



# ARASWF

## 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:** 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

**Ops. Director:** None

**Public Information Officer:** None

**Special Events Coord.** KI4LUD  
Bob Quinn

**Awards Manager:** KD4VRZ  
Gary Randall

**VE Liaison:** AI4CZ  
Carolyn Conklin

**Newsletter Editor:** KG4ZLB/M0ZLB  
David Worboys

<http://www.m0zlb.com>

**Webmaster:** W2HI  
Bob Graf

**Social Chair:** W2JQ  
Sigi Boernet

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Next Meeting will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2008!!

### **From the President's Shack**

As a reminder, please come to the next meeting on May 27, 2008, where we will finalize plans for Field Day 2008.

Bruce Funston K9PWQ is Chairman of the Field Day Committee; he can be reached at [bjfunston@aol.com](mailto:bjfunston@aol.com).

*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, April 22nd, 2008**

**Directors Present:** Peter Gaddy, KK4PG – President  
Bob Graf, W2HI - Secretary  
G. William Reynolds, K2ZEL – Treasurer

**Apologies:** Tim Gibbons – Vice President  
Karl Geng, N1DL – Emergency Communications Director  
Tim Wallen, KC4SSD - Technical Director

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### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Called To Order:**

There being a quorum present with 13 members, including 3 directors, and 1 guest (Kevin Rambosk, KR4YX) 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 March meeting were published previously in the ARASWF Newsletter.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

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

Balance, 25 March, 2008	\$ 5,636.45
Income:	
Dues	\$ 75.00
50/50 & Donation	\$ 42.00
Expenses:	
Florida QSO Party Plaque	\$ 80.00
Fl. Dept. of State Annual Corp. Report	\$ 61.25
Refreshments – March meeting	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
 Total Funds Available, 22 April, 2008	 \$ 5,602.20

### **Officers' Reports:**

Field Day equipment purchases: Peter, KK4PG, made a motion to pay \$196.80 for band pass filters to be utilized at field day. Such motion seconded by A.D., K4ADR, and unanimously approved. Then Peter announced that he has purchased (2) 150-ft. rolls of RG-213 coax from Texas Towers for Field Day, and is awaiting delivery.

Repeater Call Sign in Memoriam: Peter announced receipt of the final papers necessary to proceed with obtaining WB2QLP as a club sign in Memoriam. If this call sign is assigned prior to Field Day, it will be used as the call sign for the GOTA station, otherwise K4YHB will be used.

Property Insurance: Peter announced that the Board of Directors is in process of compiling an inventory of club equipment, which should be finished soon. Then the club will purchase "all-risk" property insurance through ARRL on all the radio equipment owned by the club, including tower trailer, repeater equipment, test equipment, and other miscellaneous equipment.

**Old Business:**

Golden Gate Frontier Days: A.D., K4ADR, reported that club attendance at the Golden Gate Frontier Days was a success, and hugely appreciated. About 10 club members participated, and succeeded in making some 200-300 contacts during the weekend.

Operation ComGapFill2: Peter, KK4PG, reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Operation ComGapFill was also successful, although there was not as much participation as last year.

**New Business:****Committee Reports:**

Field Day Committee: George, AA4GT, 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, however the location on Joe's property will be different. Facilities are reported to be better than last year, and includes a full kitchen, etc.
- 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, which uses propane fuel and is reported to be "very quiet".
- Computers will be networked, hopefully on a wireless basis. Cable for wired networking will be provided as a backup to the wireless system.
- An effort will be made to have public officials visit the Field Day site.

Then Dan, W4BN, confirmed that he intends to demonstrate at Field Day a vintage 1937 Unit One transmitter and RME-69 receiver, with Dow Key relay, probably on the 40-meter band. George, AA4GT, offered the use of his 40-meter vertical, the same as used at Field Day 2007.

**Special Feature:**

There was no special feature this month. However, guest Kevin Rambosk, KR4YX, indicated that he would like to implement better relations between the amateur community and the Sheriff's Department, and said that it might be possible for club members to take a tour of the new Sheriff's communications center now under construction, probably sometime early next year prior to its completion and final occupancy.

**50/50:**

The 50/50 raffle was not held this month because of the small attendance at the meeting.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by George, AA4GT, seconded by A.D., K4ADR, and unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Bob Graf, W2HI**  
**Secretary**

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**Frontier Days – words and pictures (and a thank you!)**

Here are some pictures from the club operation at the Golden Gate Frontier Days Festival held on March 28-30 2008. We had 22 hams stop by to say hello and offer their assistance. Some operated the station we set up for the CQ WPX contest and others provided communications for the festival. Attached are pictures of our club operation. Following is a list of call signs of hams who attended.

