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Club Information

Meeting Time:
4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Golden Gate Community
Center
4701 Golden Gate Parkway
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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Vice President: KI4AI
Carl Pacini
Secretary: KG4ZLB
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David Worboys
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From the President's Shack:

Field Day will be held beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday, June 24, 2006 and ending at 2100 UTC Sunday, June 25, 2006.

Location:

Joe Goggin's (K9KNW) "Ranch"
294 Brandy Lane
Naples, FL 34114

(DEC)	26.100558 N	-81.666448 W
(HMS)	26.03.26.61 N	81.38.32.44 W

Located off of SR951 (Collier Blvd) on Sabal Palm Road which is to the east of 951, north of the East Trail and south of Rattlesnake Hammock Road.

See Maps further down in the newsletter for specific location.

Amateur Radio Association of South West Florida

Club Meeting held at the Golden Gate Community Center, Naples, FL on Tuesday April 25th 2006.

Present:

Peter Gaddy, KK4PG - President
G. William Reynolds, K2ZEL - Treasurer
David Worboys, KG4ZLB - Secretary
Jordan Mash, WB2QLP - Co-Technical Director
Carl Pacini, KI4AII - Vice President
Rodney Smith, KI4DBI - Operations Director

Apologies:

Corey Mugaas, KB4ETT- Past President
Tim Wallen, KC4SSD - Co-Technical Director

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MEETING MINUTES

Peter, KK4PG (President) acted as Chairman of the meeting and there being a quorum present, and with 30 members total in attendance, called the meeting to order at 7.04pm.

Introduction: As usual, attendees introduced themselves to the meeting for the benefit of new members and visitors.

Board Resignation: Peter announced that David, KG4ZLB had tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Club and said a few words of appreciation for his efforts over the last 18 months that he had held the position. David thanked Peter for his kind words and addressed the meeting with his own thanks for the support that he had received.

Emergency Communications: Rodney, KI4DBI said that he still required some volunteer communicators for the upcoming Hurricane season and in addition the Club had been once again invited to provide communications coverage for the annual Triathlon that was to be held on June 4th. He said that a sign up sheet would be available after the meeting for those interested in lending their support to either or both requirements.

Visitor: Peter introduced Matthew Zaleznik, KD4QML, the Battalion Chief of the Golden Gate Fire Department. Matthew advised that the previous hurricane season, specifically Wilma in October 2005, has highlighted the huge need for reliable communications pre and post event in the CERT environment. Although a ham himself, it had been decided that three or four of his colleagues would also like to gain a ham ticket to help out with future CERT deployments. In addition, he would very much like to call on the Club's members to volunteer themselves to be CERT trained and therefore be available to bolster personnel at the appropriate time. Peter advised that at the preceding Board Meeting, this topic had been discussed and that the Club was happy to provide the necessary training materials to the individuals concerned and to also provide a review session just before the actual examinations. Matthew then gave a short presentation on the CERT training which included medical operations at large scale disasters, light search and rescue, coping with mental and emotional impacts of disasters and terrorism as well as first aid and

cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). After training, members become part of the CERT team within their own neighborhoods. Peter mentioned that a meeting was due to be held with Dan Summers at the Collier County EOC this coming Friday and it would be a good idea for Matthew or one of his designates to also attend that meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Club's responsibilities to the EOC and this could dovetail nicely with the CERT requirements. Fred, KI4MJJ as the local EC, explained to Matthew the role of the ARRL in providing emergency communications.

Club Members requiring more information about the local CERT should e-mail info@ggfire.com or call 239 348 7540

Treasurers Report: Bill, K2ZEL advised that in the past month the Club had received the sum of \$467 in late dues and monies for the Key Waden trip. Of that, some \$347 had been spent on expenses pertaining to the trip and sundry other small expenses resulting in a net income to the Club of \$119.12. The Club's balance on hand amounted to \$4889.37 with two items to be paid for in the near future; the update to the Club's "Write log" logging program and asset insurance, neither of which had been quantified into a dollar amount at this point.

Key Waden trip report: Carl, KI4AII reported on the recent mini-dxpedition to Key Waden. Some 12 members attended utilizing two motor boats to ferry them across. The radio set up was on the beach with 1 radio on 40m with a hamstick antenna, some h/t's and 2m mobiles for local contacts and one HF set up consisting of an Icom 706MkIIG on 17m and 20m with an Ameritron mobile amp and pushing out 300w. This was powered by a deep cycle marine battery. There were plenty of contacts made during the day into Europe and South America plus a 40m CW contact by Jordan into SD using a straight key! All in all the day was a complete success with great food, drink and company and it was envisioned that a repeat trip would be arranged for a day in the summer months ahead.

