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CQ CQ Ten Meters

At the last club meeting The club decided to participate in the ARRL Ten Meter Contest to be held on the second full weekend in December. This operating event is for amateurs worldwide to exchange QSO information with as many stations as possible. It was suggested that the club members participate as individual stations and turn in their scores as individuals and as a participating club station. It was suggested that members stay in the medium power category of 150 watts or less.

The contest period is December 11 and 12, 1999. It starts at 0000 UTC Saturday and closes 2400 UTC on Sunday. Stations are limited to no more than 36 hours of the 48 hour period. Listening time counts as operating time.

The contest exchange for each QSO will include the following:

For W/VE stations (including KH6 and KL7) send signal report and state or Province (Dist. Of Columbia send signal report and DC). Novice and Technician stations sign /N or /T.

DX stations (including KH2 and KP4) transmit signal report and serial number starting with 001.

Maritime and aeronautical mobile stations send signal report and ITU Region (1,2, or 3).

QSO points are for complete exchanges in both directions. Two points for SSB QSO; 4 points for CW QSO; and 8 points for station signing /N or /T(28.1 to 28.3 MHz only). Multipliers— 50 states plus DC, 13 provinces, DXCC countries except US and Canada, and ITU regions per mode (phone and CW).

Final scoring is the product of the total QSO points and the total multiplier for each mode of operation. For further information go to the ARRL Web page at <http://www.arrl.org> and then track down the contest page. Plan to Participate in this Fun Activity.

From the President

The hf bands have been in great shape the past few weeks. The solar flux is up and if we can keep the A and K indexes down the upcoming ARRL 10 meter contest should be a blast. The ARA of southwest Florida will compete in the 10 meter contest as a club. This means each member operates from their own QTH and submits their score individually but also the scores are combined for a club score. We are looking for as many members to get on and help the effort.

Even if you are not a contest operator get on and make a few points for the club. If you are interested let Jeff WB2WIIH or myself know and we can instruct you on how to submit your score properly. Dust those hf rigs and let's put a big score up for the club.

We will be holding elections at the November meeting. John WA3TIH has stepped forward to be an officer and we are still looking for a couple of more people. We will also need a couple of people to teach our license classes that will start in January.

In this week's ARRL newsletter it was reported that the FCC has put Amateur licensing restructuring on the front burner and action is expected before the end of the year. It will be interesting to see what changes are made. 73 AD4TR, Martin

The Vice-President Speaks

November, time for new officers to be elected to office. But first we need someone to run. So please step forward and run. The Club needs YOU!!

Another hurricane season has come and gone, And we were lucky again. So I am looking forward to see you at the Nov. meeting.

73 A.D. KE4JZT

Notes from the Secretary

The club bank account balance is \$1355.61. The search for a new field day site continues. Only one nomination for new officers, WA3TIH for V.P..

ARES/RACES

TO: Collier County ARES/RACES members

Just a reminder that the NWS has scheduled its first ever national amateur radio operating event, co-sponsored by ARRL, on November 27: the last Saturday (UTC) in the 1999 Atlantic hurricane season. Hams will operate from several NWS stations (including W4EHW at the NHC) for the full 24 hour period.

Details, rules, stations scheduled to operate and QSL info can be found at: <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/gld/radio.htm>

UR 59 UR call again please

Dinner Meeting

The dinner meeting on Nov.. 3. was again a chatful event. The theme was all about internet servers, and no two men are using the same Server. Prices and accessibility where compared. The question cam up about the club's repeater's "PL" ????

When will the repeater again be without the "PL". Because it was said only for the summer months !!

Do not forget the upcoming " XMAS PARTY DINNER MEETING "

The xmas party dinner meeting will be held on December 1. at our usual Meeting place, the Pacific 41

Please call me at 598-1353, not later then Nov. 29. so reservation can be made.

Buy a gift , for about 3 Bucks, bring it along, and don't forget it at home .hihihi.

A man buys one for a man, a woman for a woman. OK see U all there.

De Sigi, W2JQ

A note from WA3TIH

Reports from "Newsline" and "QRZ DX" indicate that the practice of only using the last two letters of your call sign while calling a net or working DX "is not legal under Part 97" as per FCC Enforcement Chief, Riley Hollingsworth. The FCC "IS" going to crack down on anyone not IDing according to the rules. This decision will surely effect nets, DXing, and contesting "BIG TIME"!!!!

Read and heed!!!

Meeting Nov.23 @7:30pm

WHO'S WHO in HAM RADIO

TECH:

Falls over doorsteps when entering buildings. Says, "Look at the choo-choo. Wets himself with a water pistol. Plays in mud puddles. Mumbles to himself.

NOVICE:

Makes high marks on the wall when trying to leap small buildings. Is run over by locomotive. Can sometimes handle a gun without inflicting self injury. Talks to animals

TECH-PLUS:

Runs into buildings. Recognizes locomotive two out of three times. Is not issued ammunition. Can stay afloat with a life preserver. Talks to walls.

