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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
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Next Meeting will be held on January 22, 2008

From The President's Shack:



All enjoyed the Christmas party. Approximately 50 members and spouses attended the gala affair at the Pine Ridge VFW Club. Cocktails, dancing, dinner and door prizes rounded out the affair attended by 50 Amateurs and their souses. Poinsettias were given to the ladies.

Of the 13 door prizes won by participants the two big door prizes were won by Jordan Mash (WB2LP Astron 35 Amp Metered Switching Power Supply) and Bill Reese (AI4UG MFJ Large SWR and Power Meter).

Thanks to all who attended.

Peter Gaddy
President
KK4PG



Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida

**Annual Meeting and Christmas Party held at the Naples VFW on Neff Blvd.,
Naples, Florida, on Friday, December 7th, 2007**

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

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Called To Order:

There being a quorum present with approximately 48 members and guests, including 4 directors, in attendance, the meeting began at 6:00 with cocktails, followed by buffet dinner at 7:00 pm.

Introductions:

All members attendees introduced themselves and their guests for the benefit of all in attendance.

Reading & Approval of Previous Minutes:

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

Reports:

All reports were dispensed with, due to the social nature of the meeting.

Special Features:

This month's special feature was music entertainment provided by John Waligora (tel. 398-6198) who did an excellent job of providing Christmas and other music to enjoy and dance to.

In addition, approximately a dozen door prizes were awarded to lucky recipients, ranging all the way from the highly-prized "rubber ducky" to the major prizes consisting of a new Astron 30-amp switching power supply with meters, and a new MFJ-868 SWR/Wattmeter - "the largest SWR/Wattmeter in the world".

Adjournment:

Following distribution of the door prizes, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned when everyone had their fill of liquid refreshment, food, conversation and dancing.

**Bob Graf, W2HI
Secretary**

News from Our Membership

From Fred Edwards, KF4MJJ:

Hello ALL,

Well we are coming to the end of another year. The Hurricane season was good to use. Lets see what the next one brings. We have a new DStar repeater at county barn in both 2mtr and 70cm thanks to the folks at IT (County Information Technology Department). The repeater for DStar is 145.490 and 441.500.

Our new EOC is coming along nicely, hope to be almost done by this time next year! We have Skywarn™ training coming up in February and March. Look on the NWS Miami web site or the Collier web site for more information.

Brush fire season is starting and it could be bad!! Please make sure your home is prepared (cut back brush etc.). We are looking for radio operators to help, contact the EOC or your local CERT team to find out more. (No, you will not be asked to go out and fight the wildfire, but may be asked to help keep an eye on the perimeter after the appropriate training.)

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!

Fred C. Edwards, KF4MJJ

From George Tomlinson, AA4GT:

December 11th New call sign:
AA4GT
Old call N3ISH

73 George

CORRECTION from John Simander, NS0I:

I should know better than to do email at work. I sent the wrong text with the FD scores. It should have been:

Ft Myers beat us by 1026 points but we had 364 more Qs than they had. They must have had a lot more CW Qs.

There were no Class 4As in SFL

There were 5 Class 3A,3Ds in SFL

Only 3 SFL stations had more Qs than we had.

John
NS0I

From Fred Edwards, KF4MJJ:

2007-2008 SKYWARN™ Spotter Training Schedule

All classes will be held at the Collier Emergency Operations Center, 3301 East Tamiami Trail in the W. Harmon Turner Building, Suite 103.

Contact RichardZyvoloski@colliergov.net to sign up and for additional information.

Basic	Friday February 29, 2008	10 AM - Noon
Advanced	Friday February 29, 2008	1 PM - 3 PM
Basic	Saturday March 1, 2008	10 AM - Noon
Advanced	Saturday March 1, 2008	1 PM - 3 PM

What is a Storm Spotter?

The Skywarn™ spotter program is a nationwide network of volunteers trained by the National Weather Service (NWS) to report significant weather. Anyone is welcome to participate, although we strongly encourage that members be 18 years of age or older.

Why Skywarn™?

The NWS's mission is to protect lives and property. When weather conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms or tornadoes are expected to develop, a severe thunderstorm or tornado WATCH is issued. A Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado WARNING is issued when severe weather has been reported by a Skywarn™ spotter or indicated by Doppler radar. Skywarn™ volunteers become the NWS's and local Emergency Management's eyes and ears, helping to provide better weather watch and warning services.

Who will activate Skywarn™?

The NWS and/or the local emergency management authorities may activate the Skywarn™ net whenever there is a threat of severe weather or the NWS issues a severe thunderstorm or tornado watch. In this case information may be relayed through amateur radio repeaters. Localized events may be phoned directory to the NWS and/or local emergency management.

