



# ARASWF

## Newsletter



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**Next Meeting will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup>  
2011 at 7.00pm**

### **From the President's Shack**

This is my last missive prior to the end of 2010 and of my tenure as President of the Club and to that end I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your support over the preceeding period – I know that George (AA4GT) will amply fill the role of President and I would urge you all to give him your support as he starts to wrestle with the vagaries of the Club and the different dynamics of the members. It has been my priviledge to serve as your President, now lets unite behind George and the newly elected Board to drive the Club forward into 2011 and beyond!

Thanks again...

73's  
Dave  
W4SFR



## **Meeting Minutes**

# **Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida**

**Regular Monthly Business Meeting held at Joe's Crab Shack, Naples, Florida, on Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010**

### **Officers and**

#### **Directors Present:**

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

#### **Apologies:**

David Worboys , KG4ZLB - Vice President  
Tim Gibbons, N4PIX - Director  
Peter Gaddy, KK4PG - Director

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

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

There being a quorum present with 35 members (including 5 officers and directors and 2 new members) 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. New members George Danz KJ4FSD and Calvin Myer KJ4YEL introduced themselves.

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

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

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

Tim, KC4SSD, that as of November 23rd, 2010, the bank balance is \$3,633.27, after income of \$69.00 from 50/50 and dues.

### **Officers' Reports:**

Nominations: Dave W4SFR announced that the following members have been nominated for 2011 officers and directors:

President	George Tomlinson, AA4GT
Vice President	Karl Geng, N1DL
Secretary	Bob Graf, W2HI
Treasurer	Joe Goggin, K9KNW
Director	Peter Gaddy, KK4PG
Director	Uli Altvater, AGØX
Director	Frank Halas, W4RBW
Director	Tim Wallen, KC4SSD

Nominations from the floor were requested, and when there were none, the membership unanimously voted the above nominees into office for 2011. Thus, including Dave W4SFR as Immediate Past President, the Executive Board for 2011 will consist of nine members.

Christmas Party: Dave W4SFR announced that the date for the annual meeting and Christmas Party is Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the VFW hall in Naples – same location as last year. Cost per person will be \$20.00. Social hour from 6-7pm, with dinner following at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend. A sign-up sheet was passed around and 31 members & guests immediately indicated their intention to attend, with many paying their fees in advance. Bob W2HI reported that the club has guaranteed an attendance of at least 50 people, and asked the membership to support the club and plan to attend the party. A map of the VFW location can be viewed on the club web site at [www.araswf.org](http://www.araswf.org)

### **Committee Reports:**

Keewaydin Island DXpedition: After some discussion and a request from the floor that this event be held sometime in March while many of our northern members are still here, it was decided by majority vote of the membership to hold the Keewaydin DXpedition on the last Saturday in March – March 26<sup>th</sup>. Peter KK4PG, who was not present, is expected to coordinate this event.

Oil Well Park Special Event: Tim KC4SSD expects to coordinate this event along the lines of last year's event, but pointed out that this will be primarily a social event, with incidental radio operations. A special 1X1 call may be obtained, possibly "W4O". The event will begin in the late morning, 10-11am, and continue into the afternoon until about 4pm. Date and details to be determined.

### **Old Business:**

Special Programs: Karl N1DL made an impassioned plea to the membership for ideas for programs at future meetings. Some ideas from the floor included WSPR, antenna projects with emphasis on the special needs of members who are subject to antenna restrictions, and tech sessions to solve common problems.

Karl also talked some about various nets that might be of interest to the members, including the Spider net on 14.347 every day at 7:30 to 8:30 am, and others. Harry KD4JMV also discussed the various nets that were taking place, including the Monday night 6-meter net on 50.200, Monday night Amateur Radio Newline on the club repeater 146.67, Tuesday night Echolink net on 146.67, and Wednesday night club tech net, also on 146.667. This prompted Dave W4SFR to report that attendance on the Wednesday night club net has been dismal – last week only 2 members checked in. He asked the membership to show a little more interest in this club net, and invited everyone to check-in.