ISS Contact DVD's: Bill advised that with thanks to Mike, WD8RFL, he had a small stock of the ISS contact DVD's left over from the meeting in February. Anyone who wished to have one should see him after the meeting.

Red Cross: Peter announced that Saturday May 6th had been chosen as the day to move all of the Club's possessions out of the Red Cross building and that he now needed volunteers for a work party. On a show of hands several members volunteered their time and it was agreed that 9.30am would be the start time with the work party members meeting up at about 9.00am on the repeater or at Bob Evans for breakfast beforehand.

Field Day: Jordan, WB2QLP said that he had intended to visit the site but Joe Goggins, the site owner, had been in hospital and had only just returned home. Joe had asked Jordan to postpone his visit for a few days to allow him some time to recuperate which of course Jordan had agreed to. Jordan also advised that the huge brush fire which swept through the area recently had thankfully missed the Field Day site completely. He hoped that the Club would run 7 stations during the event, 5 on HF and 2 on VHF and it was also agreed that this year, amplification would be used. With the exception of the WARC bands, it was anticipated that the Club would be active on all bands including top band as there was a 160m dipole already at the site. Additionally there were hook ups for electricity and water if anyone wanted to take a trailer or RV to the event, but it was imperative that this was cleared in advance with Peter so that sufficient notice could be given to Joe and to ensure that all the available electricity wasn't used over and above the requirements of the radio stations. A map giving directions to the venue would be included in the next Newsletter and on the day, a talk-in would be available on 520 simplex.

Presentation: Carl, KI4AII gave a very entertaining talk on Charles Ponzi (of the infamous

"Ponzi" scams in the early 1900's) and his somewhat "tenuous" relationship with amateur radio. This seemed to be the fact that Ponzi's initial scam idea came from arbitraging the cost of an IRC (International Reply Coupon) overseas against the redeemable value in the US and the fact that IRC's are used by DX'ers as a way of trying to ensure a return of a valued QSL card! Notwithstanding the dubious nature of the relationship, the talk was highly informative and entertaining

For members who wish to know a bit more about Charles Ponzi, try
<http://home.nycap.rr.com/useless/ponzi/>

Silent Keys: It was noted the recent passing of Len Diebert, KC4GOA and Matt Baker K4FA. Bob, W0OB mentioned that the Club might consider applying for the K4FA callsign as this had been used numerous times by the Club during previous Field Day events. Because of the two year wait period on recycling old calls, this matter was left open.

Board Vacancy: Peter advised that a volunteer was required to fill out the remainder of the 2006 term for the Club Secretary's position. Additionally a volunteer was also required to take on the position of VE Liaison Officer. David, KG4ZLB explained the nature of the VE position and Carolyn, AI4CZ volunteered to take over this position. The position of Secretary remains open but Peter asked for everyone to consider it and telephone him if there was any interest.

