



# ARASWF

## *Newsletter*



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### **Field Day 2003**

K4YHB operated class 4F in the SFL section, making a total of 890 contacts for a net QSO score of 1076 points. The club also received 400 bonus points for the weekend. This year, the "F" class was added to the Field Day rules, specifically to cover operations such as ours which take place in EOC's, Red Cross facilities, etc.

Rather than trying to make the record book for the most QSO's in our class, we took the opportunity to introduce some of our new members / licensees to Field Day. Many watched enjoying the operations, while some actually took a turn at the microphone, and got a taste of what it's like to operate under contest conditions. Got QRM?

There were 25 operators / club members involved with the weekend operations.

The scores and documentation have been forwarded to the ARRL by Bill - K2ZEL.

The Naples Daily News sent a reporter to cover the event, and an article was printed in the local section of the Sunday Newspaper.

Also, WINK TV arrived on Sunday morning, and did an excellent segment which was featured as the "Top Story" on the 6:30 pm Sunday Newscast. It was nice to see Amateur Radio being given the recognition it deserves.

Many pictures were taken, and some can be seen at our website: [www.araswf.org](http://www.araswf.org)

Here is a breakdown of the QSO log:

Phone - 80M = 3 , 40m = 48, 20M = 442, 15M = 189, 10M = 15, 6M = 7 (704 points)

CW - 40M = 44, 20M = 142. (372 points)

Thanks to all who participated and helped with the setup, FD operations, and tear down. We hope everyone involved had a good time.

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

## **Minutes of May 2003 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by pres Mark, KG4QPD, at 1930 hours at the Collier County Red Cross Chapter House on 27 May 2003. Following the introductions of persons present the minutes of the April meeting were read and approved upon motion by AA4RX, seconded by NS0I. The treasurers report was read and approved on motion by NS0I, and seconded by WOMIA.

K2ZEL, Bill, reported on the success of the class sponsored by the club.

There were 17 students, and at this time 11 have taken and passed their Tech exams.

A new class for persons interested in the hobby has been scheduled for 10 weeks starting the first Saturday in September at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Cross Chapter House.

VEC, AA4RX, Howard, reported on the success of the exam session held on 10 May.

The next club exam session will be held in November.

The club received a report on the Dayton Hamfest.

It was reported that a beta version of world log book is being tested and it will be available soon.

KI4AIM, Rik, reported on the web site as the new webmaster. The club now holds the domain name "araswf.org". The new site is up and running..

Members are encouraged to access the site and to report their reactions to Rik.

The club secretary will continue to seek the access to the old site through the Naples Free Net.

Jordan, WB2QLP, accepted the job of field day chair. We will be in group "F" this year. Members are encouraged to contact Jordan and sign up for the event.

We will need a lot of help setting up, operating, and cleaning up.

The local RACES will also set up for field day under the chairmanship of KG5QD using the call WB2WPA.

The first of June begins the annual hurricane season. W4NHC will hold a test on Sunday using 2m sideband between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Collier County Sheriff's office has requested the location of local amateurs for contact in case of need during disasters. Contact Dale at 'kg5qd@earthlink.net'.

There was a short discussion regarding "echolink". Carl, WA9ZIF, was asked to bring a listing of recommended material needed to add this to our vhf capabilities.

Club vests will be available for order through Mark, KG4QPD for \$45.

Mark won the 50-50 drawing and donated his half to the club

The meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Respectively submitted,

G. William Reynolds - K2ZEL

Secretary/ Treasurer

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## **Radio Operators practice in emergency Conditions**

In times of tragedy and severe weather, ham radio operators have provided much needed information when regular forms of communication failed.

Sunday, June 29, 2003

By **KELLY ICARDI**, [klicardi@naplesnews.com](mailto:klicardi@naplesnews.com)

It was a family affair Saturday as members of the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida tested their abilities to operate amateur radios under emergency conditions. The 24-hour event, known as Field Day, is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, and involves radio operators in North and South America. It was held at the American Red Cross chapter located on Northbrooke Plaza Drive in Naples. As many as 70 people are expected to participate locally Saturday and today. About 35,000 Amateur Radio operators participated in last year's event.

For Naples resident Jeff Buerger, Field Day was truly a family affair, because just about everyone in his family has their amateur radio license.

