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Next Meeting will be held on April 28th 2009 at 7.00pm

From the President's Shack

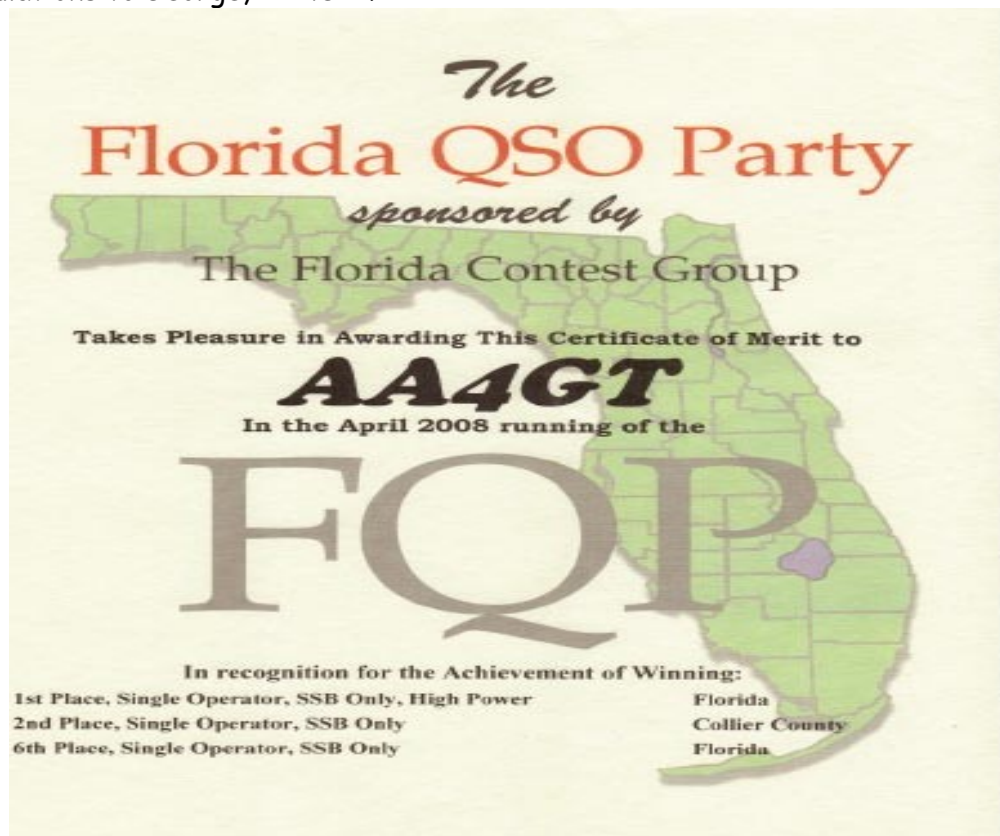
Hello from the President's shack!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next meeting where reports will be given about the Club's involvement at the Golden Gate Frontiers Day and also an update on the Field Day planning progress will be presented. We shall also hear about the progress made concerning the new repeater, see the photo elsewhere in this Newsletter.

73's
Dave
W4SFR

Notices

Congratulations to George, AA4GT!



Meeting Minutes

Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida

**Regular Monthly Business Meeting held at the Golden Gate Community Center,
Golden Gate, Florida, on Tuesday, March 24th, 2008**

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

Apologies: Tim Wallen, KC4SSD – Technical Director
Karl Geng, N1DL – Emergency Communications Director

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Called To Order:

There being a quorum present with 23 members (including 5 directors) 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 January meeting were published previously in the ARASWF Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill, K2ZEL, presented a monthly Treasurer's Report as of March 24, 2009, summarized as follows:

Starting Balance	\$ 4047.27
Income	\$ 48.00
Expenses	\$ 0.00
Ending Balance, 3/24/09	\$ 4095.27

Officers' Reports:

Repeater Update: Peter, KK4PG, reported that the new Kenwood repeater had been installed at the WB2QLP site, and is fully operational on 146.67. The older Spectrum repeater is being held there as a spare. The 2nd repeater site in Golden Gate Estates will soon also be operational on 145.27 (-) 136.5PL., utilizing a Kendecom repeater updated with parts donated by Dan WB7ECV.

A site for a 3rd repeater in the downtown area looks promising – it is at the top of a 5-story building. An ICOM repeater that was recently donated to the club may be utilized for this new location. More information to follow.

Fred, KF4MJJ, reported that it may be possible to utilize a 440/2-meter antenna on the roof of the existing EOC. He will report back about this possibility.

Old Photos: Peter KK4PG passed around several photo albums that were part of Jordan's estate. Some of these photos will be scanned and published on the club web site.

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.

Committee Reports:

Field Day 2009: George AA4GT reported that plans for Field Day 2009 are continuing. A new 40-meter vertical with less than 1.5 SWR has been tested and will be used at Field Day. Also, he is hopeful of obtaining the participation of at least three CW operators. He reported, too, that Tim KC4SSD is planning to again bring his trailer to the site, and a second trailer might also be available.

Old Business:

New Business:

Golden gate Festival: Toby KB2TJX discussed the plans for the upcoming Golden Gate Frontier Days to be held Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 27-28-29. Local operations by club volunteers will be on 144.275 Simplex. A club station will also be set up and operated for the Contest being held the same weekend.

