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December 1998 brings to close another year. This past year the club was led by the three gentlemen depicted to the right of this paragraph. The leading of club is a task that requires patience, stamina, diplomacy, tact, time, and a willingness to serve the group. The three gentlemen here have done more than a credible job this past year. They need to be recognized for their service and need to be thanked by the individual membership for the time and efforts that they have given. Additionally their xyl's need thanking for "*letting them out to play with the boys*". We had some good programs, a great field day, some good contesting from a couple of locations within the club and in all

we the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida had a good year in 1998.

Ahead to 1999

As the club moves into 1999 Martin, AD4TR, assumes the role of president; A.D., KE4JZT, returns for a second year as vice president; and Gary, KD4VRZ, assumes the role of secretary/ treasurer. These new officers were installed at the annual dinner meeting earlier this month. They will be taking the reins as the first of the year and they have assured us that they will continue the quality of club activities during the coming year. Let's all get behind them and support the programs and activities of this coming year.

The President Speaks:



Our club will be sponsoring novice/tech and general classes associated with the Collier County public schools adult ed program. They will start Jan. 7th at 7pm and will be held at Barron Collier high school. Bill K2ZEL will be teaching novice/tech theory. I will be teaching the general Class. I need to get a feeling for what kind of interest there is for the general class. Should I concentrate on 5 wpm Code or is there interest in General theory course or both? With the proposed rule changes I feel there is a fair number of hams that would like to get the 5 wpm code passed. Let me know. Once the new rules go into effect if you have the 5 wpm under your belt it is my understanding that you will be grandfathered in with general class

privileges. Spread the word about the classes and let me know about the general class. 73 Martin

The Vice President:

Well it another year gone, I like to thank Bill, KE4RGH, for a fine year as President. And a job well done by Steve, KD4VRY, as Secretary and his assistant Paula, KE4JBT. I enjoyed working with both of them. Now I would like to welcome back as President, Martin AD4TR and Gary, KD4VRZ as Secretary for his first term. I look forward to working with them in the coming year. Also like to thank Sigi for a great Christmas Dinner Party. Now to say Happy Birthday for the month of December to K4TZ, KF4IXA, W4SGF, KG5QD, K1FHR, KD9N, W1KEC, W0MIA, W0UGM! I would like to say Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year to all and all your wishes come true, want ever it may be (IC706G, FT-100, etc., etc. hi hi)

73 KE4JZT

The Secretary/ Treasurer:

I would like to thank Steve Fleishman, KD4VRY, for the last year of his dedicated service to the club as our Secretary/Treasurer. Members of the club sometimes forget the time that is required to accomplish club business, which is in addition to their busy lives, and we owe all the retiring officers a debt of gratitude.

My job for the next year will be to try and keep up the standard and tradition of the previous Secretary/Treasurers and I look forward to that challenge. My first report to you will be at the January meeting.

As there is no meeting in December, I would like wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gary - KD4VRZ

The Dinner Meeting:

We had 33 Persons present at the Christmas dinner, the seating where a little different arraigned, but everybody had plenty of space to eat. The food like always delicious, the chatting was great to. Santa and Mrs..Klaus had plenty to do, and the time passed on very quickly. There where also 8 door prizes, and the happy winners took them proudly home.

W4VQE Myron and he's Bride, Elisabeth having their 61 Anniversary in the month of December.

W0MIA Dick has birthday in December, also his wife Joan has birthday, the third person was. N4SKT, Hanni also has birthday In December.

The next dinner meeting is on January 6.1999. For reservation please call me. Sigi W2JQ at 598-1353. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all, from Sigi and Hanni.

Collier County EOC/ RACES:

Hurricane Season ends with a bang; NWR On the Air!

The Hurricane Season that seemed to never begin ended as the season that wouldn't die. The first tropical system didn't develop until 'Alex' formed in the mid-Atlantic on July 27 and fizzled at sea on August 2. It took another 2 1/2 weeks for 'Bonnie' to come along, then there was nearly continuous activity until October 9! From the time 'Bonnie' was named, 10 storms organized and were named in the next 34 days, an unprecedented feat. As hurricane 'Georges' approached southwest Florida on September 25, three other hurricanes were rumbling in the Atlantic, 'Ivan,' 'Jeanne,' and 'Karl,' none of which ever reached land. Altogether there were 14 named storms, 9 hurricanes and 3 intense hurricanes, all well above the long term averages.

For the first time in years, two storms threatened Collier County: hurricane 'Georges' on September 25, veering to the west 100 miles as the main bands of rain and winds sat just offshore of Naples and Marco Island. Tropical storm 'Mitch' actually made landfall at Naples on the morning of November 5, bringing 6 inches of rain, and strong gusty winds for a few hours as it raced across the state. Of course, 'Mitch' was nothing like it's first incarnation, when it dumped over 4 feet of rain across the mountains of Central America, killing thousands in flash floods in Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Guatemala. Winds of 180 miles per hour and gusts well over 200 raked to coastline and bay islands for two days levelling virtually everything. 'Mitch' was the strongest October hurricane ever, and the fourth strongest storm period in the western hemisphere.

