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Club Information
Meeting Time:
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)
Club Home Page
<http://www.araswf.org>
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President: KB4ETT
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K4YHB - New Antenna System

From The Presidents Shack:

I hope everyone is doing well after Hurricane Wilma. The club was successful in providing communications for the Red Cross shelters during the storm. Many members contributed time and equipment in order to make sure our commitments were fulfilled.

Hurricane Wilma caused damage to the antenna farms of some of our members and the club station also suffered damage. The high winds caused the new wall bracket on our tower to fail, causing the tower to collapse. The decision of the Board is to temporarily put up another tower with locally donated equipment and then to select a new tower and antenna system for a permanent replacement.

Preparation for the upcoming International Space Station QSO is continuing. Doug Dunfee, N4DMD, and Gary Randall, KD4VRZ, have visited Pine Ridge Middle School to determine antenna placement, coax and rotor cable runs, and other logistics. Rosalie White, K1STO, from the

ARISS project, indicates that slot for a QSO may become available in the second week of December.

Communications on HF still seems to be perking up a little. Carl Pacini, KI4AI, reports a contact with Iceland from his mobile station, and I was able to reach Honolulu today on 15 meters from my mobile. 17 meters has also produced some nice conversations, and occasionally 10 meters provides a surprise.

73,
Corey Mugaas KB4ETT

Treasurer's Report, From Bill Reynolds, K2ZEL:

The club is still solvent. The details of the balance will be given at the meeting when the monthly report will be given.

You may have noticed that the club leads the 4F category in the results of the annual field day as listed in QST December 2005 issue.

November is election month be at the meeting and vote for your new officers for the year 2006.

Early in December the annual update sheets requesting your 2006 dues will be mailed to all current members. Remember to review the printed data and correct the information and return with your dues check either by mail or at the January meeting.

The December meeting is usually a dinner meeting at which the past years officers are thanked for their service and to announce and install the new officers for the coming year. Plan to attend. Details will announced at the November meeting.

Vice President's Report, From Carl Pacini, KI4AI:

Peter I DXpedition:

As many of you know, there is an upcoming DXpedition to Peter I island near Antarctica. The team projects that they will be on the air for 12-14 days. Ultimately, the team plans to have nine stations on the air and a complement of 23 antennas. The DX team will assemble in Punta Arenas on January 29, 2006 and shortly afterward, fly to the Chilean Naval Base on King George Island, South Shetland Islands. The team will board its vessel there and sail to Peter I. The DXers expect to arrive on Peter I around February 6, 2006. The call prefix for Peter I is 3Y0X. The Peter I website is: <http://www.peterone.com> Anyone making contact with the Peter I team should QSO via N200.

Somalia DXpedition::

The International DX Association is sponsoring a DXpedition to Somalia in late January, 2006. Seven operators will be active with three stations, two of them running around the clock. They will operate on all bands and all modes, including digital. The QSL manager is I2YSB.

73's, Carl Pacini, KI4AI

Christmas Dinner, From Sigi, W2J2:

I have checked with the people from Perkins Restaurant, and they have the following dates open for our Xmass Dinner meeting:

1. Friday Dec. 2.
2. Friday Dec. 9.
3. Friday Dec. 16.

We always had the dinner meeting on a Friday, that's why I was thinking we should have it again on Friday. I am coming to the tech. meeting on the 22. Nov. to discuss the matter then . Whether we have one or not.

73 from Sigi w2jq@comcast.net

Links of General Interest:

[Hurricane Wilma ARES/RACES Southern Florida Activation Praised](#)

[Fan Dipole - How Long To Make Them](#)

[Icom 706 - Major Defect Found !](#)

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Wilma Visits ARASWF



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**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 22, 2005
7:30 PM - RED CROSS CHAPTER HOUSE**