KB2SFA, W1ERE, KO4PK, KI4IMA, NJ2F, WB8VQU, W4SFR, KD4VRY, K9PWQ, K4ADR, KF4SVG, W4YOE, VA3YB, KB2TRD, KB2TJX, KA2EYL, KK4PG, KG4VFT, KR4YX, KD4VRZ, N4DMD, WA1QDP,





Golden Gate Frontier Days  
4701 Golden Gate Parkway  
Naples, FL 34116

May 5, 2008

Amateur Radio Assoc. of SWF  
PO Box 111604  
Naples, FL 34108

Dear Peter Gaddy,

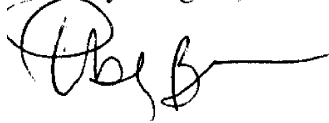
Thank you very much for assisting us with communication this year at the Golden Gate Frontier Days. The festival means so much to many different people and we, the executive board, are thrilled that you were able to help at the festival this year.

Communication between the ticket booths and the operations office is critical in ensuring safety of our volunteers and the operations of running ticket booths. Thank you to all the members who came out to volunteer.

The station with the tower set up was an extra special touch to the festival too. I hope it was worth while for you and your members to be a part of the festival. We hope you can provide the same service to us next year. Normally we hold the festival the last weekend of March. We are still in the process of finalizing the dates.

Please accept this donation in the amount of \$300.00. We look forward to your participation again next year. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call me at 239-293-8324.

Thank you again,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toby Buerger', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Toby Buerger  
Treasurer, Golden Gate Frontier Days Inc.  
ENCL. Check.

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## **Shack of the Month**

Peter's 6m station!



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## **New Members**

We would like to welcome Kevin Rambosk, KR4YX of Naples to the Club and look forward to seeing him in person at the Club meetings!

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## **Trading Post**

A little different this time but if anyone has any interest, the contact details are in there!

**From:** [Nancy Coates](#)

**To:** [president@araswf.org](mailto:president@araswf.org)

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 14, 2008 3:02 PM

**Subject:** Radio Antennas for Donation

Hi Peter,

I found your name on the ARASWF website and thought I'd contact you personally since you're the club president.

My name is Nan Coates, and my father John Coates recently passed away in Naples, FL. He was an amateur radio operator but I'm not sure if he was ever a member of your organization or not. I know he belonged to a radio club in the Naples area a



few years ago, but I don't remember the name of it.

The reason for my writing to you is that there are two large radio antennas on his house that I would be happy to give away to someone if they would be willing to remove them from the roof. I think they were fairly expensive, and I have no clue, (nor does my stepmother) as to how to remove them. I live in New Mexico and don't have room to haul them away, but I thought that someone in your club might be able to use them.

If you happen to know anyone who would be interested in the antennas, please have them contact me at [nanann55@comcast.net](mailto:nanann55@comcast.net).

I will be returning to Naples in mid-June to go through some of my dad's things, and I'd be able to help out with the antenna removal if necessary.

Thank you for any help you might be able to give me.

Sincerely,  
Nan Coates

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### **SK Announcement(s)**

It is with regret that the Club announces the passing of Life Member, Phil Potter, N4VMT

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### **ARES**

*My fellow hams;*

*June 1<sup>st</sup> is just around the corner. This means that Hurricane season is knocking on the door.*

*Are you ready?*

*We need ECom operators for Hurricane season. We need them for all four hospitals, the EOC, Shelters, etc.*

*The idea of having ECom operators all ready at these areas is important, but boring. You may spend 4 activations just sitting and reading a book. However on the 5<sup>th</sup> activation, POTS and Cell service may die and the 911 system may take a dump. This is*

*when you will be needed. As we have not mastered the instant transporter, we have to have the people already on site. This means you!*

*I need all hams to let me know what shelter, hospital, or the EOC you would like to work.*

*I need the ham community to step up and commit to a shelter, hospital, or work at the EOC during an activation. I am working on becoming an Instructor for the ECOM – 001 course.*

*Thank you,*

*Fred Edwards, KF4MJJ EC*

*3301 East Tamiami Trail*

*Bldg F, Emergency Management*

*Naples, FL 34110*

*239.252.8000*

*[frededwards@colliergov.net](mailto:frededwards@colliergov.net)*

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### **FLORIDA QSO PARTY**

*This is my Florida QSO Party result.*

*All on 20 meter phone*

*contacts 1256*

*Score 99,244*

*49 States*

*I was doing over 100 contacts per hour for 12 hours. I only worked 13 hours.*

*I sure did have fun. This was a warm-up for Field Day.*

*73 George AA4GT*

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### **LOCAL HAMFESTS**

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**

A bumper issue this month with many thanks to those members who sent me articles and pictures for inclusion, it certainly makes my job easier and a lot more enjoyable. To be honest, it is extremely pleasing to report that I have had to hold a couple of articles over until the June issue but that doesn't mean that I still will not need articles so please keep them coming!

I haven't spent much time on the air since returning from FL a few weeks back as most of my time has been spent trying to decorate and re-model my house prior to selling it. In the confusion I didn't make a note of those members who wanted to arrange a sked with me here so if anyone wants to then please shoot me an e-mail and we can sort something out. Depending on conditions (obviously) I can be QRV on 10,12,15,20 and 40 phone. Also, when the pass footprint is ok, I can also work AO-7 to the US if anyone fancies trying that! Time is a bit limited I am afraid, as soon the shack will be boxed prior to moving!

Until next month....

73

David  
KG4ZLB/M0ZLB

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