



# ARASWF

## Newsletter



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**The next Club Meeting will be held April 24<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 7.00pm at the Red Cross,  
Naples.**

*Treasurer's*

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

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### ***Nickels & Dimes***

It's been a busy first quarter; our membership retention has been very good. The club treasury is in solid shape. Our revenues exceed our expenses... no deficit spending here at the ARASWF!

I've had a lot of fun with the club so far this year. A. D. ran a successful special event station at Oil Well Park this past February. For those who attended, you know firsthand, that his hotdogs & hamburgers are the best in Sunniland! Our meetings have been kept interesting, thanks to Harry who has lined up various speakers to keep you informed and entertained. Also, I just sent off my VE application to the ARRL. I plan help our Element 2 & 3 Study and Testing Program planned for later this year.

This month, the club will participate in the Florida QSO Party and operate a multi-multi station at the Red Cross facility. If you are still in town, please come out and make a few Q's for the club, or least operate from your QTH for a few hours. The aim of this contest is to activate the great state of Florida and make all 67 counties available to operators outside our state.

May is also month of spring cleaning and planning. The club equipment inventory has been identified and located, thanks to all the members who responded to an earlier email addressing this query. The board is planning a visit to the Collier 'County Barn' facility to inspect the D-Star repeater located there and discuss ways with the County to get it online this year (with a secure connection to the Internet). The time has come to make this dream a reality, before the upcoming hurricane season! Also, we have commenced preparations for the annual Field Day event, which will be held outdoors at Veteran's Park in North Naples.

If you have been sitting on the sidelines, now is the time to get involved, we need your help. Please plan to attend our next meeting April 28<sup>th</sup> and signup for either the Field day of VE Testing committees.

73

Ken-W9KB

ARASWF Treasurer

## Meeting Minutes

### ARASWF

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:03 P.M.

Members recited the pledge of allegiance.

Members and guest introduced themselves. 21 members, 1 non amateur and 1 guest.

**Treasurer's Report** was read to the membership by Bill, N1MMQ.

#### **Officer's Report:**

Membership dues: 1 member paid his dues as of 3/27/12, unpaid as of the meeting were 18.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Collier Country EOC Meeting Frank W4RBW: Frank will be receiving information on the meeting.  
Additional VHR/UHF repeaters Uli AGOX: Relocate other repeater to Immokalee . Owner only wants 10 watt output of power out on the tower. Uli trying to negotiate for more power.

#### **Old Business:**

2m Club Net: Bill N1MMQ stated the club will continue to have this net on Wednesday and also have traffic on this net. Bill asked all in attendance to check in to the weekly net.

#### **New Business:**

Florida QSO Party April 28 & 29th contact Ken W9KB

#### **2012 Field Day June 23 & 24**

Discussion followed on location. Motion made by George AA4GT and seconded by Bob WB2TGY for Frank W4RBW to check with the county for the use of Veterans Park for Field Day. Also to check on using Freedom Park. Motion carried by all present.

Pelican Case for club ICOM 746 Pro and Power Supply : Motion made by George, AA4GT and seconded by Harry KD4JMV to purchase the pelican case. Motion carried by all present.

#### **General Welfare/ Announcements:**

Bill N1MMQ spoke about the club equipment. Discussion followed about taking pictures of the equipment, having all the equipment in one central location, recording the serial number of the equipment, also about a storage area for the equipment.

A.D., K4ADR thanked everyone who attended the special event day out at Oil Well Park. It was well attended. (Thank you A.D.)

Speaker Dave Clark. W8DO spoke about the ARRL Education and Technology program with the Kalamazoo Amateur Radio Club, The Belfast Royal Radio Society, the RNARS London Group and the Gibraltar Amateur Radio Society.

The presentation was very interesting and informative for the attendees.

50/50/ drawing won by Gary, K8YMN

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. With a motion by Bob WB2TGY and seconded by Harry, KD4JMV. Motion carries by all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Henrietta C. Horvay ,  
Secretary pro-tem

<b>Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida</b>
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**Executive Board Meeting held at Trimax Wireless, Naples, Florida, on Tuesday, March 22, 2012.**

**Present:**

- Bill Krauss, N1MMQ – President
- George Tomlinson, AA4GT – Past President
- Ken Bills, W9KB – Secretary/Treasurer
- Uli Altvater, AG0X – Director
- Frank Halas, W4RBW – Director
- Henrietta Horvay, KA1JVN – Director
- Harry Sevush, KD4JMV – Director

**Absent:**

- Robert Ostrin, WB2TGY – Vice President

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ken-W9KB provided a treasurer's report commencing March 1<sup>st</sup> with a bank balance of \$4,222.35. The expected ending balance for March 2012 was \$4,292.95 which included the club expenses (\$170.90) and dues deposits (\$291.50).

**Old Business:** None

## **New Business:**

Harry-KD4JMV scheduled Dave Clarke-W8DO for a presentation at the next general membership meeting. Dave will discuss ARRL Education & Technology Programs and his maritime mobile experience aboard the HMS Belfast.

Amateur radio classes & VE Testing were discussed. The club had (9) VE instructors sign-in at last month's meeting. Next, instructors will need to be identified and organized. It was thought the Red Cross facility would be a good location to conduct training & testing. Various incentives were discussed.

The club equipment inventory was discussed; the 2011 Equipment Insurance Inventory is old of date and needs to be updated prior to renewing the club's equipment. Ken-W9KB agreed to send out an email to the membership in order to track all items current location.

Ken-W9KB had some follow-up discussion and emails with Dan Summers (Collier County EOC Director). The only ICS100, ICS200, and ICS700 are required to satisfy the county training requirements. W9KB is waiting for a follow-up call from Mr. Summers' office to schedule a visit to the county EOC facility.

