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From the President's shack:

Let me thank everyone who helped make the Swamp Buggy Special Event Station a BIG success on Saturday, March 6th at the Sports Park. We had a lot of fun and made over 160 contacts on 12 and 17 meters. I would like to also thank the Collier County EOC for bringing out the Emergency Command Vehicle.

As I understand it, we should be getting the requested equipment for VHF communications for the Red Cross shelters. It will be a real challenge to have the system up and operational by the dreaded hurricane season. I'm confident that we can pull this off with EVERYONE's help.

I hope to know more about the 67 machine at the meeting this Tuesday. Once we get the repeater back from Mark, we will have it operational in no time. I'm hoping that with our DP products antenna, that we will have fewer problems. The Naples Cay is a lot more accessible so any problems we have can be taken care of in a more timely fashion.

Hope to see all of you at the meeting. In the mean time, please be careful.

73, K4SWF-Mark

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**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - MARCH 23, 2004
7:30 PM - RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE**

Are you in control of your Station?

Since the .67 club machine has been down, most of us have to use either the .64 or .03 Repeaters. On Thursday, March 11th, at 5:30 pm, suddenly the .64 machine was keyed up with an unidentified transmission. Now this wasn't your usual "kerchunker" with a hand-held, trying to see if he could key up the machine from 2 light years away... this was a dead full quieting carrier that captured both the frequency, and the attention of some local hams. For the next 2 1/2 hours, the repeater remained keyed up, while we listened to "open mike night" at somebody's QTH.

Let the Fox Hunt begin.....

Jeff— NJ2F, Anthony— KB2SFA, A.D.— K4ADR, Pete— K1PJ, Glenn— KE4KTZ, and others, took part in the investigation to track down the Fox!

Jeff and Anthony were coordinating back and forth on other frequencies to try and pinpoint the exact location. Anthony was able to pinpoint the QTH to within one of two houses using his hand-held without an antenna. Since it was getting dark, he headed home. Pete went on the internet and searched the callsign database for a matching addresses. BINGO! Next he found a matching telephone number and called it. BINGO again! They wouldn't pick up the phone, but we could hear the phone ringing over the radio, and Pete's voice on their answering machine as he tried to explain what was happening. It was obvious from the conversations in the background that they were clueless. Pete called a second time knowing they were listening, and left another message instructing them to look for a stuck push-bar on the desk mike, or look for a on-off switch on the radio and shut it off! Again, they would not pick up the phone, but after some obvious fumbling around sounds with the microphone, the carrier went away at 8:05 pm... Finally! Coincidentally, within a couple minutes, the Licensee arrived home and seemed dumfounded as to how the incident could have happened. Ironically, he had been taking an exam and upgraded to General... Congratulations by the way.

So in quick review... what have we learned? Never leave the rig on when you're not there. If you think it has a life of it's own, pull the plug! You'll want to do this during lightening season anyway. If you have clueless people living with you, give them a heads up on how to yank the plug and tell them that a desk mike really shouldn't be used as a book stand! Remember, it's our responsibility to be in control of our station at all times. Enough said!

Also, it's interesting to note that the .64 machine never timed out!

K1PJ

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Mar 27	Sunrise (NEW DATE)	FREE! At Motorola NE lot Sunrise Blvd & University Dr. Talk-in on 146.790 INFO: Robin, N4HHP (954) 583-3625
Mar 27	Jacksonville	FREE FLEA At Jax Raceway I-95 at Pecan Park Blvd. Talk-in on 146.700 INFO: Billy, N4UF (904) 765-3230
Mar 27	New Port Richey	At Ridgewood High School 7650 Orchid Lake Dr. Talk-in on 146.760 INFO: Don, AA4EK (727) 372-3811
Mar 27	Leesburg	At LARA Clubhouse On HWY 473 Talk-in on 147.255 (PL 103.5) INFO: Al, K2SSE K2SSE@comcast.net
Apr 3	Jacksonville	Tailgate on Morris Ave. Talk-in on 146.760 INFO: Deborah, KG4ADZ (904) 739-9713
Apr 17	Tampa	Tampa ARC Operations Ctr. 7801 North 22nd St. Talk-in on 147.105 (PL 145.2) INFO: Biff, K4LAW (813) 265-4812
Apr 24	Gainesville	Alachua County Fairgrounds SR 222 1/2 mi E of SE 24 Talk-in on 146.820 INFO: Pat, K4HFJ (352) 378-0512
May 2 (SUNDAY ONLY)	St. Petersburg	FREE! At Lake Maggorie Park 39th Ave S & M.L. King St. Talk-in on 146.060 INFO: Dee, N4GD n4gd@arrl.net

Club Information

Meetings:

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

Club Repeater:

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For Sale:

Icom IC-730 (HF) ... \$300

Yaesu FT-227R (2m FM) ... \$30

Kenwood TR-751A
(2m All Mode w/TU-7) ... \$200

Kenwood TM-731A
(2m/70cm FM) ... \$150

All radios include user manuals.
TM-731A also includes service manual.

Contact: Glenn (KE4KTZ)

Phone: 455-4682.

Red Cross: Due to my work schedule and demands on my time, I have resigned as Communications Chair. Pete— K1PJ

Congratulations to K4ADR...

A.D. and xyl Carol have moved into a new QTH on Golden Gate Blvd., out in the Estates.

More room for the Antenna Farm!

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73— Pete K1PJ