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Newsletter



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Club Information

Meeting Time: 4th Tuesday 7:30pm
Golden Gate Community Center
4701 Golden Gate Parkway
Naples FL
Club Repeater: K4YHB
146.670 (-600) PL 136.5
EOC Repeater: WB2WPA
147.030 (+600)
Club Web Site:
<http://www.araswf.org>
Club Officers/ Chairpersons
President: KK4PG
Peter Gaddy
Vice President: None
Secretary: W2HI
Bob Graf
Treasurer: K2ZEL
Bill Reynolds
Past President: KK4PG
Peter Gaddy
Technical Director: WB2QLP
Jordan Mash
Emergency Comm. Director: N1DL
Karl Geng
Ops. Director: None
Public Information Officer: None
Special Events Coord.: KI4LUD
Bob Quinn
Awards Manager: KD4VRZ
Gary Randall
VE Liaison: AI4CZ
Carolyn Conklin
Newsletter: WD8RFL
Mike Welsh
Webmaster: W2HI
Bob Graf
Social Chair: W2JQ
Sigi Boernet

From the President's Shack:

Below is a photo of one of my latest inventions. It is called a "Radio Cake". It is a one tube transceiver. If you lose power or band conditions are bad you can always just eat the "Radio Cake"



Please note that this is the first all cake All Band All Mode single tube transceiver which covers 160 thru 2 meters. I am hard at work baking the first "Cake 1.5 KW Linear" as a companion to the rig.

Peter, KK4PG

Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida

**Regular Monthly Business Meeting held at the Golden Gate Community Center,
Golden Gate, Florida, on Tuesday, July 24th, 2007**

Present: Peter Gady, KK4PG - President
Bob Graf, W2HI - Secretary
G. William Reynolds, K2ZEL – Treasurer
Jordan Marsh, WB2QLP – Technical Director

Apologies: Karl Geng, N1DL – Emergency Operations Director

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Called To Order:

There being a quorum present with 20 members, including 4 directors, and 1 guest in attendance, Peter, KK4PG (President) called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Introductions:

All attendees introduced themselves by name and call for the benefit of the members and guests in attendance.

Reading & Approval of Previous Minutes:

Reading of the Minutes was dispensed with since they were previously published in the ARASWF Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill, K2ZEL, gave the following Treasurer's Report:

Cash on hand, Previous Balance		\$5,627.25
Income:	\$ 0.00	
Available funds		\$5,627.25
Expenses:		
Trailer Hardware & Paint	\$258.56	
May Meeting Refreshments	\$ 19.46	
Field Day Food	\$257.43	
Fine Design Signs (Trailer)	<u>\$228.80</u>	
Total expenses	\$764.25	
Cash on hand 7/24/07		\$4,891.00

Officers' Reports:

Upcoming events – Christmas Party: Peter KK4PG reminded the membership that the only club social activity during the year, the Christmas Party, is being planned for a Friday night in December, either December 7th or December 14th, and that the location will be at the VFW facility off Pine Ridge Road just west of Route 951 in Naples. A minimum of 50 persons is required, and the per person cost is expected to be \$15. - \$20., which will include a buffet dinner. A cash bar will also be available. This year there will be door prizes awarded, some of which will be substantial, and the ladies will receive a favor . Because the club needs to make certain monetary commitments and deposits, there will be a request that members planning to attend remit a deposit – this will be addressed in the Newsletter and at future meetings.

Committee Reports:

VE Testing: Carolyn, AI4CZ, reported that the next VE test session is being planned for Saturday, August 11th. She also reported that people taking an exam for the first time to become licensed may take any and all 3 exams for a single initial \$14.00 fee, which is an inducement for them to upgrade at the same time. There followed a discussion about the feasibility of distributing flyers about upcoming test sessions, and Alysha KI4VLN suggested putting a notice in the school newspapers. Jordan WB2QLP offered to assist in distributing flyers to such public places as libraries, etc.

