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Next Meeting will be held on February 24th 2009 at 7.00pm

From the President's Shack

Hello from the President's shack!

It is anticipated that the new repeater should be on the air in about 1 to 2 weeks, hopefully I will be able to provide some more information about this at the next Club meeting.

For those that are making the trip, I wish everybody a safe and a happy time at the Orlando Hamcation this weekend!!!

73's
Dave
W4SFR

Notices

Just a friendly reminder to please note that all Club meetings now commence at **7:00pm**, not 7:30 pm. Additionally, the Wednesday night net also commences at 7.00pm. Thank you.

Help wanted - Accredited VE's!

I have once again taken on the VE Liaison role for the Club and as such now need to gather together a trusty band of members who are registered ARRL Volunteer Examiners ("VE's") and who would be willing to part with a couple of hours or so on a Saturday morning to help administer the examinations!

I anticipate holding VE test sessions either every three or four months to start with as this area is well provided for with the monthly exam sessions in Ft. Myers.

Initially I would like some idea of who would be willing to become part of the VE team. I also need details of your accreditation level (as per your VE badge), the date your

accreditation expires (normally when your license expires but again its on your badge) and whether you are full time or seasonal residents. In this way I can get an idea of who is available and when.

So in the first instance please e-mail me at kg4zlb@arrl.net with the above details and then we can go forward and set some dates to commence a testing session.

Thanks

David - KG4ZLB

Meeting Minutes

Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida

Regular Monthly Business Meeting held at the Golden Gate Community Center, Golden Gate, Naples, Florida, on Tuesday, January 27th, 2008

Directors Present: David Schaare, W4SFR – President
David Worboys, KG4ZLB – Vice President
Bob Graf, W2HI - Secretary
G. William Reynolds, K2ZEL – Treasurer
Tim Wallen, KC4SSD – Technical Director
Peter Gaddy, KK4PG – Past President

Apologies: Karl Geng, N1DL – Emergency Communications Director

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Called To Order:

There being a quorum present with 34 members (including 6 directors) and 3 guests in attendance, Dave, W4SFR, called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 minutes of the December meeting were published previously in the ARASWF Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill, K2ZEL, presented a monthly Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2008, summarized as follows:

Income for the period:		
Party reservations	\$ 648.00	
50/50	<u>\$ 86.00</u>	
Total Income		\$ 734.00
Expenses for the period:		
Party Door prizes, etc.	\$ 45.41	
VFW Dinners & Hall	\$ 965.00	
Bartender	\$ 40.00	
Postage	<u>\$ 42.00</u>	
Total Expenses		\$1,093.41

Balance, 12/31/08	\$4,359.023
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Bill also reported that there is \$90.33 in outstanding checks, which when deducted from the 12/31/08 balance, results in the following summary for the entire year 2008:

Beginning Balance, 1/1/2008	\$4,520.29
Total Income	\$4,064.20
Total Expenses	\$3,812.81
Ending Balance (Adjusted), 12/31/2008	\$4,268.90

Officers' Reports:

Repeater Update: Peter, KK4PG, discussed the needs for additional and replacement repeater equipment to (1) improve the existing WB2QLP repeater on 146.67 MHz, and (2) plan for additional repeater sites in eastern Collier County and downtown Naples. He stated that the Board of Directors recommends to the membership that a used Kenwood repeater and associated equipment be purchased for the sum of \$1,200.00 which will provide both a replacement repeater for the existing Spectrum unit on 146.670 MHz, and a duplexer, power supply, hardline and antenna for the next repeater site to be

assembled at the QTH of KC4SSD on a 100-foot tower. A motion, to approve this purchase, by Peter, KK4PG, seconded by George, AA4GT, was passed by a vote of 33 – 1.

Wednesday Information Net: Dave, W4SFR, announced the Board's suggestion that a different member act as Net Control for each of the weekly Wednesday night Nets, and he passed around a sign-up sheet for the months of February and March. A motion, to change the time of the Wednesday night Net to 7:00 pm, by Larry K8SRH, seconded by Allen KI4IMA, was approved unanimously.

VE Testing: David, KG4ZLB reported that he has received the VE testing supplies from Carolyn, AI4CZ, and he is making plans for the next testing session.

License Classes: Peter, KK4PG, reported that there is a need to conduct license classes for certain Fire District and Sheriff's Deputies. He is in process of working out the details, and will report back at which time he will be asking for volunteers to instruct and assist at these classes.

Committee Reports:

Field Day 2009: George AA4GT reported that Field Day 2009 will again be held on the property of Joe, K9KNW, but at a different location on the property.

