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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>

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President: KK4PG

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Bob Graf

Treasurer: K2ZEL

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Jordan Mash

Emergency Comm. Director: N1DL

Karl Geng

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Next Meeting will be held on February 26, 2008

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the passing of Jordan Mash, WB2QLP. His passing will be a great loss to all members of the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida, as well as the entire Amateur Radio Community.

Jordan died peacefully in the early morning hours of February 15th, 2008, at Naples Community Hospital from complications from cancer. His mother, Frieda, was present with Jordan at the time of his passing. As you all know, Jordan was a lifelong Radio Amateur and Life Member of ARASWF, who made many contributions to our fraternity.

Services will be held in Long Island, New York, on Tuesday, February 19th, 2008, at 12:00 PM at Gutterman's Funeral Home in Rockville Center. Rabbi Chiger will preside at the services. Jordan's mother, Frieda, will be sitting shiva for the week following the services.

In lieu of flowers, Frieda has requested that donations be made to the American Cancer Society in the name of Jordan Mash WB2QLP.



From the President's Shack

The sudden passing of Jordan, WB2QLP, has left us all stunned and saddened at the loss of one of Naples, if not Florida's, great amateur radio operators. This news broke just as the newsletter was going to press and I, along with David (KG4ZLB) were asked by Jordan's Mother to write a eulogy that could be read out at his funeral service. I have published my eulogy in this newsletter.

It seems highly appropriate that at the next Club Meeting, we should conduct a dedicated memorial service to Jordan, a gentlemen and radio operator who touched the lives of many and yet asked little or nothing in return. Jordan's passing leaves a void which is impossible to fill. Could I ask that members attending the February meeting bring along any old photographs or audio recordings of Jordan that we can share amongst ourselves.

Rest in Peace, dear friend.

Other news:

Thanks to all who participated in the Bicycle Pathways event. The sponsors were very pleased with our help.

At this month's meeting we will continue coverage of PSK-31 and concentrate on building the interface. Could those who own or have built an interface bring them to the February Meeting?

*73's
Peter
KK4PG*

Jordan Mash, WB2QLP 8/8/50-2/15/08

Jordan was first licensed in mid to late 1964 as WN2QLP. Jordan went thru the Long Beach, NY school system and graduated Long Beach High School in 1968. Jordan lived on the same street as Jeff Beales (now W4AW), his lifelong friend. Jordan lived at 611 Lafayette Blvd.; Jeff lived at 470, a couple of Blocks away.

Both Jeff and Jordan belonged to the 5 Towns Radio Club, which met at the public library. Both amateurs upgraded to Technician class & their calls changed to WB2QLP and WB2OUK.

Jordan was an active VHF contester. The local young hams in Long Beach hung out at the Central Garage by the train station downtown, which was operated by the Bergerman brothers, who were mentors to many hams in the area. . They had an operating HF station on the premises.

During the 1965 Northeast blackout, Jordan took his 2 meter AM rig to Long Beach Hospital & Jeff took his City Hall, an early dedication to emergency communications. In those days the local amateurs made many trips to "Radio Row" in NYC where the World Trade Center was eventually built. They were like kids in candy shops. This was an era that is, unfortunately, never to return.

Jordan attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach Florida, and eventually became an air traffic controller and the manager of the Marco Island Airport.

In 1980 Jordan moved to Naples, Florida. Where he became active in the local radio club, which is now known as the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida (ARASWF). Jordan was an Extra Class Radio Operator who unselfishly offered his expertise to all hams in the area.

Jordan's love of fellow man went beyond ham radio, for example when Jeff Berg (NJ2F) decided to move to Florida he drove him around to help find a house.

The big event each year for Jordan was Field Day, where hams take portable equipment to a park or remote location to practice emergency communication skills. The first year Jordan was in charge he set field day at low-lying park in Golden Gate City. Unfortunately it rained for the entire event and it soon became known as the Jordan Marsh Field Day. Jordan quickly became "Mr. Field Day".

When a ham needed a new tower or new antenna's Jordan was the one who organized the work party.

Steve Bloom was a local resident who was a CB operator. Since he had a large tower and antenna Jordan knocked on his door to meet the ham radio operator. Steve (KD4VRY) soon had his amateur license after being tutored by Jordan.

Jordan was not married at the time of his death. Many recall an incident, which occurred when his wife announced that if he attended the big ham fest in Dayton Ohio she would not be in Naples when he returned. He told her to: "Make sure you lock the door when you leave."

Jordan was quoted as the reason he was single by the Naples Daily News: "The reason I'm single is that you spend 42 years with something, all I have to say is the Radio was here before you, and it will be here after your gone."

During his lifetime Jordan received virtually every honor that can be bestowed on a ham. He worked all states and all countries more than once. Most of all, Jordan was a kind, sensitive and gentle man. Everyone in the Amateur Radio Community loved him. Loved as a teacher, mentor, a comrade and a professional. Jordan has asked that his call sign be inscribed on his grave marker-WB2QLP.

Thanks to the many amateurs throughout the country who contributed to this short summary of our beloved Jordan, now a silent key.

