



# ARASWF

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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 Chat Node:

CHAT – 144.970 MHz

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### Comments by Bill

This month at the regular meeting we will nominate candidates for club officers which will take our group into the new century. Our president has indicated that he will not be available to serve another year. Martin has served this club as president for three of the last four years. Thank you Martin for your service to the club.

A.D. completes two years service as the vice president. During his tenure he has brought some interesting programs to the club. Gary has served one year as the secretary/treasurer and has kept our clubs records in good shape. During the past year he has also been responsible for the e-mailing of the club newsletter. We also thank both of you for your service to the club.

We need additional persons to step forward and take leadership of the club activities and programs. We need you to suggest to the officers ideas for activities and for possible programs. No single person can carry out all the tasks necessary for active growing amateur radio club. Step Up and Lend a Hand.

### **Notes from the President**

October is here, the snow birds are heading south and the contest season will get started in full force the end of this month with the CQ Worldwide.

Now if it would just cool down and they would quit naming storms we will have it made. Boy we sure dodged the bullet on Irene!

My work has kept me awfully busy lately and I have not had the time to devote to my job as president so I will not be running for office this year.

We will be nominating officers at this months meeting. We need a big turnout to pick next years officers.

I want to thank Larry AF4LH for repairing and storing the clubs tower trailer. He will be needing some help repairing the tower and some other repairs. I am sure people will step forward to give him a hand. See y'all at the meeting.  
73 Martin

**Next Meeting**  
**Oct,26,1999 @ 7:30 pm**

### **The Vice-President**

We missed another one. How much longer can our luck hold up ?I hope for years to come will suit me just fine! But it looks like Miami is getting flooded as I write this while listening to the HF rig on 7.268 and listening to some Hams in Miami and up state. I was thinking that this could be us talking about all the rain and flooding but its not , thank goodness. Don't have much else to say except I be glad when this Hurricane Season is over . 73 KE4JZT

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### **Minutes of September ARASWF meeting**

The meeting was called to order by AD4TR, Martin Pelt, at 7:30 pm Tuesday September 28, 1999. The following officers were absent. Vice president, KD4JZT, and Secretary/ treasurer, KD4VRZ. Bill, K2ZEL was appointed Secretary protem for the evening. He summarized the August meeting for the membership. The summary was approved by the membership present. The announcement was made that the new contest season begins in October. For Florida hams this means antenna rehab and replacement. In light of this activity Martin read a report concerning a tower accident which he had obtained from the Internet. The humorous description was appreciated by the membership.

The announcement was made that N1DL was no longer operational as a dx cluster node.

There was considerable discussion regarding the selection of a new field day site for operations. Several sites were suggested and individual members are going to investigate further as to their suitability and availability.

Members are reminded that Hurricane season is still with us. Be prepared.

The winter Hamfest season is nearly with us. December 4, 1999 is the date for the one-day hamfest in Ocachobee.

A reading of a humorous set of "Rules of Radio" were read to those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

The following is an ARRL W1AW Bulletin:

New West Central Florida Section  
Effective January 15, 2000

The ARRL Board of Directors has voted to approve a resolution to create a new West Central Florida section. The vote was 14-0 with one abstention, said Board Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ. The resolution approved calls on ARRL Field Services Manager Rick Palm, K1CE, "to establish, at the earliest date consistent with a smooth transition, a West Central Florida section consisting of the counties of Charlotte, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas, Polk, and Sarasota." After consulting with Southeastern Division Director Frank Butler, W4RH, Southern Florida Section Manager Phyllisan West, KA4FZI, and petitioner Paul Toth, K2SEC, of the WCF section committee, Palm said that January 15 was determined to be the best date to formally bring the new section into existence. A recommendation on the appointment of a section manager for the new section is pending. The January 15 implementation date means the new West Central Florida Section will not be a factor in any ARRL-sponsored contests until 2000. The nine Southern Florida counties involved voted overwhelmingly in favor of creating the new ARRL section, which will be number 71. Ballots counted Sep-

tember 15 at ARRL Headquarters showed 920 ARRL members in the proposed new section favored the idea--proposed by the West Central Florida Section Committee--while just 86 were opposed. The petition was filed with the ARRL last April.

The West Central Florida Section Committee Web site is at  
<http://www.qsl.net/wcfla>.

Paul J. Toth - K2SEC  
West Central Florida Section

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### **Dinner meeting!**

**Our monthly Dinner meeting, was held on 6 October. There were 21 lively XYL's and OM's gathered around the dinner tables. A lot of things had to be brought up, and were talked about. But like always, we never had a dull moment. A vote was held about the Christmas party this Year. We agreed on the first Wednesday in December, and this is December 1st our regular meeting day. After making reservation with the Innkeeper, he informed me that this is the only day he is free for the Xmas party. We also agreed on a gift for not more than 3 to 4 Dollars, a Woman buys for a woman, and a Man for a Man, to be exchanged at the Xmas party.**

**W1RED Don Gleason had a triple bypass operation, and is doing just OK now. K4FA Matt Baker, had his 91st Birthday in September, and his lovely wife Evelyn, turned 39, what a couple.**

**Please make reservation for the Xmas dinner meeting.**

**Our next meeting is on November 3. the first Wednesday in the month.**

**Everybody is very welcome, so come on and join us. For reservation call: 598-1353**

**Sigi W2JQ. 73 to all.**

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## Solar Cycle Update

**Updated predictions from NASA scientists place the solar maximum in mid-2000.**

**October 14, 1999:** Beginning in late September, a continuing series of minor to moderate geomagnetic storms have triggered aurorae along the northern tier of U.S states and may have affected some public power systems operating at high northern latitudes. These events were caused by high-speed material streaming out from areas on the sun known as coronal holes. This week we can expect more of the same as another coronal hole rotates into position to send high-speed solar wind particles toward our planet. Space weather forecasters expect moderate levels of aurorae, shortwave radio disruptions, and power grid fluctuations at high latitudes for at least the next three days.

