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NEWS BRIEFS

K4YHB/R - The club Repeater (146.67MHz) is presently shut down due to Interference with a newly installed (or should we say poorly installed) HDTV antenna installation at the Enclave. TVI occurs whenever the repeater transmits. The TVI is probably due to RF overload because the TV antenna is located directly below our 2M repeater antenna, and has an in-line signal booster. We are planning to move the repeater to another location (Naples Cay) as soon as possible.

Special Events Station - The "Swamp Buggy Special Event Station" will start operation at 0900 EST on Saturday, March 6, 2004, and end at 1500 EST on Sunday, March 7th. Operating frequencies will be in the 12 and 17 meter bands. Certificates and QSL cards will be available to stations worked. A more detailed discussion will take place at the up-coming meeting.

Membership Cards - Our Treasurer (Bill - K2ZEL) says that if you haven't already done so, your membership card may be picked up at the club meeting. This will save on snail mail postage. And If you haven't paid your dues yet, he will gladly accept your \$25 cash or check. If you can't attend a meeting, membership applications are available on-line at our club website. Simply print the form, fill it out, and mail it to our Treasurer at the address on the application.

Visit our club website at: www.araswf.org

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 24, 2004
7:30 PM - RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE**

K4YHB / Repeater



Repeater Installation at present location in elevator room at the Enclave. New TV Amp can be seen on blocks in fore-ground.



Front view of Repeater Cabinet with door open. We will be removing the equipment and relocating it to another site.



Rear view of Repeater Cabinet with door open. As you can see, it will be a delicate operation to relocate the equipment.



This photo shows the HDTV Antenna mounted directly below our repeater antenna, which is located on the mast extending above the tower section. The TVI is most likely due to RF overload because of the close proximity of the two antennas.



This photo shows the installation of the signal amplifier which was installed in line with the HDTV Antenna. Whenever our repeater is keyed up, it causes TVI to all users connected to the system. Bottom Line.... Now it's our problem!

Board of Directors Meeting:

The Board of Directors met on February 11th to discuss a number of items for the upcoming year. A report will be given at the club meeting. Treasurer Bill - K2ZEL also put together the proposed Budget for 2004 as outlined below.

ARASWF Proposed Budget for 2004

Expenses

1. Utilities	\$250.00
2. Insurance	
a. Liability	325.00
b. Equipment	500.00
3. Meeting Facility costs	
a. Donations to Red Cross	400.00
4. Office Expenses	
a. Mailings	200.00
b. Bank	20.00
c. Newsletter	50.00
5. Operations	
a. Field Day	400.00
b. Repairs and maintenance	300.00
c. trailer maintenance	200.00
6. Education expenses	100.00
Total	\$2245.00

From the President's Shack:



"The Swamp Buggy Special Event will start at 0900 on the 6th of March and end at 1500 on the 7th. Frequencies will be in the 12 and 17 meter bands."

One of the things we will be offering for the event is a certificate of participation, and club QSL Card.

The Swamp Buggy Races website is at <http://www.swampbuggy.com/home.htm>

Sign up at the next meeting to help out with this project!

2004 FLORIDA HAMFESTS

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
Feb 21 (NEW DATE & LOCATION)	Sebring	Highlands Agri-Civic Center 4505 George Blvd. Talk-in on 147.045 (up 600) INFO: Ben, KA6R (863) 314-0963
Feb 22 (SUNDAY ONLY)	Zephyrhills	At the Lions Club 5827 Dean Dairy Rd. Talk-in on 147.135 INFO: Ron, N8VFE (813) 782-1602
Mar 6	Port Charlotte	EARS/PRRA Hamfest Charlotte County Fairgrounds On CR 776 2.4 mi S of US 41 Talk-in on 147.255 INFO: George, KA4JKY (941) 697-3445
Mar 13	Stuart	FREE! At Martin County Fairgrounds A1A, South of Stuart Talk-in on 147.060 (up 600) INFO: Dave, KE4AMW (772) 288-7100
Mar 13	Tampa	At Egypt Shrine Bldg. 4050 Dana Shores Blvd. Talk-in on 147.345 INFO: Larry, W4LGP (813) 948-6500
Mar 20	Sunrise	FREE! At Motorola NE lot Sunrise Blvd & University Dr. Talk-in om 146.790 INFO: Robin, N4HHP (954) 583-3625
Mar 20	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

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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EOC Repeater:

WB2WPA— 147.030 (+600)

Club Home Page

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From Gary Randall

I am the Club' s Award Manager and as such I can check your QSL cards and applications for WAS and VUCC. This will save you having to send your cards to the ARRL.

So visit the club website at www.araswf.org and check out the requirements posted for **VUCC** (VHF/UHF Century Club) certificate, and the **WAS** (Worked All States) certificate.

The Amateur Radio Association of SW Florida is designated as an "ARRL Special Service Club".

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73— Pete K1PJ