Peter
KK4PG

Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida

Regular Monthly Business Meeting held at the Golden Gate Community Center, Golden Gate, Florida, on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2008

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

Apologies: Jordan Marsh, WB2QLP – Technical Director

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Called To Order:

There being a quorum present with 35 members, including 4 directors, and 2 guests 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 the abbreviated minutes of the December meeting and Christmas Party were previously published in the ARASWF Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Beginning Balance, 1 January, 2007 (note 1)	\$ 5,266.52
Income:	
Dues	\$ 2,025.00
Equipment sales	\$ 154.00
50/50	\$ 420.00
Dinner reservations	<u>\$ 690.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 3,289.00
 Working Funds	 \$ 8,555.52
Expenses - Administration:	
Website	\$ 389.42
Postage	\$ 79.00

Trailer license	\$ 32.10	
Dept. of State	\$ 70.00	
Total Administrative	\$ 570.52	
Expenses – Other:		
Field Day	\$ 257.43	
Meeting refreshments	\$ 92.03	
Echo link 70cm transceiver	\$ 77.00	
Repeater antenna incl shipping	\$ 368.78	
Trailer overhaul (note 2)	\$ 1,297.52	
December dinner meeting (note 3)	<u>\$ 1,456.21</u>	
Total Expenses		(\$ 4,119.49)
End of Year Balance 31 December, 2007	\$ 4,436.03	

Note 1 – Includes \$2,000 ARRL grant from hurricane damage

Note 2 – Deducted from ARRL grant. Remaining from grant \$ 702.48

Note 3 – Offset by income from dinner reservations

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Minot, WB2GGE, duly seconded, and unanimously approved.

K2ZEL then reported that there are several current expenditures not included in the report, including \$41. For general postage, \$164. For postage to mail invitations to all non-ARASWF licensed hams in Collier County, and an amount not specified for club liability insurance.

Officers' Reports:

Club Tower Trailer: Noting that the largest expenditure for the year was for overhaul of the club tower trailer, and for the benefit of those members recently returned from up north who may be unfamiliar with those improvements, Peter described the improvements and expressed special thanks to those members who were active in the restoration of the trailer, including Tim KC4SSD, WA1QDP, A.D. K4ADR and David W3SFR.

Silent Key: Peter, KK4PG, read a letter from the daughter of former ARASWF member John McClung, K4UGE, who passed away last March 13, 2007, wherein she expressed the high degree of satisfaction John had derived from his membership and associations with club members.

Member Illness: Peter then gave a brief update on the status of Jordan, WB2QLP, who has returned home from the hospital, but who did not feel well enough to attend this month's meeting.

Special Mailing: Peter announced that a special mailing has been made to all 416 non-ARASWF licensed hams in Collier County that invites them to attend an upcoming ARASWF meeting and to consider club membership. It is hoped that there will be some

positive response to these mailings, and that some of the recipients will show interest in joining ARASWF. Special thanks to John, NS0I, for compiling the mailing list used for this recruitment endeavor.

Committee Reports:

Committee Resignation: Peter read a letter received from Sigi, W2JQ, who resigned as club social chairman after 17 years of holding this position. A new social chairman is needed, and Peter asked the membership for a volunteer to assume his duties.

Field Day Committee: Peter asked that the Field Day advisory committee meet as soon as possible so they can submit a report at the next meeting, since it is only 4 months until Field Day 2008. Known members of this committee include Bruce K9PWQ, Mike WD8RFL, and Minot WB2GGE, and they would welcome input from the membership, particularly about the issues of location, use of portable power, operating classification, and use of amplifiers.

Old Business:

Club Banner: Peter, KK4PG, announced that we are still looking for the ARASWF club Banner, the whereabouts of which are unknown. If any member knows where the banner might be, please contact Peter or any club officer or director.

New Business:

Upcoming Events: Tim, KI4UAT, announced that there will be a 10/20/62/100 mile bicycle event in Naples on Sunday, January 27th, and 9-10 hams are needed to provide communications. So far Tim, Peter KK4PG, Dan WB7ECV, Mike WD8RFL and Fred KF4MJJ have indicated their participation, and several other members expressed interest, also. Peter then played an 8-minute movie about a similar event held previously in California – the Grizzly Peak Cyclist Bike Ride that gave the membership a taste of what the event is all about.

Special Feature:

This month's special feature was a video presentation about PSK 31 provided by Peter, KK4PG, followed by comments by Bill K2ZEL, who has had considerable experience using this mode, including about 150 contacts on two bands. Look for PSK 31 activity on 14.070 MHz.

50/50:

The 50/50 raffle was won by Tim, KC4SSD, who donated his winnings back to the club treasury.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by A.D. K4ADR, seconded by Allen KI4IMA, and unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Bob Graf, W2HI
Secretary

Station of the Month

K4ADR – “AD”

This is my 6 meter Lafayette HA-460 AM station that I use on Monday nights on the 6m AM net run by NJ2F, Jeff. As you can see on the Heathkit Meter, HM-2141, the SWR is 1 to 1 and the rig is running 7 watts. Hope to hear you all on Monday's at 7:30 PM 73's K4ADR A.D. Randolph





DUES REMINDER

The 2008 dues are now well overdue and are payable now. Annual membership dues are \$25.00 for Active members, the same as last year. Family members related to paid-up Active members maintain their club membership without payment of additional dues.

Hopefully all members will have their dues paid by February 26th – the next membership meeting, after which the official membership Roster will be prepared and posted on the club web site, www.araswf.org. The Roster is also used to determine the mailing list for the club newsletter.

Please stay current, support your club, and not miss any exciting future issues of the newsletter.

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www.araswf.org.

It is important that you verify or correct your personal information, particularly your email address, by using the personal data form or the application form – we have had several newsletter e-mailings bounce back to us because the email address we have on file is no longer current.

Many thanks and we look forward to your participation in 2008.

LOCAL HAMFESTS

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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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.bahiaashrine.org/~radio/Tailgate.htm>
Bahia Shrine Center
2300 Pembroke Drive
Orlando, FL

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