Field Day: John NSØI reported on the score results for Field Day 2007, and Jordan WB2QLP reported on the facilities and operating facilities, all of which were very favorable. A general discussion followed, during which it was pointed out that the club's computers are sorely in need of replacement. Jordan suggested that members participating in Field Day might consider providing their own laptop computers with Write Log installed, as he did.

Peter KK4PG then announced that next month he intends to appoint a Field Day committee to consider such things as:

- a. What are our objectives in operating Field Day – technical, social, or some combination thereof;
- b. The use of amplifiers, vs power not exceeding 150 watts for all stations;
- c. The number of stations to be operated and the classification to be used, such as 4A vs. 5A;
- d. Operator commitments and planning. This year there were extended periods when only one station was operating and the other stations remained off the air due to lack of operators;
- e. Operating times to be observed, since this year most of the stations were dismantled at noon instead of going until 2:00 as permitted.

K4YHB Repeater: Dan WB7ECV reported a “band-aid” approach to keeping the repeater tuned and on the air, and that if future breakdowns occur, it might be necessary to consider alternatives, including re-engineering the equipment. He reported also that he has had discussions with the operator of the 147.505 repeater for possible use during periods when the club repeater is not available.

This repeater, which operates with a (-) 1 MHz split and 67.0 PL is located on County Barn Road at an antenna height of 400 feet.

Old Business:

New Business:

Logo Merchandise: Carolyn AI4CZ informed the membership of the availability of many items of merchandise that can be personalized with the ARASWF logo, members name and call-sign, etc. Access to the complete selection can be had through the club website www.araswf.org, then clicking the "Logo Merchandise" link. Carolyn asked that members interested in personalizing items contact her via email as indicated on the site.

Special Features:

There was no special feature this month.

50/50:

The 50/50 raffle was won by Bob, W2HI, who donated his \$16. winnings back to the club treasury.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm on a motion by John NSØI, seconded by Bob KI4LUD.

Bob Graf, W2HI
Secretary

ARASWF ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Annual ARASWF Christmas Party and Dinner will be held at VFW Post 7721, located at 800 Neff Way, Naples, FL 34119 on December 7, 2007. [This is near the intersection of Pine Ridge Road and 951 (Collier Blvd)]

Cocktail hour starts at 6:00pm, with dinner served at 7:00pm

Dinner price is \$15 per person and there will be a cash bar.

Main dish baked chicken and roast beef

Server gratuity for dinner is included in the price, but bar tips are not.

There will be Door Prizes.

If attending, you will need to sign up in advance and pay the \$15 meal price, per person attending. See Bob, KI4LUD or Peter, KK4PG.

Please register and pay for your meal(s) at one of the next few meetings.

2007 Field Day Operating Times

Here is my best conclusion about our times for field day. Only between 4:00 to 5:30 were we ever operating as a 5A classification. Those 10 meter times could have been turned over to the GOTA station and then we would be 4A. What is interesting is that only around 6:00 A.M. were we not making any Qs and that was only a 15 minute period. Of course after 12:15 no Qs were made as we were in the tear down mode.

It looks a lot better than I had expected. With a little more time planning we can do much better next year.

John, NS0I

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Mary Tomlinson's (NV4Z) Sixth Time to Work All USA Counties Plaque:

