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From the President's Shack:

The hot days of summer are upon us and the air conditioner is feeling good.

The lazy days of summer are anything BUT lazy..

By the time we gather for the August meeting, and weather permitting, our repeater should be back in operation. In case you did not know, according to Mark, WA1QDP, the antenna appears to have taken a lightning strike. So far the word is that it damaged only the antenna and none of the other equipment.

Jordan (WB2QLP) has a temporary 2 meter antenna that we can use until we discuss further action during the meeting.

The club shack is now equipped with a new 2 meter radio. I would encourage everyone to make use of not only the 2 meter rig, but all the equipment that's available.

It needs to be warmed up once in a while.

Many Thanks go out to Pete (K1PJ) for keeping everyone straight about the location of the last meeting, and to AD (K4ADR) for acting as president.

He just can't get away from it.

We should get an update on the e-link project from Carl (WA9ZIF).

I would like to get it running soon.

On Friday, August 15, Rik (KI4AIM) went to NCH for scheduled surgery.

We wish him and Carol (KI4AIN) all the best.

Along with the hot days, come the hurricanes.

Keep yourself prepared for this busy season.

It will be good to see everyone again at the meeting.

All those who are on vacation or traveling out of town, be careful out there and have a safe trip.

Best 73, KG4QPD-Mark

Minutes of July 2003 Meeting

23 July 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by past president K4ADR, AD, as both the president and vice president were absent.

Following introductions the secretary read the minutes of the May meeting.

These were accepted by the passage of a motion from KD4VRY, seconded by KI4AII.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted by passage of a motion from AA4RX, seconded by NS0I.

The summary of the field day as reported to ARRL was given.

A moment of silence was observed by the members on the passing of Dan Clay, KB8EMG. Dan was a club member for many years. The secretary was instructed to donate from the treasury \$50.00 to Naples Hospice in his memory.

The Fall class sponsored by the club was announced.

It will be 10 weeks with an examination session on the 11th week.

It will be on Saturday mornings from 9: to 11:30 at the Red Cross Chapter House.

The Club Trailer Needs A Home!!!! Have you space????

It was announced that Rik, KI4AIM, has accepted the job as webmaster for the SFL section webpage. Congratulations.

The secretary was directed to review the requirements for "Special Service" club with ARRL and to update our status.

A short discussion of the Broadband on Power Lines problem was discussed and members are encouraged to make their views known to the FCC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectively submitted

G. William Reynolds K2ZEL

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - AUGUST 26, 2003
7:30 PM - RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE**

Fall "Communications and Electronics Class" Offered by Radio Club

Starting on the sixth of September at 9:00 AM the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida will cosponsor with the Collier County Chapter of the American Red Cross an introductory class in Radio Communications and Electronics. The class will be for a period of ten weeks under the guidance of Dr. G. William Reynolds. At the end of the classes on the 15th of November, there will be the opportunity for class members to take the examinations for the various class of amateur radio license. The classes will be given at the Red Cross Chapter House, Northbrooke Plaza Drive.

The classes will offer an introduction to morse code, basic principles of electronics, license requirements, personal station needs, operating rules and restrictions, various aspects of the hobby. Dr. Reynolds will be assisted by members of the club in presenting these classes.

Persons interested in signing up for the classes contact Dr. Reynolds at 239-992-4708 or by e-mail wreynolds39@comcast.net

California QSO Party

To: ARA of Southwest Florida (contest club outside of California)

California QSO Party (CQP) 2003 - <http://www.cqp.org/>

1600Z October 4, 2003 -- 2200Z October 5, 2003

Sponsored by the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC)

FUN FOR CLUBS OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA

Last year 20 clubs turned in scores for the "Top Non-California Club" plaque.

The Tennessee Contest Group won the plaque with 16 logs and a score of 703,996 points.

You can view the TCG 2002 plaque at <http://www.k4ro.net/tcg.html>

We would appreciate it if you could post this article to your email reflector and print it in your newsletter.

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California QSO Party—continued

INTRODUCTION

Start your contest season with a “big bang” in CQP 2003. Participation was up a whopping 21% in CQP 2002. Come join us and win awards (plaques and wine), earn a certificate, buy a t-shirt and most importantly “have fun” in one of the largest state QSO parties.

OBJECT

Stations outside of California work as many California stations in as many CA counties as possible (CW and phone, 160-80-40-20-15-10-6-2 meters). Stations in California work everyone.

- * Updated Multi-Single rule for 2003 allows unlimited band changes!
- * Complete and final rules and other information at <http://www.cqp.org/>

EXCHANGE

- * Stations outside of California send QSO number and U.S. State, ARRL Canadian section, or Country.
- * California stations send QSO number and county.

AWARDS

The most plaques and awards in any state QSO party

- * 34 Plaques (wood and metal, not mere wallpaper!)
- * 40 Bottles of California wine (commemorative CQP labels with your call sign)
- * Certificates to the top Single-Operator in every state, province, country, and CA county
- * Certificates to each and every entrant who makes at least 100 QSOs

Commemorative CQP 2003 T-shirts are available for purchase if you make at least 100 QSOs (waived for DX entries). Please include your size (M / L / XL / XXL) and \$10 (\$15 for DX entries).

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR LOGS !

Complete and final rules and other information at <http://www.cqp.org/>

Free logging software CQPWin at <http://www.cqp.org/Software.html>

Entries must be submitted no later than November 15.

- * Logs should be submitted by e-mail to cqp@contesting.com
- * Logs may be submitted via postal mail to:
NCCC, c/o Al Maenchen, AD6E, 3330 Farthing Way, San Jose, CA 95132-1908.

- Marc, W6ZZZ, a member of the CQP Publicity Team

Club Information

Meetings:

4th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.
Red Cross Chapter House
Northbrooke Plaza Dr., Naples FL

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EOC Repeater:

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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 hu mp 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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