Ken-W9KB discussed Field Day and need for a secure chairman. Possible locations were discussed, this year the board agreed to make it more public friendly. Frank-W4RBW agreed to contact the county and reserve either Veteran's or Freedom Park. Ken agreed to contact Jeff-NJ2F and A.D.-K4ADR and discuss past operations

Ken-W9KB also mentioned the upcoming Florida QSO Party April 28 & 29; the plan is to run a multi-multi operation from the Red Cross facility in north Naples. There are (2) ten hours windows of operation, from 12:00 to 9:59pm Saturday and from 8:00am to 5:59pm Sunday evening.

The board discussed three new ongoing repeater projects:

- UHF system in central Naples – AG0X's donated system.
- VHF system in Immokalee – will extend coverage to eastern Collier, Glades, & Hendry)
- D-Star system at Collier County facility - AGOX will meet with John Daly, Collier County IT Director to discuss secure internet link.

**Specific assignments** that were taken out of the meeting:

- Bill-N1MMQ volunteered to call Peter-KK4PG regarding the second VHF club repeater system and it's availability for the Immokalee tower.
- Harry-KD4JMV agreed to contact KF4MJJ regarding an EOC/ARES presentation for the March membership meeting.
- Ken-W9KB setup a Collier County EOC visit
- Ken-W9KB contact Jeff-NJ2F & A.D.-K4ADR

**Next Board Meeting** – Trimax Wireless, Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken Bills, W9KB  
Secretary

### New Members

None this month.

### News Items

*from Ken (W9KB)*



## The Florida QSO Party

We're having a party April 28 & 29th, and you're invited! Be sure to mark your calendar and join in the fun of the next Florida QSO Party.

ARASWF will operate a fixed multi-multi operation from the Red Cross facility in north Naples. There are (2) windows Saturday from noon until 9:59pm, and Sunday from 8:00am until 5:59pm.

Plan to stop out and operate for a few hours and put some Q's in the log.

Visit <http://www.floridagsoparty.org/> website site for rules, results, records, and more information.

Since the re-introduction of the Florida QSO Party to the contest scene in 1998, the Florida QSO Party has become one of the fastest growing and most popular State QSO Parties around today. This is due, in part, to the tremendous effort by the mobile teams to activate as many counties as they can in order to allow those participating from out-of-state, to achieve a county "Sweep" (working all 67 Florida Counties). Florida stations operating from home are also valuable, since that increases the chances that stations will work all counties!

Regardless if you are a serious or casual participant ... from Florida, or from outside of Florida ... the Florida QSO Party was designed to be a FUN operating event. Why not give it a try?

A reminder for Home stations (both in and outside Florida), **please do not call CQ or "run" stations in the "Mobile window"**. This window is for mobile stations only. Frequencies to avoid are:

**CW 7.025-7.035, 14.040-14.050, 21.040-21.050, 28.040-28.050 MHZ**

**SSB 7.180-7.190, 14.265-14.275, 21.340-21.350, 28.480-28.490 MH**

Please feel free to call or email for details.

Ken-W9KB (239-434-5471)

*from Ken (W9KB)*



- **ARRL Field Day!**  
**Mark your calendars - Field Day is June 23-24, 2012**

Is Field Day a contest, an emergency preparedness exercise, a public relations demonstration, a great event for clubs, or just a fun way to get on the air?

Field Day is ALL these things! Hams set up away from commercial power and normal installation 24 hours the fourth weekend in June.

This year we plan to operate from Veteran's Park in north Naples... Setup will commence Saturday morning, please plan to lend a hand for setup, operate a station, or a just a free hot dog!

If you have any questions or have a radio to loan the club, please contact me.

## Trading Post

### FOR SALE:

**ICOM 2720H dual band, VHF / UHF transceiver.** Can be used at home with appropriate power supply, or mobile. Separate control head can be mounted near driver, with radio placed elsewhere in the vehicle. This unit is set up for such use. The control head is attached to a bracket and a ball mount, which are attached to a RAM-A-CAN vehicle cup holder mount base that slips into a cup holder in the vehicle. The entire assembly is easily removed from the cup holder when it is desired to remove the control head from view. (The control head itself can easily be removed from the bracket if another configuration is desired.) Included are the radio, control head, HM-133 programmable microphone, mini-speaker, and mounting brackets and Ram mount. Also includes all cables, including control cable and power cable, instructions and all original parts & accessories in original Icom box. Radio is in perfect condition, both electronically and cosmetically. Puts out full power on all bands – 50 watts VHF, 35 watts UHF, with 3 power levels available. Can receive on two bands simultaneously. Example: one band can be set for local repeater (146.67), and the other band can be set to scan a set of programmed frequencies – all VHF. Or can be operated with one band on VHF, the other band on UHF, also with simultaneous receive. Radio has all the bells and whistles of a modern transceiver, including subaudible tones (encode & decode PL), DTMF tones, 212 memory channels, 3 scanning types (band scan, programmed scan, memory scan), etc., etc., etc. Includes dual band mobile antenna and screw-on mount, with cable.

This really is a great radio, like new, and is offered for sale for only \$375.

CONTACT BOB W2HI AT ... [w2hi@araswf.org](mailto:w2hi@araswf.org) , or [bgraf@comcast.net](mailto:bgraf@comcast.net) .

Please see photo below for all that is included with the radio. Radio is being sold without warranty, and no return privilege – in other words, this is a final sale.





## Club Information

Meeting Info: 4th Tuesday @ 7:00pm

American Red Cross  
2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive  
Naples FL

**Club Repeater:** WB2QLP  
146.670 (-600) PL 136.5  
EOC Repeater: WB2WPA  
147.030 (+600)

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<http://www.araswf.org>

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