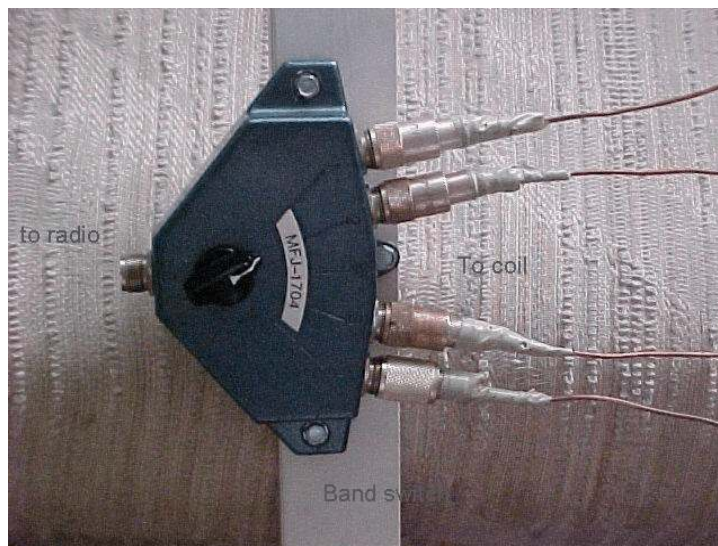


Carl Pacini, KI4All Latest Adventure:

I am presently on my way to St. Pierre et Miquelon (FP land). I have mobile radio equipment with me. If it still works when I arrive, I will be operational on Aug. 15, 16 and part of 17 on 17 and 20 meters. I will be FP-KI4All. I will be using 300-400 watts but I cannot tell you the frequencies. I can report more after my trip. 73, Carl

George Tomlinson's (N3ISH) newest apparatus:

N3ISH BAND SWITCH FOR HIS COIL FOR 20, 30, 40, AND 60 METERS



From David Worboys, M0ZLB/KG4ZLB:

Greetings Everyone ! My new website is up. Please have a look sometime:

<http://www.m0zlb.com>

You might find some interesting reading about my recent activities, on my "Blog" page.

http://www.m0zlb.com/m0zlb_006.htm

Please let me know what you think of my new web site !

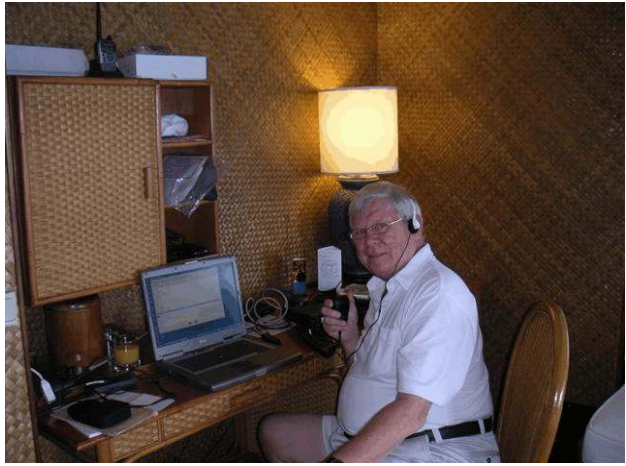
Karl Geng's (N1DL) Pacific Island Adventure:



The rig a YAESU FT-857D arrived just in time when we checked into our hotel at LAX airport after having missed the delivery in Naples/FL. So next day we boarded the Air Tahiti Nui flight to Papeete and arrived late at night on the island and checked into our over water bungalow at the Intercontinental Hotel in Papeete.

As we were very tired I waited until next morning to install the antenna and get the station ready. But first we had to take a taxi and find the licensing authority in Papeete and pick up our FO license (surprisingly it took only 2 minutes - everything was ready for us). That got me on the air as FO/N1DL.

So in between sightseeing and resting I worked all continents except Africa. Most active bands were 20 and 17 meters. Modes split about half CW and half SSB.



2 days later the French Polynesia National Holiday was celebrated and outrigger canoes from all the islands had races. I am including some pictures of this colorful event.



Papeete is a busy town and the center of administration for the islands. However once you get out of town the island is beautiful but not as much as some of the others we visited.

We took a boat to Huahine, which is roughly 100 km from Tahiti and one of the least developed islands of French Polynesia. There is very little tourism there apart from some scuba diving camps on the island itself and some of the Motus (small islets inside the coral reef).



The motus have intermittent electricity because they run on gensets - thus operation was not continuous. However I had a great run on 17 meters and worked lots of US stations including some of the Spiderwebers.

