



# ARASWF *Newsletter*



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

Let us all take a moment out of our busy lives to support our troops all over the world. It sounds like all is going as planned but with War, changes are a constant factor. I hope and pray that this action moves swiftly and our troops stay safe and courageous during their missions.

On March 14th and 15th Sky warn classes were conducted at the Red Cross. It was a huge success with at least 40 people attending the training. Many of those attending are inquiring about Amateur Radio Licenses.

This brings me to the next subject. I encourage each and every one to assist Bill Reynolds and the club with presenting classes for the Tech license. This is a great opportunity for the club and it's members.

Bill has scheduled 5 consecutive Saturdays from 0900 to 1100 on April 12, 19, 26, May 3, and 10. Please contact Bill and help support this great program.

Bill can be reached at "wreynolds39@comcast.net" or at 239-992-4708.

For those of you who would like to upgrade their license, there will be a VE session on Saturday, March 29th, at the Red Cross in Naples at 0930.

I am asking for suggestions for a way to get more activity at the club.

The Contest that was held at the Red Cross on the 1st and 2nd of March was a great success for the people who attended. Unfortunately, I could count the number of those attending on one hand.

This is YOUR club. Please show support!!

73, KG4QPD-Mark

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - March 25, 2002  
7:30 PM - RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE**

### **From the Vice President:**

At our last meeting , in February, we had a very interesting program provided by N2XYZ . It was a slide presentation about the refurbishment of the communications room aboard the WW 2 U.S. Navy Battleship New Jersey which is currently at berth in the Delaware River near Camden, N.J. , outside of Philadelphia.

All of the work was done by the members of the local radio club over a period of months. They did a remarkable job of putting the room back together the way it looked back in the 1940's , over 60 yrs ago ! In an adjacent room, they added an active, working Amateur Radio station, NJ2BB. Their club members should be applauded for the time , effort and dedication that they devoted to this project.

On the weekend of Mar 1 & 2 a few ARASWF members operated the ARRL DX Contest from the Red Cross HQ. Even though the club membership turnout was very light , band conditions were good and the ARASWF contesters racked up over 120 k points with nearly 300 DX QSO's. It was fun and good practice for our upcoming Field Day event in late June. Hopefully, club member participation and interest for that event will be much greater.

Lots to discuss at our March meeting next week.....See you on the 25th, Tuesday, at 7:30 pm at the Red Cross HQ.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS & God Bless America....

73 de WB2QLP Jordan . .

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### **Club Net:**

Don't forget our club net !!!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM.

The Net Meets on the Club Repeater, K4YHB, on 146.67 MHZ. (Tone 136.5).

For the last few weeks, very few stations have showed up on frequency!

We need to keep this project going as a membership activity, and we also need net control stations.

See you there!

### **Minutes of February Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order by president, Mark, KG4QGD at 7:30 pm on February 25, 2003 at the Red Cross Chapter House.

Introductions of those present and general announcements were made. Howard AA4RX announced that the next VEC session will be held on Saturday March 29, 2003 at 9:30 am at the Chapter House.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was given and approved as read.

A motion was made from the floor to purchase a set of the Technician Video Course from ARRL. It was passed, and the secretary was instructed to order the same.

The secretary was instructed to ascertain if several Saturdays could be arranged for the course. Jerry, W8TWG, and Mike, N4XSE, indicated their willingness to assist with the instruction.

On March 6, 2003, there is scheduled a volunteer day here at the Red Cross Chapter House. Members that need identification badges are requested to come in that evening between 6:45 and 7:30 pm to have their picture taken.

The club rag chew announcement net is held on the 146.67 repeater on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. All are invited to participate.

The 50-50 collected \$46.00. The winner donated his half to the club treasurer.

Thank You.

The scheduled presentation was given by N2XYZ, Joe Cramer.

Joe gave a presentation of the work done by the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Club in restoring the Communications center of the ship. He also showed pictures of the ham station now on board. The ship is one of the "Museum Ships", and is located in Camden NJ. The ship is open to visitors, and amateurs may get permission to operate the station NJ2BB when visiting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Submitted by

G. Wm. Reynolds - K2ZEL

Sec./Treas.

### **AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES**

The ARASWF will present an introduction to Amateur Radio Course on five consecutive Saturdays, starting on April 12, 2003 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The goal of the course for the participants will be the Technician Amateur Radio License. Instructors for the course will be Jerry - W8TWJ, Mike - N4XSE, and Bill - K2ZEL. The course will follow the general outline of the ARRL Video course for Technician.. On the fifth Saturday, the Technician examination will be given. Participants wishing to sign up may contact Bill - K2ZEL, via e-mail at [wreynolds39@comcast.net](mailto:wreynolds39@comcast.net) or by phone at 239-992-4708.

### **Florida QSO Party 2003 - April 26th and 27th**

A thumbnail of the rules is listed below, complete rules are available in major Amateur Radio publications and on the web at

<http://www.qsl.net/fqp>

Contest Period: Last full weekend of April. There are two operating periods. 1600Z April 26 - 0159Z April 27 and 1200Z - 2159Z April 27. 20 hours total.

All stations may operate the full 20 hours.

