



# ARASWF

## Newsletter



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**Next Meeting will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>  
2010 at 7.00pm**

## From the President's Shack

We had a great time at the Oil Well Park event and are now looking forward to the DX'pedition to Keywadin - new members who were not around when the Club made the first trip out in April 08 will be interested in the trip report article that appeared in the Newsletter at that time. That article has been reproduced in this edition so after "wetting" your appetites for it, please sign up for a great day out.

Till the next meeting.....

73's  
Dave  
W4SFR



## Meeting Minutes

### **Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida**

**Regular Monthly Business Meeting held at the Golden Gate Community Center, Golden Gate, Florida, on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2010**

#### **Officers and**

#### **Directors Present:**

David Schaare, W4SFR - President  
Bob Graf, W2HI - Secretary  
Tim Wallen, KC4SSD - Treasurer  
Karl Geng, N1DL - Director  
George Tomlinson, AA4GT - Director  
Tim Gibbons, N4PIX - Director

#### **Apologies:**

Peter Gaddy, KK4PG - Director  
David Worboys, KG4ZLB - Vice President

## **MEETING MINUTES**

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

There being a quorum present with 28 members (including 6 officers and directors) and one guest in attendance, Dave, W4SFR, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **Introductions:**

All attendees introduced themselves by name and call for the benefit of the members and guests in attendance. Guest John Karickhoff, AA4JJ, from Fairfax, VA introduced himself. New member Ken Bliss, W9KB, also introduced himself.

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

Reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with since they were published previously in the Newsletter.

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

Tim, KC4SSD, presented the following Treasurer's Report as of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010:

Beginning Balance,	\$ 3,580.75
Income Deposited, Dues & 50/50	\$ 642.00
Cash on Hand (Dues, Keewaydin)	\$ 40.00
Disbursements:	
Rental Porta Potty-Oil Well Park	(\$ 75.00)
Food, Oil Well Park	(\$ 152.92)
UHF Link Radio	(\$ 40.00)
UHF Duplexer	(\$ 70.00)
Ending Balance, 2/23/2010	\$ 3,924.83

### **Officers' Reports:**

Oil Well Park Special Event: George, AA4GT, reported on the Oil Well Park Special Event held on Saturday, February 20th, 22 club members participated, with the following results:

20 Meters – 60 contacts  
15 Meters – 46 contacts  
40 Meters – 13 contacts  
17 Meters – 42 contacts

Total        161 contacts

Then Dave, W4SFR, passed out Special Event Certificates to the members who participated. (Certificates were prepared by Bob W2HI)

Finally, George suggested that consideration be given to holding this event on an annual basis, accompanied perhaps by a club picnic.

Keewaydin Expedition: In Peter KK4PG's absence, Bob W2HI confirmed that the Keewaydin Expedition was planned for Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and passed around a sign-up sheet. He also requested that participating members pay the \$15. Fee as soon as possible.

Members Gallery Photos: Bob, W2HI repeated his request that members send him a photo of their home station together with a few sentences about their equipment, set-up, operating practices, etc. to be included in the "Members Gallery" on the club web site. To date, no members have responded to similar requests made in the past. Tim, N4PIX, volunteered to go to members' homes to take the pictures himself, if necessary.

Membership Input: Bob, W2HI, announced that at the next Board meeting an item for discussion will be how to improve the club meetings and activities, and how to make them more interesting to the members. He asked the members to consider what changes they might like to see, and to email their thoughts and suggestions to any member of the Board.

### **Committee Reports:**

Echo Link: Carl, WA9ZIF, reported that he is having work done at his home, and it may be necessary to shut down the Echo Link for a day during the work period.

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

Harry, KD4JMV, reported on his Tuesday night net, and suggested that there should be a welcoming announcement on the Echo Link. Carl WA9ZIF responded that there used to be such an announcement, and he will check to see that it is re-installed.

### **Special Feature:**

Tim, N4PIX, made a presentation about slow scan TV, utilizing the MMSSTV and other programs. He announced that most slow-scan activity seems to be on 14.230MHz (also 14.233MHz).

