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From the President's Shack:

Good news from ARRL...

We have been approved for the renewal of our Special Service Club designation. We should be proud of the accomplishments and service, in the name of amateur radio, our club provides to Collier County.

I'm anxious to attend our meeting to inform our members of what has transpired this last month. It will be an important meeting.

We were also VERY lucky that we dodged hurricane Isabel.

Lets hope for a quiet remainder of the season.

See you at the meeting.

73, KG4QPD-Mark

Meeting Location Notice:

The September Meeting will be held at the Marriott Hotel located next door to the American Red Cross Chapter House. The meeting room is located just off the main lobby. The Hotel is located just past the Red Cross on the left side of the street. See you there !

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 23, 2003
7:30 PM - MARRIOTT HOTEL MEETING ROOM**

From the Secretary:

Board of Directors Met on 17 Sept 2003

All board members were present plus, K1PJ as Red Cross Comm. Rep.

The board accepted the proposed draft of the revised Club Constitution, and has been added to the meeting agenda for September. A proposed vote and final discussion will be held at the October meeting.

Jordan - WB2QLP reported that the replacement antenna for the repeater was acquired at the Melbourne Hamfest. The board met with Rick Zyvoloski at the Collier Emergency Management Center for a discussion regarding ECOM support from the club in times of disaster, and to obtain more detailed information regarding the various shelters which would be used throughout the county.

A full report will be given at the September Club meeting.

Constitution Amendments Notice:

A Draft of recommended revisions to the "Constitution of the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida" has been sent via separate E-mail to all members.

(The file name is REVCONST.pdf). Additional copies will be available at the meetings. The bold face type in the document represents the changes suggested and recommended at this time. These changes will be discussed as an agenda item at the September meeting, and again at the October meeting. A vote will be taken at the October meeting for adoption of the revisions. Please read and bring your comments to the club meetings.

- The Committee for Constitution Review -

Bill- K2ZEL, Rik- KI4AIM, John- NSOI

ARASWF is a ARRL Special Service Club:

Hi Mark,

It's my pleasure to inform you that I have approved the renewal of your ARRL Special Service Club designation for an additional two years effective immediately.

You & your members should be proud of the accomplishments & service, in the name of amateur radio, your club provides to Collier county. If I can be of assistance to you & the club, please advise.

Vy 73,

Jeff Beals , WA4AW - Affiliated Club Coordinator

August Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by president Mark - KG4QPD at 7:30 pm.

Following introductions by members present, the secretary read the minutes of the July meeting. Minutes were approved by motion of AA4RX seconded by K3ISH. The treasurer reported that all current bills have been paid. Balance on hand is \$1534.20.

The report was approved by motion from W2JQ, and seconded by KD4VRY.

Under the presidents comments, Mark requested that individuals sign up as available to assist other club members with their projects.

The vice president reported that the club repeater antenna was hit again by lightning.

At present there is a 5/8 ground plane antenna in temporary service. John - NS0I made the motion that a new antenna be obtained for the repeater, seconded by WA1QPD.

The club authorized the expenditure of funds up to \$300.00 for a replacement antenna.

The secretary reported that there had been some communication regarding the size of the board of directors. Rik- KI4AIM, John- NS0I, and Bill- K2ZEL, were appointed as a committee to review the present constitution as amended and to present a proposed draft of recommended changes to the board for presentation to the club.

The repeater power supply problem with resetting following power interruption was discussed. Various supplies were discussed and Mark- WA1QPD was requested to investigate what an Aston supply w/battery switching and appropriate gel cells would cost for the installation. The board was authorized to expend the necessary funds for these items.

It was pointed out that the club has a major responsibility in manning shelter communication during an emergency/ disaster event. Fred- KF4MMJ, gave a quick summary as to the antenna status at some of the shelters. It was determined that the club needed a more accurate assessment of what is currently available and what will be needed for members to man the shelters. Pete- K1PJ and Mark- KG4QPD, will set up an appropriate meeting with Collier County EOC officials regarding this matter.

