



# ARASWF

## Newsletter



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**Next Meeting will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> 2008!!**

## From the President's Shack

I am looking forward to welcoming back all our "snowbird" members over the next few weeks; please do try and ensure that you come to the meetings to help elect the Officers for the coming year and to get the details of our Christmas Dinner/Party!

Welcome back!  
73's.

Peter  
KK4PG



## Meeting Minutes

(In the absence of your Secretary Bob, W2HI, Mike WD8RFL bravely stood up to the plate to record the minutes of the meeting - by his own admission the notes are, errrrr..."sketchy" but we thank Mike for giving us the gist of the proceedings! Rumors that Mike wishes to stand for the Secretary position in 2009 are apparently untrue!)

### September 2008 Club Meeting called to order by President Peter, KK4PG at 7:30pm.

Dispensed with reading of last minutes.

Dispensed with Treasurer's report.

New Business:

Nominating Committee has presented the following slate for 2009 Officers:

President - David Schaare, W4SFR  
V.P. - David Worboys, KG4ZLB  
Secretary - Bob Graf, W2HI  
Treasurer - G. William Reynolds, K2ZEL

Activities:

Club Annual Christmas Party tentatively will be held on December 6th at the VFW Lodge. Door prizes were discussed, and possible prize raffle strategies.

Old Business:

-None-

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Members Attending:

Peter, KK4PG  
Jeff, NJ2F  
AD, K4ADR  
David, KG4ZLB,  
Mike, WD8RFL  
Dan, W4BN

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## New Members

We would like to welcome Andrew Ehrich (KI4UQC) from Naples, to the Club.

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## Trading Post

Nothing this month!

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## Editors Ramblings

Well I am sure that you are all breathing a sigh of relief that this months newsletter is considerably smaller than the last. This one more than makes up for that bumper issue and was not planned that way, its just the way it happened!

I hope that all of you Satellite enthusiasts and VHF/UHF interested parties are glued to 145.800 FM at the moment! Richard Garriott, W5KWQ (son of Owen Garriott who was the first astronaut to use ham radio from the International Space Station) is now on board the ISS and beaming SSTV pictures on the ISS normal down link frequency as well as interspersing that with random voice contacts as well as pre-planned school contacts!

This really is an excellent time to either make that contact or receive SSTV images, if anyone needs any help with this let me know and I can e-mail you an article I wrote a couple of years ago when the system was first tried - its basically an idiots guide to receiving pictures from the ISS.

At the time of writing, Richard Garriott is just completing his first full day and he is scheduled to be up there until October 24<sup>th</sup>. And as a guideline, the ISS crew tend to keep to UTC time and are asleep between 20:30 and 06:00 utc so its unlikely that anything much will happen during those times!

Here is an image that I received this morning, October 15<sup>th</sup> during the 13:11 utc pass.



### Club Information

Meeting Time: 4th Tuesday 7:30pm Golden Gate Community Center  
4701 Golden Gate Parkway  
Naples FL

**Club Repeater:** WB2QLP  
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:**

Tim Wallen, KC4SSD

**Emergency Comm. Director:** N1DL

Karl Geng

**Newsletter Editor:** KG4ZLB/M0ZLB

David Worboys

<http://www.m0zlb.com>

**Webmaster:** W2HI

Bob Graf

**Ops. Director:** Vacant

**Public Information Officer:** Vacant

**Special Events Coord.** Vacant

**Awards Manager:** Vacant

**VE Liaison:** Vacant

**Social Chair:** Vacant

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