### **50/50:**

The 50/50 raffle was won by Carl, WA9ZIF, who graciously donated his winnings back to the club treasury.

### **Adjournment:**

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

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



### New Members

Please join us in welcoming Ken Bills, W9KB as a new member of the Club.

Welcome !



### News Items

**from me, KG4ZLB**

For those of you not yet subscribed to our ARASWF Yahoo Group, please [click here](#) add "subscribe" to the subject line and join us. Its free!

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**from Bob (W2HI)**

**LAST CALL FOR 2010 DUES!**

As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, the following is a listing of paid members for 2010.

All members are urged to check this list to be sure their call is included.

If your call sign is not listed, it means that we do not have a record of your dues payment for 2010. Please either send in your dues, or contact the Club Secretary or Treasurer if there appears to be a mistake.

Members whose dues are not paid by April 1<sup>st</sup> will be dropped from the Official club Roster and mailing list for the Newsletter.

### **PROPOSED ARASWF 2010 ROSTER**

AA1KI	AF3K	KI4JNM	KJ5CB
K1EOJ	K3USC	KI4JUG	
K1PQY	K3OCM	KI4NE	WB7ECV
K1UQE	VA3YB	KI4PZP	
KA1JVN	KJ4IBS	K8YMN	
KA1VY	AA4GT	KJ4NKJ	N8CX
KU1Q	K4ADR	KJ4QAY	W8TWJ
N1DL	K4TVO	KK4PG	WB8VQU
N1DO	KC4SSD	N4SKT	
N1NPR	KD4DZU	N4VMT	WD8RFL
W1ERE	KD4JMV	N4XIC	WD8RFM
W1KEC	KD4VRY	NV4Z	
W1LYN	KE4JBT	W4CTE	K9JPB
	KG4ZLB	W4/DK6CK	K9KNW
K2NHY	KI4AII	WF4E	K9PWQ
K2ZEL	KI4DBI	W4MWZ	K9ZKJ
KA2EYL	KI4HEU	W4RBW	KB9APD
KA2GKC	KI4HEV	W4SFR	N9RG
NJ2F	KI4HEW	W4YOE	W9KB
W2HI	KI4KQK	WD4FLY	W9ZR
W2JQ			WA9ZIF
WA2GGE			
WA2SQO			KBØWDP
WA2ZAH			NSØI
WB2TGY			WØEAQ
WØMIA			WØOB

from Ernie (KA1VY)

Pictures from the Oil Well Park Special Event





from George (AA4GT)



GEORGIA QSO PARTY 2010  
APRIL 10 AND 11

Annually, the second **full** weekend of April  
There are two operating periods:  
1800Z Saturday until 0359Z Sunday  
1400Z to 2359Z on Sunday

**JOIN US!!**

**Mobiles operate as Rovers to get ALL GA counties On the Air**  
**WE NEED YOU**

**OBJECTIVE:** For amateurs outside of the state of Georgia to make contact with as many Phone and/or CW Georgia stations in as many of the 159 Georgia counties, as possible.

Georgia stations work everyone on Phone, CW, or both modes.

The GQP is on 160m, 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m, and 6m only.

Suggested operating frequencies are:

Phone: 1.865, 3.810, 7.225, 14.250, 21.300, 28.450, 50.135

CW: 1.815, 3.545, 7.045, 14.045, 21.045, 28.045, 50.095

Awards for Club competition, Out of state clubs, and Georgia clubs, are offered in each mode category along with the individual station awards.

GQP is becoming one of the most popular QSO party events.

QSO parties in general are now very popular. GQP has gained some status as one of the "best". Our goal is to **get all the 159 (!) GA counties on the air for the event**. So far we have not quite done it. We had 157 counties live in 2009. It can be done if the GA clubs rally to get stations on the air. Home stations can easily put in some hours on the



weekend. It is the Rovers who go to the rare counties and make it fun. Get in the mobile and visit your neighboring counties on short Rover run. GA is beautiful in April.

