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From the President's Shack:

Let me take this opportunity to thank everyone for attending the May meeting. We certainly accomplished a number of projects and with your input, came up with some great ideas. Remember that this is YOUR club. If you have any ideas that would promote Ham Radio through the club, please come forward. The ongoing projects, ie: echo link, repeater, club shack, etc. is keeping a few people busy.

Please try to donate a few hours a month to assist with completing these projects.

Your expertise and experience will certainly be appreciated.

FIELD DAY - Some say that this is what it's all about. It is one weekend out of 52 that we try to promote Ham Radio. Get on the Air, talk to your neighbors, bring out the kids, let as many people know about Ham radio, and invite them to participate with us.

Big Thanks go out to Pete Jordan-K1PJ, who not only is our PR Guru, but somehow finds the time to put together the newsletter, but is also club Net Control.

Thanks to Rik Conklin-KI4AIM, for doing a great job with the club website.

If you haven't checked it out lately, you will be surprised.

Go to www.araswf.org and have fun.

Enough yakking from me for now, I'll save it for the radio.

Thanks again to all who "make it happen".

73,

Mark Kennedy - KG4QPD

**WE DO NOT HOLD A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING IN JUNE
SEE YOU AT FIELD DAY**

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - JULY 22, 2003
7:30 PM - RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE**

FIELD DAY 2003 — JUNE 28th & 29th

Members of our club will put their emergency communication skills to the test when they participate in "Field Day" June 28 and 29. The annual preparedness exercise brings together Amateur Radio operators from throughout North and South America who are committed to assisting their communities in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. Field Day is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national association for Amateur Radio.

Amateur Radio is a lot of fun, but the serious side can't be stressed enough. We can play a vital communications role during emergencies, and events such as Field Day ensure that we're ready to handle any type of disaster.

Field Day is designed to test operators' abilities to setup and operate stations in the field under emergency conditions, such as the loss of commercial electricity. During the weekend, radio operators try to contact as many other Field Day stations as possible, simulating the fast on-air skills needed to assist town officials and served agencies during an emergency. Approximately 35,000 Amateur Radio operators across the country participated in last year's event. The first Field Day was held in 1933.

This year we will again be operating from the American Red Cross—Collier Chapter, located on Northbrooke Plaza Drive. This year's ARRL Field Day rules have included an operating class "F" to cover operations such as ours. And the operators who actually participated last year said that it was a good test of the facilities, and a lot better than swatting mosquitoes and being caught in a thunderstorm.

There will be a pre-field day breakfast get together on Sunday, June 22nd, 9:30 am, at Bob Evans Restaurant, just around the corner from the Red Cross. After breakfast we usually do a walk through and any needed planning for set up and operation.

On Friday, June 27th, preliminary setup will take place at the Red Cross starting after 1:00 pm. Field Day operating period is from 2:00 pm Saturday, June 28th, through 2:00 pm Sunday, June 29th. We hope to operate class "4F", and use the club computers running the "WriteLog" contest logging software.

This will be a good chance for some of our newly licensed hams to see what it's all about! Our "designated" Field Day Chairman this year is Jordan Mash - WB2QLP.

See you there!

NOTES

NEXT CLUB MEETING: The next regularly scheduled Club Meeting is Tuesday, July 22nd, 7:30 pm, at the American Red Cross Chapter House.
There is no meeting in June due to Field Day operations.

NEW CLUB WEBSITE: www.araswf.org

Thanks to Rik– KI4AIM for a great job putting together our new website, obtaining our very own ‘araswf.org’ name, and hosting the site on his server .
Be sure to check it out. Rik is adding more neat stuff as things progress.

CLUB VESTS: Mark - KG4QPD is now taking orders.

ARASWF 2M NET: Don't forget the club net on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm local time on the club repeater. K4YHB/R operates on 146.67 MHz. (-600 input, with PL Tone of 136.5). The purpose of this net is to promote local 2 meter activity. Lets try to keep this net going , and encourage our new area hams to get on the air. Lately we have been having around 10 check-ins. Net Manager is K1PJ - Pete.

2M SSB: AD - K4ADR reports that there's a 2M - SSB net from the east coast (around Homestead), that is held on Sunday evenings at 8 pm on 144.220 MHz. He reports that they have quite a few check-ins.

KI4AIN Passes General: Congratulations to Carol - KI4AIN for the recent upgrade. OM Rik– KI4AIM is working toward his Extra.

KQ0Q now NS0I: Congratulations- Yes... John has changed his call.... Again!

6M Band Openings: Several club members have reported working some new countries and grid squares. NJ2F, NS0I, and K4ADR all enjoyed operating the recent ‘June VHF Contest’ which was held on June 14 & 15th. This week end (June 21 & 22) is the SMIRK 6M Contest, starting at 0001 UTC Saturday and running for 48 hrs.

<p>SEE YOU AT FIELD DAY</p>

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:

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73— Pete K1PJ