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From the President's Shack:

Congratulations to all the new "Hams". I'm sure by now that they have all received their Call Signs and have been on the air. If you hear a new call be sure to talk it up with them.

Bill Reynolds K2ZEL, has scheduled the next classes for September.

There will be lots of business to discuss at the May meeting so I hope to see EVERYONE at the meeting.

I need your input, suggestions, and ideas.

We should have some interesting stories about Dayton too.

Don't forget the weekly net every Wednesday at 1930 on 146.670.

I'll try to add a few more interesting bits of information.

Field Day is next month so start working on those portable antennas.

Lets make this a great event.

See you at the meeting!

73, KG4QPD-Mark

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - May 27, 2003
7:30 PM - RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE**

From the Vice President:

Lots of good news and new things to report to the members of ARASW F.

First off, CONGRATULATIONS to Dana & Anthony Rowtie, KB2TRD & KB2SFA on the birth of their daughter, Allison Nicole, born on Friday April 25, 2003. Best Wishes to Mom & Dad from all the ARASW F members. The proud NEW grandparents are Beverly & Jeff Buerger, KA2EYL & NJ2F and proud NEW Aunt & Uncle is Toby & Juan Munoz, KB2TJX & KC2FKM An entire family of HAMS !!!!! OK Allison, hurry up and study... the next test session is coming up soon.... Anyone wanna bet on her future callsign ????? A lovely baby shower was held at Dana & Anthony's QTH last Saturday afternoon with about 18 hams in attendance (mostly from you know who's family!) A fun time was had by all, especially baby Allison !!!

GREAT NEWS .. Speaking of new HAMS .. we have approximately 11 new licensees in the greater Naples area as of last test session at the Red Cross on Sat. May 10. It was a very successful session with 8 applicants passing here and 3 passing tests up in Ft Myers two weeks ago

Lets make them all feel welcome to the hobby and our club and we'll look for you new guys 'ON THE AIR' real soon.

The ARASW F welcomes a new Webmaster to our club newly licensed but VERY computer savvy for many years is Rick Conklin, KI4AIM. Rick just passed his test last May 10 and within 1 WEEK already had his callsign issued by the FCC ... amazing, huh! Ron will take over the duties of Webmaster for the ARASW F and he has some new ideas and plans for the club's web site We're all anxious to hear what you have planned Ron. See you on Tuesday 5/27 for the news.

Last, but not forgotten FD 03 that's FIELD DAY 2003 is next month yes, it's that time again This is our last formal meeting before the big event. This will be a great opportunity to help the new hams in our group get on the air and learn more about our great hobby. Unfortunately, we still do not have a FD chairperson to head up the event. But plans are for us to take over the Red Cross HQ for the entire weekend and set up additional antennas, radio stations, computers and have a GREAT time operating FD under the new 'F' classification (for EOC's & RC HQ's,) We'll even have an outdoor 'TENT' available for those brave enough to put up with the rain, heat and mosquitoes !!!!! For the rest of us chickens, we'll suffer inside with the A/C, color TV, clean bathrooms and a full kitchen facility !!!!! PS. Beverly, you PROMISED to cook again !!!!!

Look for you all at the next club meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 7:30 pm @ Red Cross HQ.

73 de WB2QLP - Jordan Vice Pres. ARASW F

Minutes April 2003 Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 1930 on 22 April by the vice president, WB2QLP. President, Mark, KG4QPD, was on shift. Introductions were made of persons present.

Eighteen members and guests were present.

The secretary read the minutes of the March meeting. They were approved on motion of Mike Welsh and Howard Roux. The treasurer's report was given and was approved by motion of George, N3ISH, and Howard, AA4RX.

Old Business:

Our VEC reported that at the March testing there were 6 candidates, 3 Technician, and 1 General completed the examinations satisfactorily.

Bill, K2ZEL, reported that there have been up to 17 students in the class currently being offered on Sat. mornings. The end of course testing will be on May 10 at 0930 at the Red Cross Chapter House.

There was some discussion regarding a club vest. There was some discussion regarding the club trailer.

The Proposal from the SWFDG regarding a Naples Packet BBS sponsored by the club received a negative response.

New Business.

The spring donation from the club to the Red Cross was discussed. On Motion of AA4RX, seconded by N3ISH, the treasurer was directed to forward a contribution of \$200.00 to the Collier County Red Cross Chapter.

The Florida QSO party is scheduled for the last weekend in April. Get on the air.

The 50-50 was won by Armon, K4FOM, who donated his winnings to the club. Thanks.

Jerry, W8TWG, gave a presentation on fox hunting antennas. It is hoped that a "fox" hunt can be set up for the club as an activity.

Submitted

G. William Reynolds

K2ZEL

Sec./Treas.

**THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE CLASS STUDENTS PASSING THE
RECENT TEST HELD ON MAY 10TH.....**

Conklin, Carolyn - KI4AIN

Conklin, Rick - KI4AIM

Corbin, Anita - KI4AHN

Faulks, Jack - KI4AIL

Pacini, Carl - KI4AII

Perrow, Kristi - KI4AIH

Sapp, J. Nolan - KI4AIG

Terry, Gerald - KI4AHM

Vaniscak, Jennifer - KI4AHQ

McClellan, Phil - KI4AIK

Mugass, Corey - KI4AIJ

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.....

WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF AMATEUR RADIO !

HOPE TO HEAR YOU ALL ON THE AIR SOON.

2003 March of Dimes

On a damp April 26th, 24 radio operators representing the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida turned out to assist the March of Dimes. Unfortunately Mother Nature dealt the day soggy hand, and the event had to be canceled.

The March of Dimes extended their appreciation of our effort in turning out on such a day.

