



# ARASWF *Newsletter*



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

Greetings to all!

Let me take this opportunity to thank all who attended the March Club meeting. Thanks for your support!

April looks like a quiet month without much contesting or Ham Fest.

The Florida QSO Party will take place on April 26 & 27th.

Also, the March of Dimes - Walk America event takes place on Saturday, April 26th. See details in this newsletter.

Hurricane season is right around the corner so I expect more radio activity will take place.

Still some work to do at the Red Cross building and I think I have all the necessary equipment to fix the cable situation. Hope to have that project completed before Field Day. The Club still needs a Field Day Coordinator, so please come forward and volunteer to help out.

Thanks to Pete K1PJ, the weekly radio net is still alive. Please help us out and volunteer as a net control for a week or two. It is most rewarding and a lot of fun.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April 22nd meeting.

I have a new vest that I think all would like.

Until then, Happy Easter and Get On The Air!

73, KG4QPD-Mark

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

### **March of Dimes - Walk America**

Don – WD4FLY is looking for volunteers to help with the radio communications for the upcoming March of Dimes - Walk America event, which will take place here in Naples on Saturday, April 26th. The club has participated for many years.

Volunteers will need either a hand held or mobile 2 Meter Transceiver.

For more information or to volunteer, please call Don at 262-5569 ASAP. Thanks!

### **Amateur Radio Class - Update**

On April 12, 2003 the ARASWF began a class for persons interested in the amateur radio technician class license. Instructors Bill-K2ZEL and Jerry-W8TWJ greeted twelve hopeful students with an additional four indicating that they would be in attendance starting the second week. The class instruction is following the outline suggested by the ARRL.

The class attendees are enthusiastic and are diligently pursuing the study tasks presented by the instructors. An examination session has been scheduled for May 10, 2003. This session will be open to all wishing to take license examinations for any class license. Bill can be reached at 992-4708.

### **W0MR - Richard St. Amant**

### **Silent Key**

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of one of our members.

Richard St. Amant - W0MR, passed away on March 22, 2003 after a short illness.

A memorial service was held at the Fuller Funeral Home in Naples and was attended by many of his amateur radio friends. Amateur Radio played a big part in Richards life as was evident by the testimonials given by his family and friends at the service.

“If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy.”

### **Club Net:**

**Don't forget our club net !!! 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. On April 16th we had 8 check-ins plus net control K1PJ - Pete.

**See you there!**

### **Minutes of March Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mark - WG4QPD, at 7:30 pm on 25 March 2003 at the Collier County Red Cross Chapter House.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Richard St. Amant, W0MR, a long time member of our club, on his passing on march 23, 2003. His memorial will be held on Saturday 29 March 2003, at 1:00 pm, at the Fuller Funeral Home on East Tamiami Trail, Naples.

The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

Old Business:

Bill and Jerry reported that the technician class will be conducted at the Chapter House on successive Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am starting on April 12. A press release announcing the class will be sent out by Pete - K1PJ with sign up by phone or email to the instructors.

The ARRL DX contest is scheduled for 1 & 2 April. Members are encouraged to participate.

There was a discussion regarding feed through barrels for the antennas in the radio room. It was recommended that an additional 4 or 5 feed through barrels be purchased for the station.

Howard, AA4RX, reminded the membership that the next scheduled testing session is for 29 March at 9:30 am here at the Red Cross Chapter House. He also announced that an additional test session is scheduled for 10 May to accommodate the Tech class and any who wish to upgrade their license.

New Business:

WD4FLY-Don, announced that the annual March of Dimes Walk America is scheduled for 26 April 7:30 am to noon. We need volunteers to work stations along the route and to man the chase vehicles. Contact Don at 262-5569.

Field Day is scheduled for the last full weekend in June. Tentatively we will operate from the chapter house under the new category in this year's rules. We need a volunteer to chair and coordinate the event. Talk to Mark or Jordan if you can help out with this major activity of the club.

A sample of a club vest was shown to the membership for discussion.

The 50-50 drawing was won by KQ0Q, John, who donated the winnings to the club.

On the meeting schedule - For April the pre-meeting there will be a mini tailgate starting around 6:45 pm. Bring your good stuff. For May a possible "fox hunt".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by:

G. William Reynolds K2ZEL, Sec/Treas



### **What a Shiner!**

Mary - NV4Z

XYL of George - N3ISH

Mary suffered a fall recently while running into the shack to talk to a friend on the radio who was in QSO with George. Hope you get better soon.

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### **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 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.

George-N3ISH and xyl Mary-NV4Z plan to operate this contest from their QTH.

They are looking for anyone interesting in operating from their location.

You can contact them at 774-1759 or email: [geon3ish@aol.com](mailto:geon3ish@aol.com) if interested.

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### **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 so on!

### **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

**This was sent in by Glenn- KE4KTZ:**

Hello,

Transtector Systems along with our sister company, PolyPhaser are sponsoring a one day Grounding Symposium in Miami on Wednesday, April 30th.

Our symposium will cover a variety of technical issues relating to grounding and power protection in communication environments. We have been hosting several of these symposiums throughout the country and we have had nothing but positive feed back from all of those who have participated.

This is a complimentary series that Transtector is offering - no charge to participate - and we' ll provide lunch. Our symposiums have been filling up very quickly so I strongly recommend completing the registration as soon as possible and faxing back to me. Feel free to pass this e-mail around to the different department groups and you are welcome to bring anyone from you staff that could benefit.

Best Regards,

Dave Wilson - Account Manager, Transtector Systems. Tel: 800-882-9110 Ext. 6056  
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### Force 12 Flag Pole Antennas



Here is an antenna that deserves comment.

The Force 12 flag pole antenna comes complete with everything you need, including radials. Overall height is 15 1/2' and operates 40 thru 10M including MARS. You supply the 50 ohm coax feed line, and a sack of concrete ready mix, and you can be on the air in no time! It only weighs 12 pounds and ships in a 4' long carton. You can also add additional sections for increased efficiency on the low bands. The base is a simple PVC sleeve, which makes the flag pole non-permanent, which complies with many codes (i.e. CC&R's). For more info, visit their website at **[www.force12inc.com](http://www.force12inc.com)**

Thanks John -KQ0Q

### **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:**

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Harry Romano - KC4RPP

Office: 455-1411 Cell: 253-2327

Email: [harry@imarc.net](mailto:harry@imarc.net)

### **FOR SALE:**

Kenwood TS-430 Transceiver.

Excellent Condition.

Dave Buzzell-KG4ZKA

Call: 774-2182

### **Contact Us:**

If you have info, articles, announcements,  
for sale items, etc.

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

73— Pete K1PJ