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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)
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<http://www.araswf.org>
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Tim Gibbons
Secretary: W2HI
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Next Meeting will be held on January 22, 2008

Corrections & Amplifications:

Richard Zyvoloski let us know that the SkyWarn™ class dates have been changed to March 7 and 8 due to a scheduling problem.

Contact: RichardZyvoloski@colliergov.net

Editor's Note:

Due to some unforeseen personal issues, David Worboys, M0ZLB, will be starting as newsletter editor with the February 2008 issue.

DUES REMINDER

The 2008 dues 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 January 22nd – 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.

Simply make out your check for \$25.00 payable to “ARASWF, as shown below:

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Town Here, Zip Code

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DATE Today's Date

PAY TO THE ORDER OF AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF SW FLORIDA (ARASWF) \$ 25.00

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Send your check, together with the personal data form you received in the mail, to:

**ARASWF
P.O. Box 111604
Naples, FL 34108-0127**

If you did not receive a personal data form in the mail, then you can download and print the Application Form that is available of the ARASWF website – 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form – we have had several newsletter e-mailings bounce back to us because the email address we have on file is no longer current.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.

ARASWF Community Service Event

From Tim Gibbons, KI4UAT:

Hello ARASWF Members !

The weather has finally cooled down and it's time to get out of the shack and strut our radio stuff. On January 27th, the *2nd Annual Bicycle Brunch* is being held at Lowdermilk Park. The ARASWF has been personally invited to put our skills to use and help out at this event.

Operators are needed to man nine stations along the bicycle route. If you have interest in participating, please contact Peter (KK4PG) or myself (KI4UAT). I can be reached by phone, radio or email. My phone numbers are: Home 239-353-1322 or Cell 239-287-7871.

This is our club, and participation is key. So dust off those HTs and charges those batteries!

Below is the original email sent to Peter with all the details.

Hello Peter

My name is Paul Altieri and I'm a member of the Naples Pathways Coalition.

Our Mission is to lobby for a fully integrated and safe transportation network of sidewalks, bike lanes, bike paths, and multi-use paths and greenways, to be used by cyclists, pedestrians, and other non-motorized users, throughout Naples and Collier County.

We are putting on the 2nd Annual Bicycle Brunch on January 27th, 2008. I'm on the event committee with the responsibility (one of them) to see if the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida would be interested in having some fun putting to use your skills as amateur radio operators at this bicycling event.

We are going to have 4 different ride lengths. 10, 20, 62 and 100 miles. We would like to have 9 units working our event.

1 at the headquarters of the event at Lowdermilk Park

5 at different locations (SAG rest stops) around Collier County

3 riding in cars cruising the 3 ride areas. 1 for the 10/20 mile, 1 for the 62 mile and 1 for the 100 mile routes

I participated in an event like ours in Sebring in September and they had the local Amateur Radio Club performing these tasks. It worked very well for everyone and the Radio Club guys had a ball doing it.

Best Regards,

Tim Gibbons (KI4UAT)

Station of the Month

KI4UAT – Tim Gibbons



FT-897D, IC-2200h (for D-Star), IC-2000, Ameritron RCS-8V switch, Alinco power supply DM-330MV, MFJ-969 tuner, Galaxy DX959 CB!, and an attic full of antennas. My 3-month-old son, Sam, likes to sit with me while I talk on the radio.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Submitted by Bob Graf, W2HI

The following excerpts are from the September 2007 issue of QST:

Operating D-Star (Page 30)

“Out there in real life (that is, outside of amateur radio), the transition from analog to digital communications is happening all around us...”

“The cell phone industry had to embrace digital quickly, even though it had a huge analog infrastructure.”

...behind the scenes the good old phone company has been digital for years.”

“Digital audio and video on the Internet are booming. Just ask your kids.”

“Broadcast television is teetering on the brink of its digital revolution...In February 2009, just after the Super Bowl, all U.S. analog TV transmitters get turned off for good.”

“Broadcast radio, both AM and FM, are in their digital infancy.”

“Broadcast satellite radio...been digital from the start (Sirius and XM Radio are the two satellite radio broadcasters in the U.S.”

“Business and public-safety two-way radio are slowly making the transition.”

“And then there’s ham radio, where digital voice is still just a novelty. Hams are happily using voice modes that were developed in the first half of the previous century – AM, FM, SSB – and the equipment we use today is still compatible with the earliest products developed for those modes more than 50 years ago.”