Use your favorite logger if you have one, send a Cabrillo file to [gqp@iham.us](mailto:gqp@iham.us)  
ALL forms of logs are accepted, Text files, word doc files, spreadsheets, paper logs too!  
(The Mailing address is on the web site)

Full Rules, Prizes, Awards, current and prior results are on <http://gqp.contesting.com/>  
Be sure to visit the site, and check.

Want to sponsor Prizes, Plaques, or Awards.... Contact [gqp@iham.us](mailto:gqp@iham.us)

GQP is sponsored by South East Contest Club, and Southeastern DX Club.

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from me (again) KG4ZLB

Two years ago, the Club organized a trip to Keywadin Island primarily for the purpose of putting the island on the air. This, along with a substantial intake of food, was achieved and now we will be doing it all again. As a taster (no pun intended!), I thought it might be prudent to reproduce the trip report from the April 2008 Newsletter so that you can get the flavor (again, no pun) of the trip.

## ***Dxpedition to Key Island***

**April 8, 2008**



### *The Dxpeditioners:*

Standing (L to R): Mike Welsh WD8RFL,  
Rodney Smith KI4DBI, Roy Jackson N9RG ,  
Luna Smith  
KI4HEW, Cindy Quinn KI4NWU , Bob  
Quinn KI4LUD, Jordan Mash WB2QLP, Carl  
Pacini KI4AII,  
Peter Gaddy KK4PG, Jesse Wallen KI4HEU  
Kneeling (L to R) : Tom Shuster KI4HEX,  
Dave Ducett WB8VQU

***Report, by Carl Pacini, KI4AII:***

On April 8, Saturday, twelve ARASWF club members went on a DXpedition to Keewaydin Island, Collier County, Florida. Food, drink, chairs, coolers, and radio equipment were transported to the island in two rented motor boats. Once ashore, club members set up a station on 40 meters and an HF station for QSOs on 10 through 20 meters. Several club members also brought HTs to work 2 meters. By the end of the day, ARASWF members had QSOs on 2, 17, 20 and 40 meters. HF station equipment consisted of an ICOM 706 Mark II G, an MFJ 945-E mobile tuner, an Ameritron ALS-500M amplifier, two deep-cycle marine 12-volt batteries, a voltage regulator, an external speaker, a Heil headset, an Alpha Delta outpost tripod, and 15, 17, and 20 meter Lakeview hamsticks. Using 300 watts, club members had about 30 contacts with radio operators in 12 countries on 5 continents. Also a Yaesu FT-100 was used on 40m. Rodney, KI4DBI and Mike, WD8RFL used their HT's to make some 2m contacts into Naples. In fact, ARASWF operations were noted on the DX cluster for both 17 and 20 meters. DX contacts were as follows:

17 meters--Sweden, Germany, Belgium, Columbia, England, Sri Lanka (4S7), Mali (TZ), and Italy

20 meters--Canada, England, France, Poland and the Netherlands

Interestingly, the signal reports for the Sri Lanka contact were 57 both ways.

Most HF contacts were by phone. Jordan Mash, WB2QLP, however, worked some CW using a straight paddle.

In sum, the ARASWF DXpedition involved some good radio contacts, good food, and good fellowship. The success of this DXpedition portends that it may become an annual event. A special note of thanks goes to Peter, KK4PG and Jordan, WB2QLP for their efforts at organizing this DXpedition.

Carl Pacini, KI4AII



Marine Mobile "DX1"



Marine Mobile "DX2"



What Did We Forget To Bring?



Setting Up The Station



Peter "Cookie" Gaddy, and the Kitchen



Carl, intent on Making a Contact





The Station



Jordan "Sparks" Mash, on the Straight Key



Tom Giving Jordan and Jesse Cast Net Instruction



40m Antenna



10-20m Antenna



Dave and Carl Contacting Sri Lanka and Mali



Curious Double Halo Around the Sun



### Trading Post

Nothing to buy,sell or swap this time around but I do have about 2 years worth of Radcom magazines (the RSGB magazine) if anyone is interested! The price is FREEEEEE! Just let me know and I will deliver them to the next meeting! ([kg4zlb@gmail.com](mailto:kg4zlb@gmail.com))



### 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)

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