The locals are very friendly and hospitable. Transportation is a little hard on the behind. There are basically no inside roads as high mountains occupy the center of the island (that goes for most of the island btw), thus the population lives along the beach within about 100 meters of the shoreline all around the island.

Le Truck is the local transportation vehicle and these are open trucks with wooden benches. Ouch! Coupled with rough roads they give you a good massage on your behind. On one of the pics is my xyl Gitta DK6CX in front of the newest Le Truck which had solid sides and a roof - however it was not in use when we were there. These Le Trucks perform a multitude of duties as they are also used as school buses etc. Bus schedule questions bring back a blank stare from the locals. There is none - one just waits for one.



Huahine is, arguably, one of the most picturesque island in all of French Polynesia...

With steep mountains descending into protected bays of azure blue and emerald green colors, the island is also one of the more geographically diverse of the Society Group. Also known as "The Garden Island" due to its abundance of lush green tropical foliage and wild jungle-like scenery, Huahine is one of the more interesting of the Society Islands to explore. Huahine itself is actually 2 islands known as Huahine-Nui and Huahine-Iti (Big Huahine and little Huahine). Interconnected by a bridge, both islands can be easily explored in a day or two.

There are many things that make Huahine stand out among the Society islands, but perhaps the most treasured one is the much sought after idea of solitude and quietness. Similiar to its cousins Raiatea and Tahaa, Huahine is far less touristed than Moorea, Bora Bora and Tahiti! (and that's a good thing) This island is so relaxing and stress free that many people pick it as their favorite Society Island after traveling here just once. Our top pick however turned out to be Bora Bora.

There's also an abundance of long and beautiful white sandy beaches on Huahine... and the good news is that on this island, most of them are easily accessible for total quality beach and sun worshipping.



Raiatea and Tahaa are two of French Polynesia's favorite undiscovered treasures... Far less traveled than Bora Bora, Tahiti, or Moorea, these two fascinating islands offer the vacationer the experience of a true unspoiled French Polynesia.

The larger of the two islands, Raiatea, is only slightly smaller than Tahiti itself. This makes Raiatea the second largest Island in the French Polynesian Archipelago known as the Society Islands, and the largest of the "Leewards." Located directly between Bora Bora and Tahiti, Raiatea is closely situated to all the wonderful South Pacific islands known to the world as Tahiti Polynesia.

Raiatea itself is recognized throughout Tahiti as it's "Sacred Island"- the cultural heart of all Tahiti Polynesia. It is believed by historians that Raiatea was the main stopover point for early Polynesians newly arrived from Hawaii, then known as Hav'aai.



The Island holds much fascinating history, legend, and lore, as well as Tahiti's most significant archeological sites.

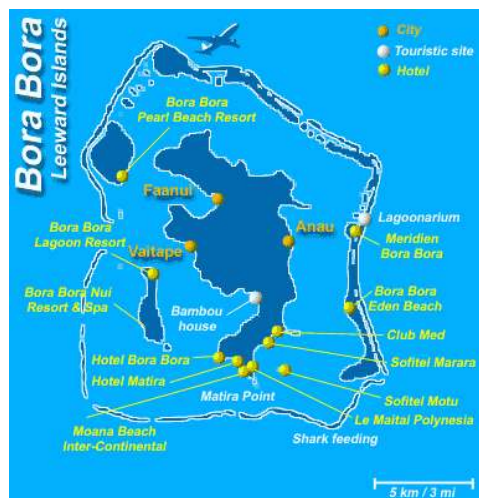
Tahaa, slightly smaller and less populated than Raiatea, shares a wonderful lagoon rich in sea life and water sports activities such as scuba diving, wind surfing, and outrigger canoeing. The surrounding waters of both Islands are also known the world over for

their legendary sailing, yachting, and sportfishing opportunities. Tahaa's nickname is the "Vanilla Island"- because of it's constant rich aroma of vanilla. In fact, the Island boasts a full 80% of all Tahiti's Vanilla production. Both Islands are also inundated with Pearl Farms legendary for their superb quality, high aesthetic appeal, and value.