Hurricane Season:

Fred, KF4MJJ reminded members that hurricane season is fast approaching, and it is not too soon to plan for contingency operations to maintain communications during an emergency.

Special Feature:

A special video presentation about antenna and transmission line SWR was the special feature for the meeting. Due it's length, however, it was not completed, and which will planned for a future meeting.

50/50:

The 50/50 raffle was won by Dan WB7ECV, who generously donated his winnings back to the club treasury..

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dave W4SFR at 8:20 pm.

Bob Graf, W2HI
Secretary

New Repeater - picture update

Picture courtesy of Peter, KK4PG



Ecomm

Further to Fred's (KF4MJJ) presentation at the last Club meeting the following URL is a link to the draft of the ARES handbook which Fred would like the Club to review and comment upon prior to its publication in May. It would be appreciated if you could take the time to look at this document and get back to Fred with any comments at FredEdwards@colliergov.net

Here's the URL

<http://www.colliergov.net/index.aspx?page=1537>

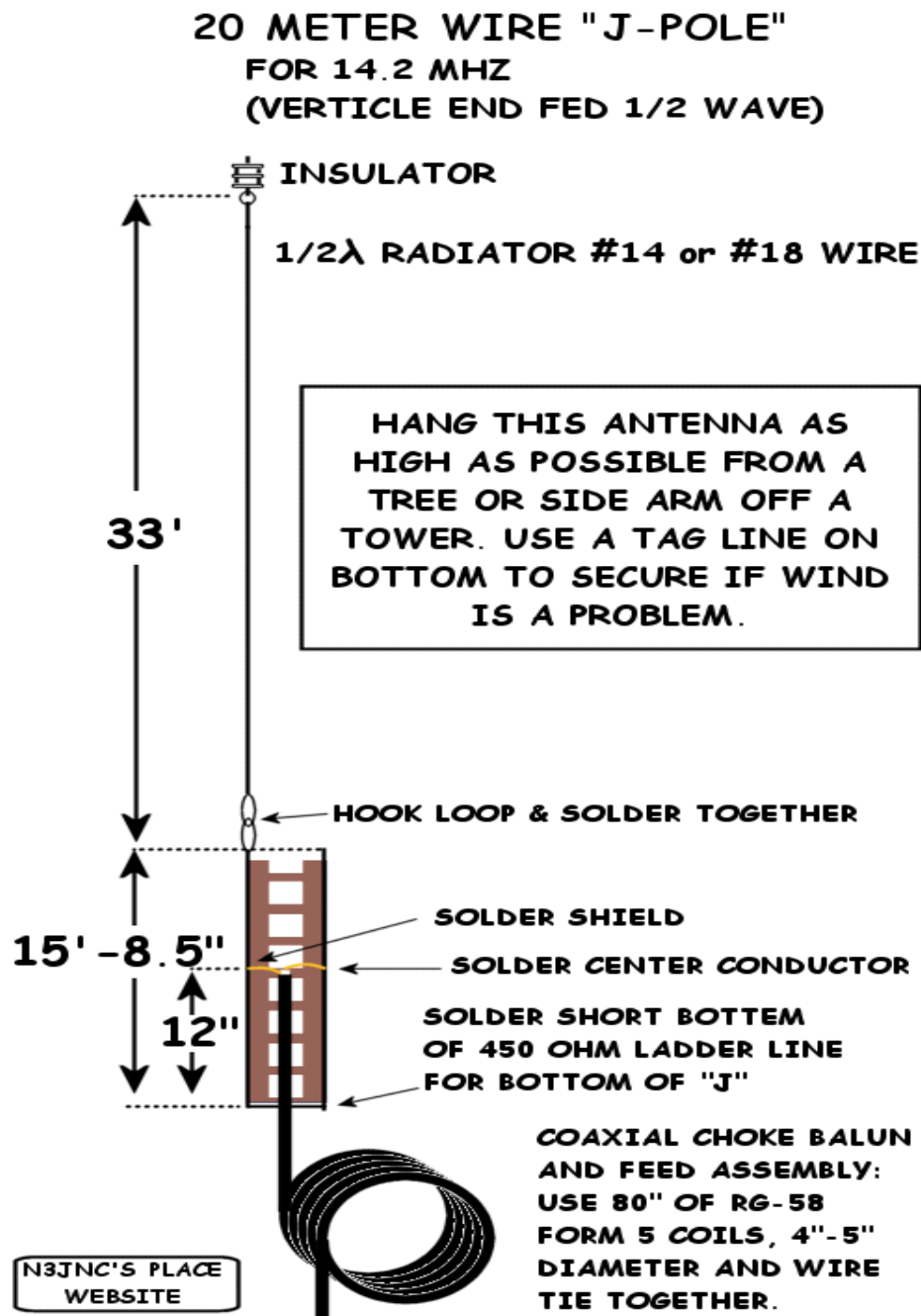
Cartoon Corner



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And Finally.....!

AA4GT found the following plan for building a 20m J-pole antenna, reproduced here! Any questions concerning this then I am sure George would be happy to help out!



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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