that alcoholic beverages not be allowed on the premises.

They do not want the associated liability.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Pete Jordan - Comm. Chair

### **Contact Us:**

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73— Pete K1PJ