



ARASWF

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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: KI4UAT
Tim Gibbons

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

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David Worboys

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Social Chair: W2JQ
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Next Meeting will be held on April 22nd, 2008!!

From the President's Shack

Thanks to all the hams who participated in providing communications for "Frontier Days" in Golden Gate Estates. The organizing committee of this event has expressed its appreciation for a job well done.

I have ordered new coax and ICE band pass filters for Field Day.

*73's
Peter
KK4PG*

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Meeting Minutes

Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida

Regular Monthly Business Meeting held at the Golden Gate Community Center, Golden Gate, Florida, on Tuesday, March 25th, 2008

Directors Present: Peter Gaddy, KK4PG – President
Bob Graf, W2HI - Secretary
G. William Reynolds, K2ZEL – Treasurer
Karl Geng, N1DL – Emergency Communications Director

Apologies: Tim Gibbons – Vice President

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Called To Order:

There being a quorum present with 27 members, including 5 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 sign for the benefit of the members and guests in attendance.

Reading & Approval of Previous Minutes:

Reading of the Minutes was dispensed with since the minutes of the February meeting were published previously in the ARASWF Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill, K2ZEL, presented the following annual Treasurer's Report:

Balance, 26 February, 2008	\$ 5,288.45
Income:	
Dues & 50/50	\$ 348.00
Expenses:	\$ <u>0.00</u>
 Total Funds Available, 25 March, 2008	 \$ 5,636.45

Officers' Reports:

Technical Director: Peter, KK4PG, announced that The Board of Directors elected Tim Wallen, KC4SSD, to fill the unexpired term of Technical Director, previously held by Jordan Mash, BB2QLP.

Repeater Call Sign: Peter then announced receipt of a letter from Jordan's mother, Frieda, in which she expressed her pleasure that Jordan's call sign, WB2QLP, will be transferred to the club for use with the club repeater. She also gave her written consent for such transfer, which is necessary under FCC regulations.

Property Insurance: Peter announced that the Board of Directors approved the purchase of "all-risk" property insurance on all the radio equipment owned by the club, and asked Bruce, K9PWQ, to prepare a written inventory of the equipment on the club antenna trailer, to be used for insurance purposes.

Old Business:

Golden Gate Frontier Days: Peter, KK4PG, reminded the membership about the need for volunteers for the Golden Gate Frontier Days event to be held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 28-30.

Operation ComGapFill2: Fred, KF4MJJ, reminded the membership that the second Operation ComGapFill was scheduled for Saturday, March 29th, and that volunteers were needed to participate in this emergency communications

exercise. Participation will be from 9 am to Noon, utilizing the 147.03 repeater as the primary VHF frequency, with 146.67 as backup. Both he and Karl, N1DL, who coordinated the event in 2007, stressed the importance of passing messages slowly, so they can be copied without error.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Field Day Committee: Bruce, K9PWQ, gave an update on the actions of the Field Day committee, including the following:

- Field Day 2008 will be held at the same location as 2007, thanks to the invitation extended by property owner Joe Goggin, K9KNW.
- Power will not exceed 150 watts, and no amplifiers will be used.
- The call sign for field day will be W4F, thanks to Karl, N1DL, who arranged for this call sign in advance.
- The ARASWF banner will be displayed at the site during Field Day activities.
- Power will be provided by emergency generator at the site.
- Computers will be networked, with Mike, WD8RFL, coordinating the networking effort.
- An effort will be made to have public officials visit the Field Day site.
- The Field Day Committee now consists of Bruce, George AA4GT, A.D. W4ADR, Mike WD8RFL, Minot WB2GGE, and Joe K9KNW.

Then Dan, W4BN, announced that he intends to demonstrate at Field Day a vintage 1937 Unit One transmitter and RME-69 receiver, with Dow Key relay, on the 20 & 40 meter bands.

Karl, N1DL, suggested that an invitation be extended to the Marco Island Radio Club to participate in Field Day. He and George, AA4GT, will follow-up about this.

Special Feature:

This month's special feature was the third and final video presentation by K7AGE about PSK 31, provided by Peter, KK4PG.

50/50:

The 50/50 raffle was won by George, AA4GT, who donated his \$21.00 winnings back to the club treasury to be used for Field Day.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Karl, N1DL, seconded by Fred, KF4MJJ, and unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Bob Graf, W2HI
Secretary

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Field Day 2008 Committee Meeting Report

This is a summary of the items discussed at the March 25, 2008 ARASWF meeting concerning Field Day 2008.

To all committee members and other club impotentates:

Committee Members at this time:

Bruce Funston, K9PWQ ß Committee Chairman
Joe Goggin, K9KNW
A.D. Randolph, K4ADR
George Tomlinson, AA4GT
Mike Welsh, WD8RFL
Minot Yeaton, WB2GGE

The event will be held at Joe Goggin's ranch again this year. Thanks Joe!

We will be using the special short call sign W4F that was obtained by Karl Geng, N1DL.

There will be a Vintage Station in operation by Dan, W4BN.

We will make every attempt to utilize a central computer server, with a wireless network for logging. More updated laptops and other PC's are being loaned for use. We will have a wired network for backup, in case the radios (802.11g) don't work properly due to amateur radio interference (tell me it ain't possible!).

Karl Geng and George Tomlinson will invite the Marco Island Radio Club members to participate with us.

The Club Tower Trailer will need to be physically inventoried and a written report produced and given to the Board before the next regular club meeting. The Board will address any deficiencies in trailer equipment for Field Day. The trailer is currently located on 8th ST SW in Golden Gate. Check with Peter Gaddy for exact location.

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Operation Commgapfill

Thanks all who participated, N1DL, WB8VQU, W1ERE, KA9YDJ, N9RG, K9PWQ, K5MIF, K2ZEL, AD4MF, KF4WSG AND KF4MJJ.

The exercise tested us and we were able to get traffic passed. Tanks to Karl N1DL we were able to use MARS to successfully file traffic to Tallahassee.

If you have any msg and logs pls pass them on to me.

IF you have any comments or suggestions contact me Fred Edwards KF4MJJ at kf4mjj@arrl.net.

Again, thank you to all who participated.

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Shack of the Month

Thanks for sharing these pictures with us Tim!





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Trading Post

George, AA4GT is looking to buy a used bug. (*I am assuming CW and not Palmetto ☺*)
Please contact George directly at aa4gt@comcast.net if you have one for sale!

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LOCAL HAMFESTS

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.bahiaashrine.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>

UM Physics Parking Lot

5001 San Amaro

Coral Gables, FL

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Editors Ramblings

Well here we are again, another month flies by and this time I find myself editing and distributing this Newsletter from (the not so sunny) east coast of England. Quite how

five months in Florida went by so quickly is beyond me but here I am for the next few weeks at least.

At the risk of repeating myself, I really do need submissions from you for the Newsletter. Tim did a great job in sending in some shack pictures; the "Shack of the Month" feature (I think) is a great newsletter item, lets have some more please. Like wise the "Trading Post" feature, ok so its not as quick as e-bay but if you are in no particular hurry then let me know what you want, what you have for sale or what you would like to swap!

So, from G (and M) land, see you all next month!

David
KG4ZLB/M0ZLB

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