450 MHz Repeater: In response to an inquiry from the floor as to the status of the proposed club 450MHz repeater, Tim KC4SSD reported that the repeater has been tuned and is ready to go (presently at the QTH of Peter KK4PG), and a tower is awaiting installation (presently at Tim's QTH), if and when a suitable site is found. The proposed site near the City Dock did not materialize, and the club is searching for a tower location. A member suggested that there appears to be several existing but unused tower installations in and around Naples, including the former site of the Sheriff's Department on Arnold Avenue (behind Tamiami Ford off Airport Road) where an existing tower appears to be unused. Tim KC4SSD offered to investigate and determine if there are any possibilities for the club at that location.

### **New Business:**

Dues Notices: Bob W2HI reported that instead of mailing out dues notices for 2011, the Executive Board decided to try something new. Dues notices will be sent to the members via email, with a data sheet attached, together with a request that member print out the data sheet and mail it back to the club together with their \$25. dues. Thus the club will save on the cost of mailing these notices via first-class mail, which will benefit our bank balance.

Wireless access: Karl N1DL demonstrated how his iPhone can access the club repeater via EchoLink, using the app "Echolink", and he encouraged everyone to experiment with this feature which essentially puts amateur radio in the hands of every licensed ham who has an iPhone or iPad. Tim KC4SSD reported that this app will soon be available for Droid phones as well.

Club station: A question from the floor concerned the possibility of establishing a fixed club station for use by part-time members who may be here without their radios. The

difficulty in finding a suitable secure location for both radios and tower/antenna was discussed, and the members were asked to be alert for possible locations that may become available. It was reported that the Red Cross has a new Executive Director, and Frank Halas W4RBW offered to investigate the possibilities of the club re-establishing a relationship with the Red Cross chapter here, and the possible use of their facilities for such a station. (The club used to have such a relationship, which included a secure room for a radio station and tower/antenna at the rear of the building, but the previous Red Cross Executive Director terminated that relationship a few years ago.)

Karl N1DL suggested that it might be possible to set up a remote station in a member's home – more about this to follow.

**Special Program:**

There was no special program at this meeting.

**50/50:**

The 50/50 raffle was won by Rodger, K1HH. A special drawing for a calculator donated by Bill K2ZEL was won by Tim KC4SSD.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Dave W4SFR at 7:55 pm.

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



### **New Members**

None this month!



### **News Items**

*from Bob (W2HI)*

## **2011 DUES NOTICE**

To All ARASWF Members:

This year, 2011 Dues Notices are being sent to all members by email.

THE EMAIL YOU RECEIVE WILL BE YOUR DUES NOTICE.

Attached to the email will be Membership Information Form where your current information can be recorded, including current email address (required for club mailings).

Please download and print out the Membership Information Form, complete it, and send it together with your \$25.00 dues payment to:

ARASWF  
P.O. Box 111604  
Naples, FL 34108

If you prefer not to wait for the email, and would like to pay your 2011 dues now, you can download the Membership Information Form by clicking [HERE](#). Then complete the form, and mail it together with your check for \$25.00 to the address shown above.

Many thanks!

*from Bob (W2HI)*

**PHOTOS OF THE 2010 ARASWF CHRISTMAS PARTY HAVE  
BEEN POSTED TO THE CLUB WEB SITE.**

**Click [HERE](#) to view the photos.**



*from George (AA4GT)*



Perhaps some of you have seen this but it makes climbing our towers kid stuff. Not something I would want to do. I even felt out of balance and a little queasy watching this. Wait for the cartoon intro to finish, then hold on to your seat.

[Click here!](#)



## **Trading Post**

### **For Sale**

#### **Icom 706 MK2G**

Less than 10 hours on this radio. It has SSB and CW filters, hand mic and manual

Price with filters \$850.00

Price without filters \$650.00

#### **Heathkit SB-220**

It has all the Mods, good condition, I use it every day mostly on 80 meters

Price \$850.00

#### **YAESU VX-7R**

##### **4 BAND 2 METER 220, 440, AND 6 METER**

It comes with charger, it is programed for all the repeaters in the area, and comes with owners manual

Price \$270.00

George (AA4GT)  
239-774-1759 Home  
239-272-1759 Cell



### Club Information

Meeting Time: 4th Tuesday 7:00pm at (the restaurant),

Joe's Crab Shack  
1355 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. South  
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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