Howard- AA4RX announced that there will be no hamfest in Fort Myers in January 2004. Next Hamfest will be in Melbourne on September 14.

The secretary was instructed to update the data in the ARRL club data base, and to complete the club application for "Special Service Club" status with the ARRL.

Carol- KI4AIN was appointed hospitality chairperson for the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm

Respectively submitted,

G. Wm. Reynolds, K2ZEL

Sec/ Treas.

Hamfest Calendar (by Bill Britton KB4VOL)

Oct	4	Jacksonville	FREE! At Jax Raceway I-95 & Pecan Park Rd. Talk-in on 146.700 INFO: Billy, N4UF (904) 765-3230
Oct	11	Starke	At Bradford County Playhouse US 1, north of Starke Talk-in on 145.150 INFO: John, KU4AY (904) 781-1185
Oct	11	Sunrise	FREE! At Motorola NE Parking Lot 8000 W. Sunrise Blvd. (Just east of Univ. Dr.) Talk-in on 146.790 INFO: Robin, N4HHP 954) 583-3625
Oct	18	Jacksonville	At Shrine Auditorium 3800 St John's Bluff Rd. Talk-in on 146.760 INFO: Dick, KF4PBL (904) 739-9713
Oct	18	Orlando	Bahia Shrine Ctr Pavilion 2300 Pembroke Dr. Talk-in on 147.390 INFO: Bob, KG4ECC (407) 834-9481
Nov	1	West Palm Beach	FREE! At So Fl Fairgrounds Southern Blvd & Sansbury Way Talk-in on 146.670 INFO: Jeff, WA4AW wa4aw@juno.com
Nov	29	Okeechobee	At Agriculture Center On US 441, 1.5 mi N of SR 70 Talk-in on 147.195 INFO: Al, AD4RZ (863) 467-0516
Dec	6/7	Tampa Bay	At Manatee Convention Center Palmetto, FL US 301 at Haben Blvd. (3 mi W of I-75 Exit 43) Talk-in on 145.430 INFO: Fred, N3BUL (813) 672-3337

October Guest Speaker:

Metro Crime Prevention is a community service organization developed by former law enforcement officers and is sponsored by local locksmiths and manufacturers of various safety equipment. Their mission is to achieve a heightened awareness by the public, of the current criminal threat facing everyone in today's society and to show effective measures to counter the threat.

They will be visiting our club at the October 28th Meeting to give a 30 - 45 minute presentation.

Topics, which will be discussed, are:

Personal Security Consideration
Car jacking, rape
Home and auto security systems
Hand Guns

Purse snatching
Motel/Hotel Security
Precautions when using ATM's
Alternative Weapons.

Metro Crime Prevention travels throughout the state providing free crime awareness programs.

You can visit their Website at www.metrocrimeprevention.org

Lightening !

As most of you already know, our repeater was again hit by lightening. A temporary antenna has been installed, and K4YHB/R is back on the air. At the Melbourne Hamfest, a DB Products commercial quality antenna was Purchased, and will be installed at the site.

Speaking of lightening -

Jordan, WB2QLP suffered a severe hit at his QTH which took out most of his station equipment. That's one of the hazards when you live in Florida !

For Sale

(2) Kenwood TS-850 HF Transceivers. All tuned up to specs and ready to go.
Asking \$650.00 each, or both for \$1200.00

George - N3ISH E-mail: geon3ish@aol.com

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

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FOR SALE:

Heathkit Model IP-2760 Power Supply
Output: Variable 7.5 to 15 VDC Regulated.
Has front panel output adjustment control.
Current: 12A continuous, 20A intermittent.
Has both Volt & Amp Panel Meters.
Less than 1% Ripple at Full Load.
Reg: <2% variation from 0 to full load.
Front Panel Binding Posts for Output.
Unit is in good working condition.

“Hygain 2” CB Radio with hump mount,
Mag Mount Antenna, and Power Mike.

FOR THE COLLECTOR!

Simpson Marine Radio with Antenna.
Older model with push button channels.

Antique Westinghouse “Autopower”
6 Volt battery charger from 1920’s.

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73— Pete K1PJ