Naples Marathon: Rodney, KI4DBI, thanked those members who participated in providing communications at the recent Naples Marathon.

EOC Net: Rodney then announced plans for the EOC Net to go on-the-air, possibly on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm. Rodney will act as Net Control, with Fred, KF4MJJ, assisting. The Net will be conducted on the 147.03 repeater.

Go-Kits: Finally, Rodney recommended that the club consider putting together several "Go-Kits" to be offered to sick or otherwise disabled hams who do not have access to regular station equipment. These kits would include at least a 2-meter radio, power supply, and portable antenna. Peter, KK4PG, suggested that consideration be given to assembling contributions of the required equipment from members as an alternative to purchasing any of the equipment. To be further considered by the Board of Directors.

Naples Pathway Coalition Bike Ride: Tim, KI4UAT, thanked those members who participated in this event.

Old Business:

New Business:

Christmas Party: Dave, W4SFR, reported that the date of the 2009 Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 12th. Location will be the same as last year – VFW Hall in north Naples.

Golden Gate Festival: Peter, KK4PG, announced that the dates for the Golden Gate Festival are Friday, March 26th (6pm to midnight), Saturday March 27th (9am to midnight) and Sunday March 28th (9am to 9pm). As per last year, the club is being asked to provide operators to work the event. Jeff, NJ2F will coordinate the assignments, and members are encouraged to let Jeff know if, and when, they can participate. More info at the next meeting in February.

General Welfare:

Peter, KK4PG, reported that Karl, N1DL, is at home recovering from quadruple bypass surgery. Progress is slow, but Karl is improving each day and will soon begin therapy.

Special Feature:

The special feature planned for January – DVD about SWR – was postponed until the February membership meeting.

50/50:

The 50/50 raffle was won by Jim, K3AVR.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Peter, KK4PG, at 8:20pm on a motion by Fred KF4MJJ, seconded by Joe K9KNW.

Bob Graf, W2HI
Secretary

Annual SKYWARN classes

WHAT/WHEN: Basic and Advanced Skywarn training is now scheduled for **Friday, February 27th, 2009 and Saturday, February 28th, 2009.**

The **Basic Spotter training** will be 10a.m. until noon each day. (This is the "certification portion of the training")

The Advanced training will begin after lunch ~1 pm until 3 pm each day. (You're not required to attend this for the certification. It's just good info that builds on the morning's training.)

Participants must have attended a Basic Spotter course to attend the Advanced Course. Both can be taken the same day. Registration is requested if you want to attend. When you register, please indicate each class you plan to attend & date/time.

Skywarn training will be held at:

WHERE: Golden Gate Fire Station #71 (Click [HERE](#) for a map to the training site.)

100 13th St. SW in Golden Gate Estates

(The Station is located behind the Collier Library sited off Golden Gate Blvd, deep in the Estates.) NOTE: There is an EMS Station across the street from the side of the Library: that is NOT the training location.

Golden Gate Frontier Days and Festival

Last year the Club ran a "special event" type station from the grounds of the Golden Gate Community Center in support of the Golden Gate Frontier Days and Festival event. This year we have been asked to once again provide a working demonstration of our magnificent hobby and I also believe that some operators will be required to help with the logistics of crowd control, emergencies, etc.

The dates for your diary are Friday March 27 (6.00pm till midnight), Saturday March 28th (a Parade from noon till 2.00pm and then 3.00pm till midnight) and finally Sunday March 29th (3.00pm till midnight).

As you can see there are plenty of time slots to choose from if you fancy coming along and taking part in this event which if last year was anything to go by, was a hugely successful and enjoyable day.

A full run down will be given at the February Club meeting but in the intervening period, if you have any queries concerning the event or would like to put your name down to attend then please e-mail Jeff (NJ2F) at nj2f@comcast.net

Here are some pictures from last years event to wet your appetite!



New Members

None this month.

Trading Post

For Sale:

Arrow Ground Plane 2m/70cm antenna (model GP 146/440) - quite a remarkable and cheap antenna that I was using prior to an antenna upgrade. Comes complete with mounting bracket. As antennas go, it is not as visible as some. Check out the Arrow website www.arrowantennas.com and follow the left hand link for Ground Planes. \$15 and I will deliver it to the next Club meeting already assembled. kg4zlb@arrl.net if interested otherwise off it goes to Fleabay!

Cartoon Corner



"Harold!!! What are you doing wasting money on more USELESS radio equipment!!!"

And Finally.....!

For the ham who has everything.



(thanks to George, AA4GT)

Club Information

Meeting Time: 4th Tuesday 7:00pm 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>

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