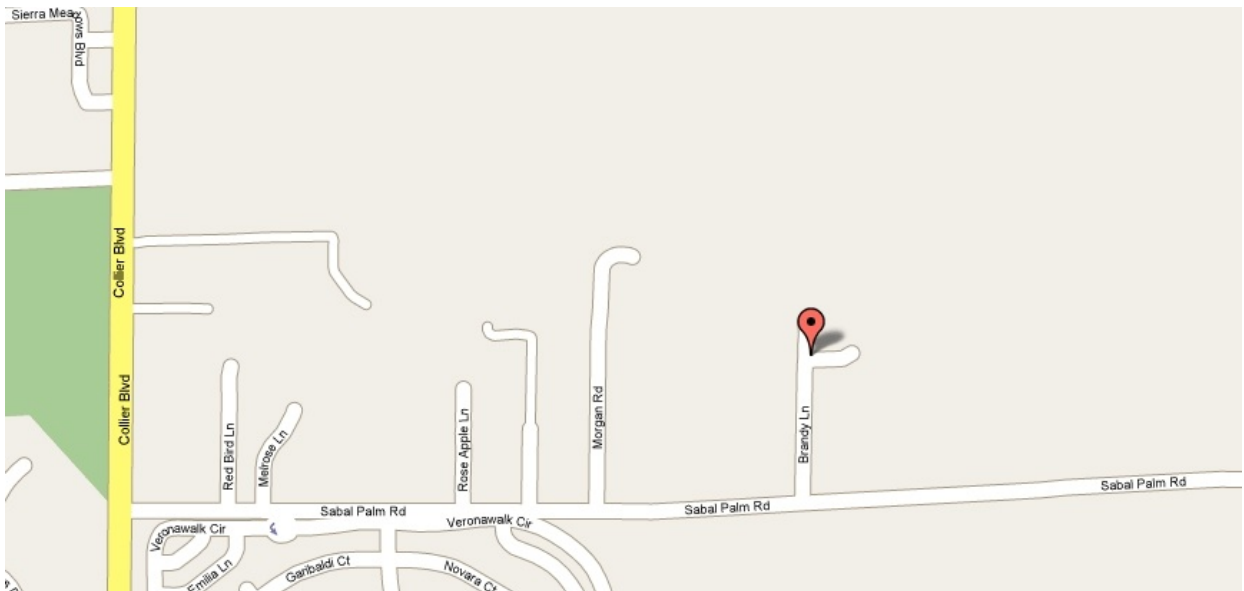
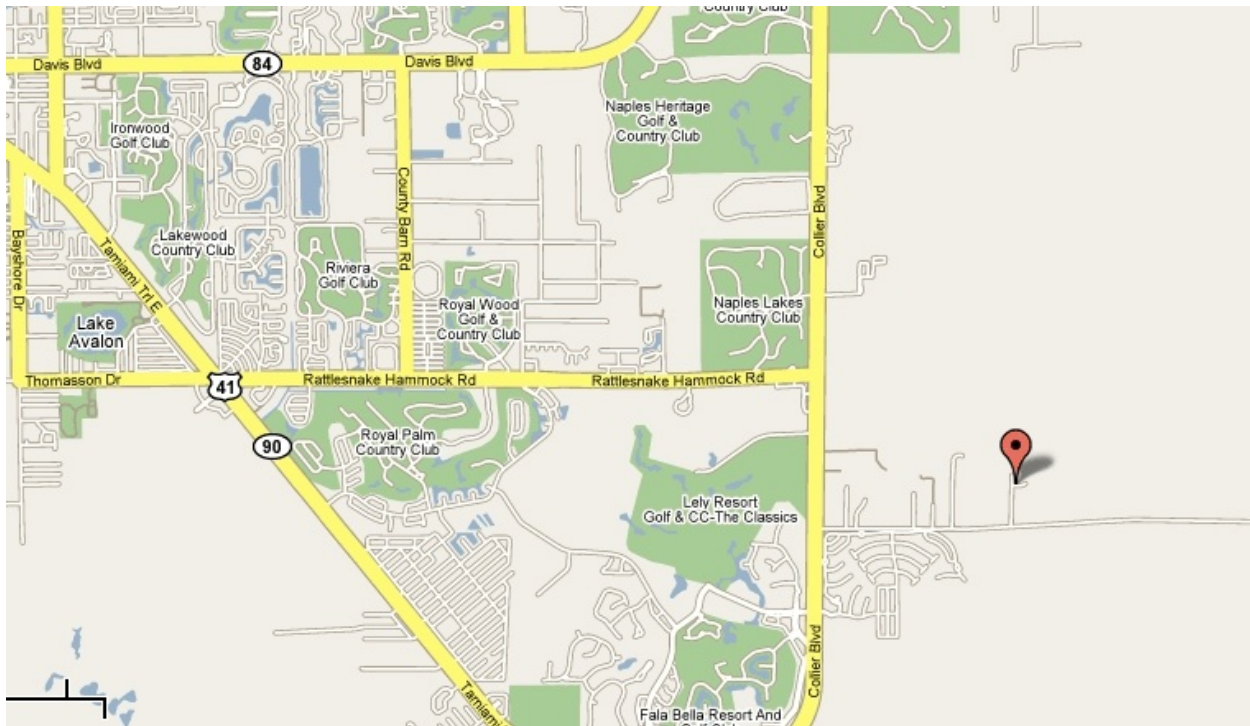
ISS Contact: Peter thanked Doug, N4DMD for all his efforts on behalf of the Club and Pine Ridge Middle School in ensuring that the ISS contact was a complete success.

50/50: The 50/50 raffle was drawn by Carl, KI4AII and won by Dan, WB7ECV. Two additional drawings were held for ARRL T-shirts kindly donated by Carolyn, AI4CZ and these were won by Bill, K2ZEL and Eric, KI4HEY

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8.20pm.

David A. Worboys
KG4ZLB
Secretary

Field Day 2006 Maps:



Satellite View:



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NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - MAY 23, 2006
7:00 PM - GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER