



# ARASWF

## Newsletter



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**Next Meeting will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7.00pm**

## From the President's Shack

Hello from the President's shack!

It would be great if everyone could attend the upcoming meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> to hear the most up to date plans for this years Field Day. Historically the Club does not have a June meeting in lieu of Field Day so this will be one of the last chances to get a feel for what is planned for that weekend, to ask questions or signify your intentions to attend and help out in setting up, tearing down, operating or all three together!

73's for now!

Dave

W4SFR

## New Members

The Club would like to extend a warm welcome to two new members this month. Bob Hooper, W1RWH and Ruth Wahl, KB1OMR both from Naples.

Welcome!

## 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 27th, 2008**

**Directors Present:** David Schaare, W4SFR – President  
Peter Gaddy, KK4PG – Past President  
Bob Graf, W2HI - Secretary  
G. William Reynolds, K2ZEL – Treasurer  
Tim Wallen, KC4SSD – Technical Director  
Karl Geng, N1DL – Emergency Communications Director

**Apologies:** David Worboys , KG4ZLB – Vice President

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### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Meeting Called To Order:**

There being a quorum present with 24 members (including 4 directors) and 2 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. New members included Ruth, KB1OMB, and Bob, W1RWH.

#### **Reading & Approval of Previous Minutes:**

Reading of the Minutes was dispensed with since the minutes of the previous meeting were published in the ARASWF Newsletter.

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

Bill, K2ZEL, presented an informal Treasurer's Report as of April 28, 2009, summarized as follows:

Ending Balance, 4/28/09                      \$ 4104.00

### **Officers' Reports:**

Repeater Update: Peter, KK4PG, reported that the 2nd repeater on 145.27 MHz is ready to go on the air, and that Echolink will soon follow. The duplexer cans have been re-silvered, and we are awaiting installation of the concrete tower base before the 100-foot tower will go up.

New Antenna: Peter also reported that the possible utilization of a 440/2-meter antenna on the roof of the existing EOC, mentioned last month by Fred, KF4MJJ, will likely not become a reality. He will send a letter to Dan Sommers requesting that the situation be clarified, but it does not look promising. He will report back about this at a future meeting.

New Coax for Club Trailer: Peter then reported that Steve, K4MIF, was instrumental in obtaining, at a special price, a 500-foot roll of RG-213 to replace the cables that were stolen from the club trailer. He will be looking for volunteers soon to help cut this into 100-foot segments and attach coax fittings prior to Field Day. Also, he reported that the Alliance antenna rotator, that was used at the Red Cross installation, has been repaired and is ready for use.

Motion: A motion was made by Peter KK4PG, seconded by Larry K8SRH, that an invitation be extended to Steve, KFMIF, and his wife, for complimentary tickets to the club Christmas Party, in thanks for his help in obtaining the new coax. The motion was unanimously approved.

Insurance: It may be possible to put in an insurance claim for the stolen cables, including the rotator cable that was also taken. Bob, W2HI, will investigate.

### **Committee Reports:**

Field Day 2009: George AA4GT reported that plans for Field Day 2009 are continuing, and that he needs a few more laptop computers to complete the network. Also, some 7-9 volunteers have indicated they will be available for CW operation. Peter, KK4PG, volunteered to again handle the food preparation for Field Day, and Bill, K2ZEL, indicated he will set up the GOTA station.

### **Old Business:**

Frontier Days 2009: Jeff, NJ2F, reported on the club's activities at Frontier Days, and thanked all who participated. The club station operated for the CQWDX contest, and made about 300 contacts.

**New Business:**

Air Force MARS: Karl, N1DL, reported that the Air Force MARS course will soon begin, and he asked that members interested in participating contact him as soon as possible. Then Bill, K2ZEL, announced that Karl has become assistant State Director for Air Force MARS.

**Special Feature:**

Continuation of the 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, which will planned for a future meeting.

**50/50:**

The 50/50 raffle was won by Peter, KK4PG.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dave W4SFR at 8:05 pm.

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

## Frontier Days

At the last meeting we were given an opportunity to hear about the Club's successful participation in the Golden Gate Frontier Days event. Some photographs have been posted to the Club's website for your enjoyment, the link is [here!](#) In the meantime here are a couple of examples to get you going.



## Seen at Dayton



What can one say? Apparently its at Dayton every year, it just sprouts new antennas! Unlikely to be road legal but quite fun anyway.



OK, you know the handsome fellow in the middle is me but at Dayton I was fortunate to be able to meet Richard Garriott (W5KWQ) (on the right) who spent 12 days on the International Space Station where he promoted the ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) program by sending hundreds of slow scan TV pictures from the orbiting outpost as well as conducting scheduled school contacts and one-on-one QSO's with around 500 hams on Earth. To the left in the picture, is Dr. Owen Garriott (W5LFL), Richard's Father who was the first ham to broadcast on Amateur Radio from the Space Shuttle (STS-9) back in 1983.



## And Finally.....!

Following on from the "Stealth Antenna" pictured in the previous Newsletter, Ed (K1UQE) sent me this picture which he reliably informs me is for 20m but will tune to the 17m band as well! Thanks Ed.



## And Finally.....! (2)

### **Spotted at Dayton -**

Dan DeVaul (WB7ECV) spending lots of time with the software defined radio exhibitors.

*"psssssst...Dan. Thats not really radio!"*



### 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>

### Club Officers/ Chairpersons

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