

Field Day – June 26/27 – join us at the QTH of Joe (K9KNW)!



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## Newsletter



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**Next Meeting will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup>  
2010 at 7.00pm**

## From the President's Shack

With no meeting being held in June (traditionally the Field Day activities take precedence over the normal meeting), the next meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> is the best opportunity to get all the information you need about the Club's own Field Day event. As per last year (and before that) we are delighted to be able to use the magnificent facilities at Joe's (K9KNW) QTH and the upcoming meeting will provide everything you need to know for this showpiece event - be a part of it with us, see you at the meeting.

Till then.....

73's  
Dave  
W4SFR



## Meeting Minutes

errr.....None!



## New Members

Nothing here either!





## News Items

**from Don, (K9ZKJ)**

Sad news. Don brought to my attention the recent sad passing of JR's (W4IJR) Wife, Marilyn. An obituary is on-line ([click here](#)). The Club and its Members would like to express our deep condolences to JR at this sad time and our thoughts are with him and his family.

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**from Karl (N1DL)**

Some better news.

In the Feb 2010 newsletter we had a paragraph on member KJ5CB and his operation. He is getting slowly better.

Paul's Wife Judy wrote:

*"Hello everyone!*

*Wanted to let you know there is now a "blog-spot" for Paul's recovery progress - photos and all! I want to thank my friend and fellow greyhound advocate, Jennifer Krebs for doing all the work. It's called "For the Love of Paul" and you can find it at <http://paulsenspage.blogspot.com/> Forward this on to anyone you know who's been following this incredible journey.*

*Be sure to read the "About" section for all the details and then click on "View my complete profile" for all the details, then you can read the email update throughout this journey, starting with the most recent post. This will now replace the individual emails I was sending out, but please don't hesitate to email me or post a comment if you'd like.*

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**from Jeff, (NJ2F)**

A report from the 6 Meter Net of Southwest Florida:

On Monday, May 3rd I got home from work at 3:30 pm and noticed that 6 meters was open. I operated for a while and made 35 QSO's into 19 grids. Then I quit for dinner. At 7:30 pm I started the 6m SSB NET of SWFL as I usually do on 50.200. My first check-in was Ken, KO4MG from Port Charlotte, a regular check-in. From that point on things went crazy. Check-ins were coming in from all over the North East. I got about 40 check-ins when the phone rang. It was an important call so I asked AD, K4ADR to continue the net while I took the call. I was on the phone only a short time. When I got back to the net AD was already up to 50 check-ins. I took over at that time and continued taking calls until I reached # 79. I was tuckered out and AD took over again. At this point it was already close to 9:00 pm. During the opening we were informed that another 6 Meter net was going to start on that frequency at 9:30 pm. So AD ran the net till just before the other net started. We ended up with 102 check-ins in 47 different grids. Wow ! What a night for our net. Our normal 6 Meter net usually has between 5 and 12 check-ins. A big thanks to AD for sharing the load. That will probably be a check-in record we will never see again. 73, Jeff, NJ2F

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**from George, (AA4GT)**

Is Your Club Facing the IRS Time-bomb? -Urgent Message to All Radio Clubs

Changes made three years ago to the federal tax laws could cause many radio clubs to lose their tax-exempt status this year. To protect themselves, clubs that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code must file the required IRS annual returns or reports before the deadline, which is May 15 for those with calendar years.

Many clubs have, at some time in the past, applied for tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) [charitable organizations], Section 501(c)(4) [civic leagues] or Section 501(c)(7) [recreational clubs].

Years ago, any club with gross receipts averaging less than \$25,000 per year was not required to file annual returns with the IRS. However, after 2006, such clubs had to file a Form 990-N, a simple "electronic postcard" with minimal information, by the fifteenth day of the fifth month after the close of each fiscal year. Some clubs may not have been aware of this new requirement or didn't bother to comply. Even those that filed in a prior year may have neglected to keep up with the required filings as officers changed from year to year.

Section 6033(j) of the Code provides that failure to file Form 990, 990-EZ or 990-N for three consecutive years results in revocation of tax-exempt status as of the filing due date for the third return. That filing date for calendar year 2009 is less than two weeks away. If you are a club officer and are uncertain who is responsible for IRS filings or whether such filings are current, you should determine your filing status as soon as possible and take immediate steps to file the current and any missed prior-year IRS forms. Going forward, your club's board should assign the responsibility for compliance filings with a designated officer and document that responsibility in the written "job description" for the position so that subsequent holders of the office are made aware of the requirements. If you have questions about your club's status, you may wish to consult a CPA or other tax adviser.

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from John, (NSOI)

Some pictures from the FL QSO party event held at Joe's (K9KNW) QTH.

Thanks John!



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*(Please ignore the date/time stamp - it is incorrect)*

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from George, (AA4GT)

The April issue of the county hunter news is now on line at:

<http://chnewsonline.com/CountyHunterNewsApril2010.pdf>

In this issue....



No Star and Natural Bingo Award comments

Trip reports by WV2B and other mobiles in the QSO Parties

Extensive coverage of QSO Parties

Upcoming events and contests

and more

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**from Peter, (KK4PG)**

Dear Members,

There are several plans that the board has been discussing for emergency communications this hurricane season. Could those members interested in participating please contact Tim, [kc4ssd@comcast.net](mailto:kc4ssd@comcast.net), Peter, [KK4PG@ARRL.net](mailto:KK4PG@ARRL.net), or Tim, [N4PPIX@Hotmail.com](mailto:N4PPIX@Hotmail.com).

All who wish to attend the Keywaden Expedition please contact Peter, [KK4PG@ARRL.Net](mailto:KK4PG@ARRL.Net) or 239-353-7330.



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### Trading Post

#### WANTED:

German Luger Pistol

Contact Bob W2HI via email at [w2hi@araswf.org](mailto:w2hi@araswf.org).





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### Club Information

Meeting Time: 4th Tuesday 7:00pm Golden Gate Community Center  
4701 Golden Gate Parkway  
Naples FL

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