Buerger, a former vice president of the association, developed an interest in radio when he joined his high school ham radio club.

"I thought radio was pretty interesting," Buerger said. "It was the cheapest way to communicate." Buerger got his license in 1961 and even passed the hobby onto his wife after they married. Both of Buerger's daughters obtained their licenses as a 50th birthday gift to him. He even teased his sons-in-law by telling them they could not join the family until they, too, had their licenses and both obliged.

Buerger said amateur radio is one of the best ways to "make friendships worldwide and locally."

## Field Day Story - continued

Buerger' s son-in-law Anthony Rowtie has participated in Field Day for the last three years. He said he likes the social aspect of the hobby.

"It' s interesting talking to people because you can use the actual airwaves to talk around the world," Rowtie, of Naples, said. He became interested in radio after he saw a co-worker using a CB radio and even met his wife, Dana, that way.

It was Dana who suggested he try ham radio and Buerger did the rest.

"I never looked back," Rowtie said.

Bill Reynolds, the association' s secretary, was teaching high school in 1950 when a student' s poor conduct changed his life forever.

"I swiped some kid' s electronics magazine in class and told him that he could have it back at the end of the day," Reynolds, of Bonita Springs, said. "After school he caught me reading it and asked if I had an interest."

The student asked Reynolds if he had a license and when he said no, the student introduced him to ham radio enthusiasts. Six years later Reynolds had his license.

Like Reynolds, many of the participants were introduced to ham radio by other people but some discovered it on their own.

John Simander, of Naples, is one of those people. Simander got his license while he was in the Air Force in 1967. He started out as a short wave listener on an old tube console radio and now spends his time chitchatting or "rag chewing" with other hams.

"Now I wish I had gotten my license earlier," Simander said. "I' ve talked to almost 300 countries in the world."

Bonita Beach resident Gerald Terry' s fascination with communication came at an early age. At the age of 8 he got a handheld walkie-talkie and then graduated to a handheld CB radio.

"It' s a nice hobby, you get to meet a lot of people," Terry said. "I spoke to someone in Lima, Peru, the other day without leaving my house and I would not have spoken to them any other way and that' s amazing."

In times of tragedy and severe weather, ham radio operators have provided much needed information when regular forms of communication failed. The most recent example is when cell phones were rendered useless after Sept. 11. Ham radio operators have also been invaluable in confirming severe weather damage around the county for the National Weather Service.

### **For Sale:**

The following equipment is from the estate of E.W. Warnock, WC4DP

Yesu FT 747 GY w/ p.s., mike, manual

Heath SB102 w/ p.s., mike, manual

Heath hybrid phone patch w/ manual

Heath pwr/swr meter

MFJ 945c antenna tuner

1 RS multi meter

1 Simpson RF alignment generator

1 Cushcraft A3S 20-15-10 m beam w/ manual

assorted other stuff

Call K2ZEL w/ best offers at 992-4708

Will have most of this stuff at next meeting

### **For Sale:**

HTX10 Radio Shack 10 Meter Transceiver. FM, SSB, AM. Asking \$60.00

Astron Model RS 20A Power Supply, 20Amp. Asking \$60.00

Will consider trade for other ham gear.

Dave KG4ZKA email: buzzdave@earthlink.net

### **Neat Website:**

Jordan - WB2QLP passed along a great website of GM4COK/MM.

Check it out at: <http://www.qsl.net/gm4cok/maritime%20mobile.htm>

### **Club Website:**

Visit the club Website at **[www.araswf.org](http://www.araswf.org)** which is being updated daily with new stuff, including the membership application, FD photos, and For Sale items.

Thanks Rik - KI4AIM.

We would also like to thank our former webmaster, Glenn - KG4KTZ, who originally designed and set-up the club website through the Naples FreeNet, and devoted much time to the project. Glenn has been keeping a busy schedule lately, so hopefully he will have more free time. Thanks Glenn.

**2M FM NET — WEDNESDAYS — 19:30 LOCAL — 146.67 CLUB REPEATER**

### Field Day Photos:

Band conditions were poor but a good time was had by all. One of the more important results of our event was that about a half a dozen new hams were able to experience first hand operations on the hf bands.



## 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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