Where will Skywarn™ Observations be taken?

Skywarn™ reports are relayed from on the road, while at work, or at your home. It is important not to jeopardize your own safety while participating in Skywarn™.

Skywarn™ and Amateur Radio Operators

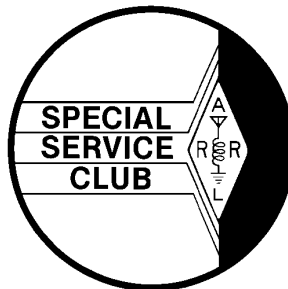
HAM radio operators have a special place in the Skywarn™ program. NWS offices have HAM equipment on site. Skywarn™ nets run by the volunteer amateur radio net control operators allow for reports to be directly heard at National Weather Service offices.



2008 ARASWF OFFICERS ELECTED

At the November Meeting, the following Officers were duly elected to serve during 2008:

President	Peter Gaddy, KK4PG
Vice President	Tim Gibbons, KI4UAT
Secretary	Bob Graf, W2HI
Treasurer	Bill Reynolds, K2ZEL



LOCAL HAMFESTS

12 Jan 2008 Southwest Florida Hamfest and Computer Show
[Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club](http://www.fmarc.net) <http://www.fmarc.net>
Araba Shrine Auditorium
2010 Hanson Street
Ft. Myers, FL

12 Jan 2008 UCF Tailgate
[Amateur Radio Club at University of Central Florida](http://k4ucf.ucf.edu/) <http://k4ucf.ucf.edu/>
University of Central Florida
4000 Central Florida Blvd.
Orlando, FL

26 Jan 2008 Arcadia Hamfest
[DeSoto Amateur Radio Club](http://www.desotoarc.org) <http://www.desotoarc.org>
Turner Civic Center Exhibit Hall
2260 NE Roan Street
Arcadia, FL

8-10 Feb 2008 Northern Florida Section Convention
[Orlando Amateur Radio Club](http://www.hamcation.com) <http://www.hamcation.com>
Central Florida Fairgrounds
4603 West Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL

16 Feb 2008 Hernando County Amateur Radio Association <http://HCARA.org>
Hernando County Fairgrounds
US Route 41
Brooksville, FL

16 Feb 2008 Highlands County Amateur Radio Club <http://www.strato.net/~hamradio>
Highlands County Agri-Civic Center
US 27 South and George Blvd.
Sebring, FL

8 Mar 2008 Charlotte County Hamfest
Englewood ARS & Peace River Radio Association <http://www.earsradioclub.org>
Charlotte County Fairgrounds
2333 El Jobean Road
Port Charlotte, FL

15 Mar 2008 Swapfest
Playground Amateur Radio Club <http://www.w4zbb.org/parcweb/swapflyer.html>
Northwest Florida Fairgrounds
1958 Lewis Turner Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach, FL

15 Mar 2008 Southern Florida Section Convention

Martin County Amateur Radio Association <http://www.mcaraweb.com>

Martin County Fairgrounds

2616 SE Dixie Highway

Stuart, FL

29 Mar 2008 Cy Harris Memorial Free Flea

Broward Amateur Radio Club <http://www.eagle3.net/barc>

Collins Center

3900 NE 3rd Avenue

Oakland Park, FL

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19 Apr 2008 Flamingo Net / UMARC Free Flea <http://www.FlamingoNet.8m.net>

UM Physics Parking Lot

5001 San Amaro

Coral Gables, FL

25-26 Apr 2008 Southeastern VHF Society 12th Annual Conference

Southeastern VHF Society <http://www.svhfs.org>

Holiday Inn / UCF

12125 High Tech Avenue

Orlando, FL

24 May 2008 Wormfest 2008

The Glorious Society of the Wormhole <http://www.thewormholesociety.org/>

Freedom Lake Park

10100 46th Street North

Pinellas Park, FL

11-12 Jul 2008 Milton Amateur Radio Club <http://www.miltonarc.org>

Santa Rosa County Auditorium

4530 Jimmy's Way

Milton, FL

20 Sep 2008 Bahia Shrine of Orlando Amateur Radio Tailgate

Amateur Radio Unit of Bahia Shrine <http://www.bahiashrine.org/~radio/Tailgate.htm>

Bahia Shrine Center

2300 Pembroke Drive

Orlando, FL

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15 Nov 2008 Flamingo Net / UMARC Free Flea <http://www.FlamingoNet.8m.net>

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7:30 PM - GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER

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Web Site

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