The season ended with oddball hurricane 'Nicole' in the far northeastern Atlantic, a rare late November storm which formed north of 25 degrees latitude and east of 30 degrees longitude. 'Nicole' never threatened any landmass as a tropical system. The early 1999 forecast? Experts believe that future seasons will probably be much like 1998. More activity, more intense hurricanes, and more activity for Florida.

November 24 marked a red letter day for NOAA Weather Radio in Collier County. WWG-92 went on the air at 2 PM carrying local weather information for the area on 162.525 MHz. The 1,000 watt transmitter is providing excellent RF penetration into buildings from Naples and Marco Island to Immokalee and Everglades City. Hams have reported hearing the signal in Arcadia and Clearwater! Commissioning of the station was scheduled for December 11, with representatives of the County, State, and National Weather Service gathering for a ceremony formally putting the station into full service. The Crown Broadcast International transmitter uses a 4 bay antenna at the 400 foot level on WAVV radio's tower located just west of Everglades Boulevard in the estates. It is programmed via telephone lines from the National Weather Service Forecast office in Miami. The week of December 7 - 13 has been proclaimed NOAA Weather Radio Awareness week throughout Collier County and the State of Florida.

From all of us in the EOC, have a safe and happy holiday season!

CQ-Naples

KF4IXA, Eric has established a new mailing list (sometimes referred to as an e-mail reflector) on the internet. This mailing list is a way for a group of people to communicate by e-mail. E-mail is sent to the entire group membership through a single e-mail address. Eric is encouraging club members to join the list as a way to voice your thoughts to the local amateur community.

Examples of the type of materials that might be posted to the list would have some relevance to the amateur radio hobby. It could include communication tips, computer ideas, and other amateur radio announcements. It could include announcements of coming events that are of interest to the hobby, i.e. hamfests, contests, and local needs to support community events. Technical questions, discussions, and replies would be welcomed. Really anything that would be for the good of the hobby in this area would be the item to be posted to the group. The mail list could be used to recycle in the area used amateur radio and related computer equipment or could be used by a person seeking such equipment. The mail list would be an excellent way for the seasonal resident to stay aware of what is happening in southwest Florida when here or there.

Subscribing to the mail list is a simple process. There is no cost to you or the club. You do need an e-mail address. You can subscribe directly from the internet through the url(universal resource locator) - <http://www.onelist.com/subscribe.cgi/CQ-Naples> or you may subscribe by sending an e-mail to the following address - CQ-Naples-subscribe@onelist.com containing one word subscribe. Using the url and the internet will allow you to use the website to make changes in your subscription, etc. The website will also you to subscribe to hundreds of other mail lists that are available on all topics. If you have never used a mail list this may be the way to try out a new resource for you hobby.

If you have problems, or if you have questions regarding this mail list send Eric a message at "CQ-Naples-owner@onelist.com". Hope to see you on the list. 73, de KF4IXA

Our Life Members



AB4VT - Jacques
Jacques Reyntjens
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Jacques was elected life membership in the club during the business meeting in November. The life membership is in recognition of his service and support of the club and its activities. His health has not been very good in recent years and has made it necessary for him to move from his Marco residence to North Carolina. As he prepared to move from the area Jacques donated equipment which will augment and enhance the club station for club activities. Thank You Jacques.

N4VMT - Phil
Phil Potter
155 27th Street SW
Naples, FL 34117



Phil was elected to life time membership at the September business meeting of the club. Over the years Phil has served the club as an officer and the trustee of the digital node "CHAT". Chat has been located in his garage area for many years. Phil has also hosted the club station for several Field day operations. The backyard site has been an excellent location for the activity. He was also instrumental in the acquisition and development of the club railer for emergency use. Thank You Phil.

Editorial Comment:

The month has gone by rapidly and yours truly is not ready for the holidays yet. My wish list includes a tower. But I guess that I will have to wait for Santa to provide it. He has said I need some new teeth before the tower. Please respond to Martin or to me regarding the code class. We need this ASAP to plan the class curriculum etc. Have a very happy holiday season. 73 de K2ZEL

For Sale, Trade, Wanted

Kenwood TS 930s (10,20,30,40,80,160) meters
Kenwood MC 60 Microphone
Kenwood TH 225A 2meters tranceiver
Kenwood B-C7 Charger
Kenwood SW 2100 Calibrator
Butternut Antenna HF-6VX
Hustler Antenna G6-270 R
Low Pass filter 2000 watt
Alpha Delta Delta 4N Coax switch surge protector
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Announcements

Fort Myers Hamfest - January 9 & 10, 1999 Talk in on 144.88 repeater
Club Meeting January 29 - 7:30 p.m. at the church on Rattlesnake Hammock Road
Miami Tropical Hamboree February 6 & 7, 1999 Miami, FL

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