On one of the pictures you see what looks like a hut in the lagoon -- thats one of the pearl farms. Also picture 38 shows Tahaa in the distance. When we were in Raiatea the weather was mixed as you can see from the pictures and I did not make a lot of them.

Raiatea has the only navigable river in French Polynesia and you can take a speed outrigger canoe to explore the Faaroa river. As it was raining we declined however. More interesting are the archeological sites.

Peppered throughout the island are a number of legend filled temples, or "marae". These fascinating sites help to tell the stories from which legends are formed. The most famous is the Taputapuatea Marae. To the ancient Polynesians, the island of Raiatea was known as sacred Havai'i, and was the center of royalty, religion, and culture. It's thought that the Polynesians who discovered and settled Hawaii embarked from Raiatea and named the new land after their home in French Polynesia.



Only about 60 km from Raiatea is Bora Bora. Both my XYL and I thought this to be the most beautiful of the islands. It was everything we expected. We rented a car and drove ourselves around the island. It is absolutely breathtaking to see the scenery and colors.

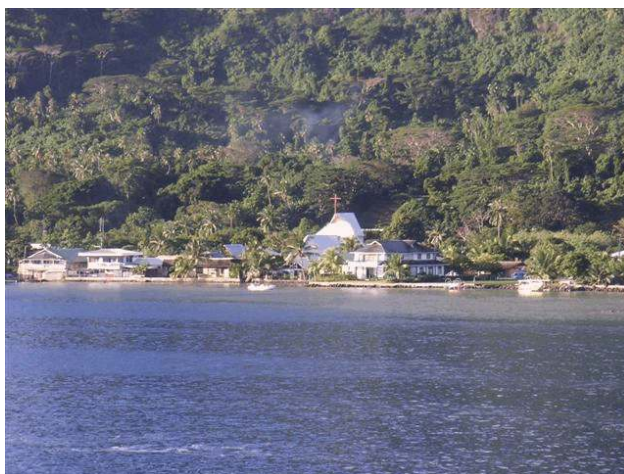
The airport is on a motu and you will need to take a ferry or boat to get to the main island or one of the super hotels on the motus in the east or west. Next time we go there - if we ever do it again - we will go as directly as possible to Bora Bora and stay there. It has everything to offer and great accommodations.

The colors of the water both inside and outside the lagoon, the sandy beaches, luscious tropical slopes and valleys with flowers of every color, mountains with peaks in white fluffy clouds, colored fish in clear water, the best snorkeling and scuba diving I have ever seen - all of this on one island. The locals are friendly and hospitable - although this island is not cheap by any stretch of imagination.



As you can imagine, ham radio took a distant 2nd place of importance during the visit to Bora Bora. Also conditions were not the greatest. Only VK/ZL and JA's came thru regularly with a few W6 and 7 stations in between.

73 de Karl FO/N1DL



ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

From Peter Gaddy, KK4PG:

Interesting video on Amateur Radio Today from the ARRL, hosted by Walter Cronkite:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Z9136_Nhh4

From Fred Edwards, KF4MJJ:

Here are 3 links with useful information for every EmComm operator:

Simplex Operations and Equipment Document to save
<http://www.usraces.org/training/SimplexOPSRev11Aug06.doc>

Personal Preparedness Recommendations for EmCom Document to save
<http://www.usraces.org/training/VA+RACES+Recommendations+for+Personal+Preparedness.doc>

RACES RESOURCE LIBRARY on the Web
<http://www.w4ava.org/races/MMauxcomm42.htm>

Also see the newly designed ARRL Southern Florida Section website:
<http://www.sflarrl.org/sflarrl/>

Visit our Club Web Site at: www.araswf.org

**NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY - AUGUST 28, 2007
7:30 PM - GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER**