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Club Repeater – 146.67 (K4YHB) Club Packet Cluster Node – 145.070 (N1DL) Club Chat Node – 144.970 (CHAT)  
Club Home Page – <http://www.naplesfl.net/~araswf>

### Comments by The President

November is finally here! This is the month that we vote our new officer's in for the club. So far we have a nomination for President and one for Secretary Treasurer. Martin Pelt AD4TR has volunteered to take the reigns once again as President, and Gary Randall KD4VRZ has volunteered to take the role as Secretary Treasurer. We are going to have more nominations accepted at the beginning of this month's meeting, so if you want to nominate someone for a position then BE THERE!! After nominations are complete we will have a vote. Remember that there is no meeting in December except for the Club's Christmas Dinner Party at Pacific 41 Restaurant. For information on the dinner, contact Sigi W2JQ. That's it for this month, 73s -- de KE4RGH!

### The VEEP speaks

One year has come and gone , Club election time is upon us again. Looks like I will repeat another term as Vice President. So one of my duties is to have a Program on hand at each meeting .So I'm asking you as members to please help me with this. If any of you or you know of someone or something that would be of interest that could be use at one of our meeting please contact me at home or on the radio; my home phone is 455-2194.

This month I think I have heard Ham Radio at work, as it was meant to be. I have been listing to 14.265. The Salvation Army Net for the heath and welfare for Honduras and affected areas from Hurricane Mitch. These guys were running communication between the States and Honduras about delivery of food and gasoline. I was surprised to see how important gasoline was to them. They needed it to run generators to have electric and to have fuel for the trucks to deliver the food to the back areas. Things that we take for granted here in the states! Most of them didn't have much to start with before the storm, but have nothing now, just think of Naples with no electric, no running water and no Gordan River Bridge! Let alone no house to sleep in .We have been lucky for many years, some day, it will be our turn, when, we don't know, but it will come , just a matter of time. So thank God for all the Ham Radio Operators in the world who give their time to meet those times of need and all others, who help too!

73 -- KE4JZ

### Secretary-Treasurers Report

It is time for elections and that means I will be joining the ranks of previous officers. It has been both an honor and my pleasure to serve the club as secretary treasurer, and I am sure that the new officers that you elect will do an excellent job. My schedule is taking a lot more of my time than before so this will take some of the pressure off.

Well our winter season is here and the turnout at meetings should increase. It will be good to see our friends from the north. Good luck to the new officers. See you at the next meeting November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Steve Fleishman – KD4VRY.

## From the Training Committee

The club will be running our classes for novice/tech and general licenses right after the first of the year. I highly recommend that people consider upgrading at this time. The ARRL has proposed changes to our license structure. If approved by the FCC all one will need to get HF privileges will be 5 wpm CW and to pass the general written. The CW test and the general written will be made more difficult at that time. Get these tests passed and get grandfathered in. If you know of any people that want to become a ham please let them know about the classes. With the cooler weather here our snowbird club members are back and the contest season has started. Get in and have some fun with these contests. The HF bands are in fantastic shape. In recent contest I worked over 100 countries on 10 meters alone. If you are not a contester it is still a great time to get and work some DX and give some points out to the testers. November 21st and the 22nd is the ARRL sweepstakes. This contest is for American and Canadian stations only. You could earn your Worked all states in one weekend!

73 Martin

## Notes from the Packet Cluster

N1DL has been running with no problems.

We have abandoned the link with WD4IXD due to the distance between WB4FNN (Bradenton) and WD4IXD in Orlando. We have tried just about everything and the link is only up for about 10% of the time.

There will be another node connecting to WB4FNN very soon, but that will not provide a link to Orlando either. This Node will be located in the Tampa area.

I have purchased two pieces of software, one allows me to parse DX spots from a number of DX Clusters on the Internet. The other keeps the Internet connection alive and if I am disconnected will automatically reconnect me to the net and the DX Cluster. So we now have an Internet connection to N1DL and I am providing DX Spots to N1DL and WB4FNN. I am doing this on a trial basis now to see the usage. I will have to purchase another phone line at my home to provide 24 hour 7 days a week coverage.

At present the Internet link is up weekdays from 5pm to 8am and on weekend 24 hours a day. I would like to see more usage of the cluster, if I am going to be paying for an additional phone line and assorted costs to provide this service. If no one is using the system with the Internet link then I will just leave the system the way it was before with very limited DX and almost no usage.

OK guys the ball is in your court!!

You can contact me on the club repeater, N1DL packet cluster, email (grandall@phase2net.com) or phone 591-2884. I would appreciate your comments on this matter.

73 and Good DX -- Gary -- KD4VRZ

## Notes from Sigi – W2JQ

The dinner meeting on Nov.4 was held like always, but the rain stopped quite a few from coming. The chat was about the hurricane, Mitch, and the damage it did on its way. WA3SMA, John-Paul and Marie were celebrating their Wedding Anniversary, and also John-Paul's birthday. He sure had good jokes to tell. W2GOG, George and Harriet, were not able to make the Dinner meeting but they also were celebrating their 57th Wedding Anniversary. Next Meeting is on December 2, and this will be our Xmas dinner meeting everyone is invited. Please give me a call, so we have enough seats available. 598-1353 is the Number for reservations. Buy a gift for about \$3.00 for the grab bag. So see you all at the Xmas dinner meeting

73 de Sigi, W2JQ

## Your Candidates:



AD4TR



KE4JZT



KD4VRZ

The above three members were nominated as club officers for the year 1999. Additional nomination will be accepted at the November meeting. For President – AD4TR, Martin Pelt; For Vice President – KE4JZT, A. D. Randolph; and For Secretary/ Treasurer – KD4VRZ, Gary Randall. These members have served the club in various positions in the past and are good candidates. The membership needs to consider other possible candidates for positions in the club. Many of our officers and committee chairpersons have served the club for a number of years in various responsibilities for the good of the club. As many of us grow older and become the really old men in the club, it is time for the young tigers to take hold and keep our club flourishing. Think hard on this matter and talk it up with your buddies and volunteer for a committee job or volunteer to be a candidate for office. Thanks – K2ZEL, the editor

## Annual Christmas Dinner Officer Installation

Each year in December the club holds its annual Holiday season dinner the first Wednesday in the month. This meeting will be held at the Pacific 41 Restaurant in Naples. It has been the practice for individuals to exchange gifts in a grab bag. A three dollar maximum is suggested for the gifts. The gift should be labeled for a male or female and those bring gifts will participate in this activity. Additionally at this dinner the new officers will officially take over their duties for the upcoming year. If you can plan to attend. Reservations are to be made with Sigi, W2JQ @ 598- 1353. Please call ASAP.

## No General Meeting in December

Due to the holiday schedule there will be no general meeting of the club. There will be a holiday issue of the newsletter. New officers are encouraged to get reports into the editor outlining their goals for the club during 1999. Persons with snapshots from the dinner are asked to share with the editor for the December newsletter. Suggestions for meeting activities should be forwarded to the vice president for planning purposes. Articles of general interest for inclusion in the newsletter may be sent to the editor.

## Plan to be at the November meeting - Elections

## For Sale, Trade, Wanted

KENWOOD TS-850S Trans. - Astron Power Supply - HeathKit Linear AMP 2kw - LoPass Filter  
R7 Antenna - HiGain Thunderbird TH-5 Antenna - MC-50 Mic - Headphones - ROTOR 2kw & 1 1/2kw Transformers(?)  
NAME - CIRO DeFLORA, 1844 CROWN PT. BLVD. PHONE: 774-9176

Mobile Antennas and Parts for Sale by Jim Ackerson WØRFO at 649-5553.

Hamstick CBK-4Ø Carolina Bug Katcher 1Ø-4Ø Meters with 1Ø Meter whip. New 1Ø5.5Ø. Asking \$85.ØØ.

Hamstick 9ØØ7 (2 meters) New \$19.95. Asking \$15.ØØ. Never used.

Hamstick 912Ø (2Ø Meters). New \$19.95. Asking \$15.ØØ. Never used.

ProAm (Similar to Hamstick) 15 Meters. New \$19.95. Asking \$15.ØØ. Never used.

NMO to SO-239 adapter. \$5.ØØ

G5rv Multiband Antenna, New, \$40.00

10 meter fixed base antenna w/ ground plane. Tunable \$20.00

Dummy load Heat kit paint can New you fill it \$8.00

Peter Noble, KF4IXD - 793-8538

## Announcements

Nov. 24, 1998 @ 7:30 pm

Dec. 2, 1998

Dec. 5, 1998

Jan. 6, 1999

Jan. 26, 1999 @ 7:30 pm

Club Meeting at Shepherd of the Glades Church, Rattlesnake Hammock Road  
December Christmas Party w/ Officer Installation. Call Sigi @ 598-1353 ASAP

Ocachobee Hamfest

January Dinner Meeting Call Sigi

January Club meeting

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