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Club Information

Meeting Time:

4th Tuesday at 7:30 pm at The
Shepherd of the Glades Church
Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples

Club Repeater:

K4YHB – 146.670 MHz (-600)

Club Packet Cluster Node:

N1DL – 145.070 MHz

Club Chat Node:

CHAT – 144.970 MHz

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Field Day 1999

Field Day '99 has come and gone. This issue is being devoted to a report of those activities with special thanks to those members that were able to participate. The site was changed from Phil's place to Martin's place the week before the event. A sizable crew started on Friday afternoon to get the antennas erected and to locate the operating positions.. This year was the first in several that I was not personally involved as had to go to Texas on a family emergency. As I looked at the pictures that were sent to me by John and Phil I noticed several new faces in the group. This was a good sign that the club is alive and well. Later in this issue you will find the report from Martin regarding how well the group did this year. I did notice that the score was a little less than last year but it still is quite respectable. I also heard that the weather was not as co-operative as it was in 1998. That always affects our ability to attain a high score. To all those hardy souls that set up the gear, operated the contest, and then helped to clean up the mess I salute you and thank you for making the club proud.

1999 Field Day



From the President

Field day has come and gone for another year. A small group of us were able to put 5 stations on the air all with beams. We were 3A with a novice/tech and a vhf station. We did pretty good considering the number of operators we had. As you will see by the results we had no operators to run over night. Jeff, WB2WIH, and myself worked the radios till past midnight and decided to turn in when the mosquito bite rate exceeded the qso rate. We could have blown last years score away if we would have had more operators. There were times when the 20 meter phone station had no operator! I want to thank all the came out helped with the setup, tear down, operated and especially want to thank the cooks Dolph, KD4DZV, and Jack, KF4AER ,for the great food. I hope we can generate more participation from the group next year. The preliminary results follow. 73 Martin

Band	SCORES	
	CW	SSB
80m	2	0
40m	20	12
20m	304	665
15m	222	233
10m	2	274
6m	7	182

Totals 557 CW Q's x 2= 1114

1366 SSB Q's =1366

Total QSO points= 2480 times power multiplier =
4960 points

See You all at the next meeting.



Next Meeting
July 27, 1999 at 7:30 P.M.
Shepherd of Glades Lutheran Church



Repeater News

As many of you are now aware, the K4YHB repeater is back on the air and performing flawlessly. On 30 June, 1999, a work party consisting of WA1QDP, WB2WIH and WB2QLP went to the repeater site and repaired the problem. The skillful and experienced hands of WA1QDP removed and replaced the tiny relay that was causing us big problems. He also "rebooted" the controller, which was locked up for over 24 hrs. The antenna was checked visually for any discrepancies, and also put on an MFJ SWR analyzer to confirm that it was working properly. Within an hour after our arrival, all the repairs were completed and the repeater was buttoned up, powered back up and given a clean bill of health.

Please post the above report in the next club newsletter. Thanks. 73
deWB2QLP



Dinner Meeting

I don't know if you are able to put a few Pictures from the dinner meeting in the newsletter. I had a friend here visiting us, TI2PV from Costa Rica, and he had a digital camera with him, so I took a few shots, from the Gang joining the meeting. If you can put them in fine, if not then it must go without them. text as always, shorten it or stretch it to your liking.

The Dinner meeting was an other success again, we had 9 lovely YL's joining in, accompanied with there OM's. I had company from Costa Rica, TI2PV, Peter and the XYL Gudrun, joined in. Peter had a Digital camera, and took pictures from all the hungry folks, and explained, what this camera all can do. The food was excellent, the conversation went terrific, and all had a good time.

The next Dinner meeting will be on August 4. at the same place, the Pacific 41. at 6 p.m., for cocktails, and dinner at 7 p.m.. Call for reservation 598-1353. that's me Sigi W2JQ 73 till then.