Suggested frequencies: CW - plus or minus 35 khz up, and plus or minus 10 khz up for Novices/Technicians. Phone - plus or minus 7.260, 14.260, 21.335, and 28.485 MHz. Look for SSB activity on the hour and CW on the half hour. Florida fixed stations are urged to call CQ above/below these suggested frequencies to keep them clear for low power mobile operations. No 160 or 80 meters, WARC bands, or VHF bands.

The FQP makes a great club activity - why not use it as a springboard to interest your members in getting on HF! Got questions - contact [k4oj@arrl.net](mailto:k4oj@arrl.net)

### **Topics for Discussion:**

Field Day: We're looking for a 2003 Field Day Chairman. June will be here before we know it. Last year we held Field Day in the Red Cross Chapter building as a way of testing out the facilities and equipment.

Club Vests: President Mark-KG4QPD has put a lot of effort into this project, and has samples based on input from members. We'll be taking orders soon!

## **Upcoming Hamfests / Flea Markets:**

### Sunrise

March 22, 2003

FREE! At Motorola NE Lot - Sunrise Blvd. & University Drive

Talk-in on 146.79 Info: Robin, N4HHP (954) 583-3625

### New Port Richey

March 22, 2003

At Ridgewood High School - 7650 Orchid Lake Drive

Talk-in on 146.67 Info: Don, AA4EK (727) 372-3811

### Leesburg

March 29, 2003

At LARA Clubhouse - HWY 473

Talk-in on 147.255 Info: Al, K2SSE@comcast.net

### Jacksonville

March 29, 2003

FREE Springfest at JAX Raceway, I-95 & Pecan Park Rd., 10 AM - 3 PM

Talk-in on 146.700 Info: Billy, N4UF (904) 765-3230

### Jacksonville

April 5, 2003

Tailgate & Dog Fanciers Assn., Morris Ave.

Talk-in on 146.76 Info: Deborah KG4ADZ (904) 739-9713

### Tampa

April 19, 2003

Tampa ARC Operations Ctr. - 7801 North 22nd St.

Talk-in on 147.105 (Tone 145.2) Info: Biff, K4LAW (813) 265-4812

### Gainesville

April 26, 2003

Alachua County Fairgrounds - SR222, 1/2 Mi E of SR24

Talk-in on 146.82 Info: Pat, K4HFJ (352) 378-0512

### **American Red Cross News:**

President Franklin Roosevelt designated “March is Red Cross Month”.

Clara Barton founded the American Red Cross in 1881. Whether the motto is “Help Can’t Wait” or “Together We Can Save A Life”, their volunteers are dedicated to doing whatever they can to ease the pain or misfortune of another human being.

Each year, the American Red Cross responds immediately to more than 67,000 disasters, including house fires (the majority of disaster responses), hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, hazardous materials spills, transportation accidents, explosions, and other natural and man-made disasters.

This year is the 75th Anniversary of the Collier County Chapter. Their original Charter was signed by President Calvin Coolidge on April 23, 1928, and hangs prominently on the walls of their facility to this day.

On February 7th, the function chairs participated in a 12 hour table top simulated disaster which started as a make-believe apartment fire and escalated. Part of the exercise was designed to test the completeness of the local disaster plan.

New special areas of training for volunteers now includes Aviation Disasters, Terrorism, and Weapons of Mass Destruction.

The Amateur Radio Association has a “Letter of Understanding” with the Collier County Chapter to help provide emergency communications in times of disaster such as a hurricane, flood, or large fire, which would cause widespread damage. The ARASWF also maintains a tower and club station K4YHB at the Chapter House.

The Red Cross provides photo ID badges for use by disaster volunteers.

Also, if any club member is interested in taking a more active roll in assisting the Red Cross Communications Chair, please contact Pete– K1PJ at 216-2021 or k1pj@aol.com.

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### **Emergency Management Activities:**

Ken Pineau will be retiring from County Government on June 27th, after 18 years of service. Fifteen of them have been devoted to emergency management.

The new director, Dan Summers, will be on board on June 1st. Dan comes from Wilmington, NC and has a wealth of experience. He has had extensive first hand hurricane experience during his career.

This year is predicted to be an active hurricane season!

### **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)

#### **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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Field Day— open

### **FOR SALE:**

Spare Parts and Components from  
M1 Tank electrical systems.  
Power Supplies, Toroids, Caps., etc.

Harry Romano - KC4RPP  
IMRC Technologies, Inc.  
4627 Arnold Ave., Suite 9  
Naples, FL 34104  
Office: 455-1411 Cell: 253-2327  
Email: [harry@imarc.net](mailto:harry@imarc.net)  
[www.imrc.net](http://www.imrc.net)

Jordan-WB2QLP has passed along an  
interesting website for Middle East  
Broadcast Radio Communications.

[Http://www.totse.com/en/media/radio\\_scanner\\_frequency\\_lists/mideast.html](Http://www.totse.com/en/media/radio_scanner_frequency_lists/mideast.html)

### **Contact Us:**

If you have info, articles, announcements,  
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If you don't get a live body, I have voice  
mail on all phone lines.

73— Pete K1PJ