The operators that turned out are as following. Peter Pye - KD4LXY, Fred Edwards - KF4MJJ, A D Randolph - K4ADR, Alan Ricotta - KF4OXE, Dave Wiegel - KD4JEZ, Bob Smith - AP4UP, Jordan Mash - WB2QLP, John Simander - KQ0Q. A R Caron - K4GP, Dale Huguley - KG5QD, Mark Kennedy - KG4QPD, Jerry Blumenthal - W8TWJ, Don Hyer - AA1KI, Tom Garrison - N1BCC, John Bill - KA1RZ, Donn Brown - W4RAZ, Gerry Wheeler - KB4NBB, Don Corbin - N0DC, Howard Roux - AA4RX, Jo Ann Montibrand - KE0WDF, Bob Montibrand - KB0OB, Sigi Boernert - W2JQ, Dick Pettijohn - W0MIA, And Don Mielke- WD4FLY.

It was unfortunately that due to do logistics that they were not able reschedule the event.

I would like to thank everyone for their effort and time. de FLY.

2003 Florida QSO Party:

On the weekend of April 26th and 27th, George - N3ISH, Mary - NV4Z, and Pete - K1PJ participated in the 2003 Florida QSO Party. George set up additional antennas and equipment at their QTH, and xyl Mary's call NV4Z was used during the event. Pete dropped by for a few hours to add some CW contacts to the mix using a straight key. The majority of the contacts were made on 40 and 20 meters.

The end result was 479 Phone, and 135 CW, for a total of 614 contacts.

With multipliers, the final score was 86135 points.

Those who participated had a good time, and we were 2 states shy of WAS.

Notes:

Field Day is fast approaching this year on the weekend of June 21 & 22, 2003.

We still need a chairperson, although the event will still take place with or without one.

Mark - KG4QPD will be wrapping up the Club Vest project soon, and will hopefully be taking orders.

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.

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.

Next Club Meeting is Tuesday, May 27th, 7:30 pm, at the American Red Cross Chapter House.

Congratulations to George- N3ISH for achieving his WAC (Worked All Counties) Award.

Job well done. XYL Mary- NV4Z has done it several times... Which is a rare accomplishment!

WX4NHC Hurricane Season 2003 On-The-Air Station Test

Sunday, June 1st, 2003 9am-6pm EST (1300z-2200z)

Announcement from WX4NHC (fka: W4EHW)
Amateur Radio Station at the National Hurricane Center

We plan on using the following phone frequencies +/-QRM

Planned Operating Frequencies

1300z 3.911Mhz, 7.268MHz, VHF/UHF FM

1400z 14.325MHz, VHF 147.000 Rptr /UHF 442.350 Rptr

1500z 144.200MHz SSB

1500Z 14.070MHz PSK31

1700z 14.325MHz, 21.325MHz, VHF/UHF IRLP Node 9210

1800z 21.325MHz, 28.525MHz SSB

2000z 14.325MHz, 144.200MHz SSB

CW will be on 14.035, 21.035 and 28.035. PSK31 on 14.070.
(Times will vary)

Need to find us on HF, try using the DX Summit Web Site:

<http://oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dxs/>

Select "DX-Spots" 50, 250 or 1,000 or select "Spot Database Search".

We would also appreciate your posting in a DX Spot.

Select under "DX-Spots" Heading - "Send Your Own"

South Florida area VHF & UHF Repeaters & 146.52 simplex & 144.200 SSB

A separate announcement for SFFMA 147.000 Repeater Net will be issued.

Due to security measures, NO VISITORS will be allowed at NHC during this test.

Please forward this announcement.

73,

John McHugh KU4GY, Amateur Radio Coord. National Hurricane Center

Julio Ripoll WD4JR, Asst. Amateur Radio Coord. National Hurricane Center

WX4NHC Home Page: <http://www.wx4nhc.org>

Thanks, Dale—KG5QD

Upcoming Hamfests:

April 19 Tampa, FL (Tampa ARC)
April 25-26 Huntsville, AL (SE VHF Conference)
April 26 Calhoun, GA
April 26 Gainesville, FL
April 26 Moulton, AL
May 3-4 Birmingham, AL
May 4 St. Petersburg, FL (picnic)
May 16-18 Dayton, OH
May 17 Toccoa/Hartwell, GA
June 7 Atlanta, GA
June 14 Fort Payne, AL
June 14 Fort McCoy, FL
June 21-22 Dallas, TX (ARRL National Convention)
July 12-13 Gainesville, GA
July 25-26 Milton, FL
August 8,9 &10 Valdosta, GA
August 16 Fort Pierce, FL
August 16-17 Huntsville, AL
September 13 Melbourne, FL
September 13 Mobile, AL
September 20 New Port Richey, FL (SunCoast)
Sept. 27 Dothan, AL
October 11 Augusta, GA
October 11 Starke, FL
October 18 Jacksonville, FL
October 18 Rome, GA
November 1 Umatilla/Lake County, FL
November 1-2 Lawrenceville, GA
November 1 West Palm Beach, FL
November 8 Port St. Lucie
November 8 Montgomery, AL
November 29 Okeechobee, FL
December 6 Claxton, GA
December 6-7 Tampa, FL

Listing thanks to Frank Butler W4RH

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

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FOR SALE:

Kenwood TS-940s Transceiver,
with MC 60 Mic & SW 2000.
Ten Tec 229 Antenna Tuner,
Daiwa Keyer, Alnico HT,
Rohn 25G 40 ft Tower w/ Hazer.

Sell as entire package ONLY \$2100
Contact John Sulouff KM4MB
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FOR SALE:

Butternut multi-band vertical.
Never assembled, still in box with direc-
tions. Make best offer.
Bill - K2ZEL, 992-4708

WANTED:

6 & 2 Meter All-Mode Transceiver.
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73— Pete K1PJ