When All Else Fails...Amateur Radio (Page 9)

“Great satisfaction (as well as justification for our access to the radio spectrum) also comes from being of service to the wider community, either directly or by supplying communications to the variety of governmental and non-governmental agencies that respond to natural disasters and other emergencies. ***Serving them requires that we understand their needs and speak their language, which in turn requires training.***”

“As we work to understand and to meet today’s emergency communications needs we also must think about the future...the traditional role of the Amateur Radio communicator no longer

matches what the emergency management official is looking for. Replacing their missing telephone is no longer enough.”

The ARRL and Emergency Communications (Page 38-39)

“During and after Katrina, we learned that we need to act and think differently if we are to be taken seriously as a disaster resource. ***Given that our ability to provide emergency communications is one key reason for the existence of the Amateur Radio Services, we cannot assume that our role will be the same as it has been in the past.***

Today, citizens, including professional emergency personnel, are all connected with cell phones, text messaging and so on. Amateur Radio Emergency communications no longer means only “Please copy number one, routine,” or trotting about behind an official with a hand-held transceiver on your belt.”

“Meanwhile, a window of usefulness has opened for Amateur Radio – the time between the onset of the disaster and the restoration of conventional communications... We must be better organized, more capable and on the scene as quickly as possible after our help is requested.”

“All emergency responders, including volunteers, are subject to Federal Emergency Management Agency training requirements. This makes the recruitment of volunteer ops more difficult. It also turns off experienced ops who consider the training to be irrelevant. Nevertheless, increased training requirements are here to stay and we all need to keep up with them.”

“We (ARRL) have also created a database of Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) members for use in extraordinary disasters.”

“Credentialing and background checks for operations outside a ham’s home area are a difficult issue that arose during and after Katrina. This issue is here to stay. The ARRL Board has formed the Ad-Hoc Background Investigation Committee...that is investigating these issues.”

(NOTE: Since these comments appeared in QST, The ARRL Board adopted the following Policy on Background Checks

“The Board adopted a policy that "communications volunteers participating in ARRL-sponsored programs should not be required by served agencies to undergo background investigations of any kind," but notes that criminal background checks--performed by law enforcement agencies--are "generally acceptable." The policy continues, "It is not reasonable for a served agency to require these volunteers to consent to credit checks, mode of living investigations or investigative consumer reports. In negotiating or renegotiating Memoranda of Understanding that commit the League to provide volunteer emergency communications support, the League must be assured that these volunteers will not be required by the partner organization to consent to credit checks, mode of living investigations or investigative consumer reports.")

The Beginnings of Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (Page 48)

“How far have we come from the early days of ham radio when amateur communication...was almost outlawed! The early portrayal of hams as nuisances ...almost succeeded in the creation of a federal law making amateur communications illegal. Pre-World War I newspaper portrayals of hams were less than flattering and often downright hostile.

Thankfully, such depictions of the activities and motives of hams were countered by the reality that, in times of trouble, the Amateur Radio community was there to help.”

Public Service (Page 74)

“Amateur Radio will always be a vital backup radio network to commercial systems. It is up to hams to stay in practice using net procedures and good operating practices. ***If hams are to work with government offices like the Emergency Management Agency, it is imperative that they complete the NIMS courses and be familiar with local directives and emergency management plans.***”

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (Page 50)

“Today, RACES and ARES excel in providing emergency communication where and when it is needed. Hurricane Katrina was a major test of their worth. It certainly won’t be the last.”

And finally, from Part 97.1 of the FCC Rules applying to Amateur Radio Service

97.1 Basis and Purpose.

The rules and regulations in this part are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed as expressed in the following principles;

- (a) Recognition and enhancement of the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.
- (b) Continuation and extension of the amateur’s proven ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art.
- (c) Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communications and technical phases of the art.
- (d) Expansion of the existing reservoir within the amateur radio service of trained operators, technicians, and electronics experts.
- (e) Continuation and extension of the amateur’s unique ability to enhance international goodwill.

George Tomlinson (AA4GT) Does it Again !



At 10:14 PM I got a phone call from WA8GMT John in Ohio and he said K7NN was on in AZ. That is who I been waiting for. I give him a 58 and he give me a 59. That was number 50 for WAS on 80 meters. Now I have to get my cards in and then I will send them in for my Geratol number. I never thought I could get all 50 states on 80 meters. I was fooled. I need 8 cards and I will have them all done. Now I can start other awards.

73 80 King
hi hi

LOCAL HAMFESTS

12 Jan 2008 Southwest Florida Hamfest and Computer Show
Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club <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/>
University of Central Florida
4000 Central Florida Blvd.
Orlando, FL

26 Jan 2008 Arcadia Hamfest
DeSoto Amateur Radio Club <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>
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.bahia Shrine.org/~radio/Tailgate.htm>
Bahia Shrine Center
2300 Pembroke Drive
Orlando, FL

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