TECHNICIAN (old):

Barely clears a quonset hut. Loses tug of war with a locomotive. Can fire a speeding bullet, Swims well. Is occasionally addressed by GOD.

CONDITIONAL:

leaps small buildings with a running start AND favorable winds. Is almost as powerful as a switch engine. Is faster than a speeding BB. Walks on water in an indoor swimming pool. Talks with GOD if special request is approved.

General:

Leaps small buildings in a single bound. Is more powerful than a switch engine. Is just as fast as a speeding bullet. Walks on water if the sea is calm. Talks with GOD.

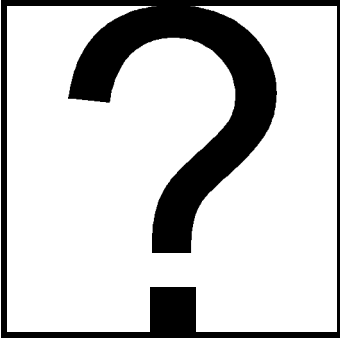
ADVANCED:

Leaps Tall buildings in a single sound. Is more powerful than a locomotive. Is faster than a speeding bullet. Walks on water and gives policy to GOD.

AMATEUR EXTRA:

Lifts buildings and walks under them. Kicks locomotive off the track. Catches speeding vultures in their teeth AND EATS THEM. Freezes water in a single glance. **THEY ARE GOD!**

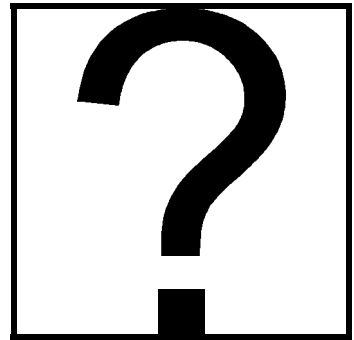
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Candidate for
President



Candidate for
Vice President



Candidate for
Secretary/Treasurer

John Simander

WA3TIH

Retired air force, Condo
Manager, Tech-Plus,
Stalwart Field Day
Worker

DE K2ZEL - - -

I want each of you to look closely at the above. At the last meeting only John stepped forward and volunteered to become an officer of ARASWF at the beginning of the new millennium. I have agreed to serve an additional year as the editor of the newsletter. There are over 100 dues paying members in this club. In the recent years (5 or 6) most of the club leadership has come from a small dedicated group of persons. This same group has lead the way with many of the club activities. It is not fair to ask this small group to do all of the work of maintaining a healthy amateur radio club in this area. They get tired and run out of ideas. We need all of you to take an interest in what is going on and to participate in the programs and activities. The vice-president needs suggestions for meeting programs and volunteers to plan and host a program. We need people to man the operating positions at field day. We need people that have time to handle the routine matters of club business. If you benefit from the club repeater or other activities of the club, You need to support and help out. Without individuals stepping forward and taking their turn as an officer or as a committee chair or providing a program or and article, this club will slowly disappear from the scene. **Think about it!**

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

Club Home Page:

<http://naplesfl.net/~araswf> or
<http://naples.net/clubs/amradio>

Club Officers:

President – AD4TR – Martin

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Training Committee – AD4TR

Webmaster - KE4KTZ - Glenn

Meeting Schedule

Nov. 23 – Monthly Meeting @7:30 p.m.

The Shepherd of Glades Church,
Rattlesnake Hammock Road,
Naples

Dec. 1 - Dinner Meeting - Installation
of officers

Dec. 4 - Hamfest at Okeechobee

Coming Events

Hamfests

Jan.7&8 Gainseville ARS

Jan.8&9 Fort Myers ARC

Jan.15&16 Sarasota ARA

Jan.22 Hernando County ARA

Feb.5&6 Southeastern Division

Dade Radio Club, Miami

Feb.11,12&13 Florida State Conv.

Orlando ARC

Feb.27 Zephyrhills ARC

Contest, December 1999

3-5 ARRL 160m CW

4-5 TARA RTTY Sprint

4-5 TOPS Activity 80m CW

5 QRP Holiday Spirits

11-12 ARRL 10m

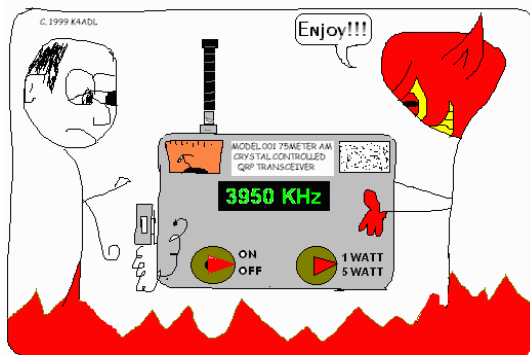
12 Great Colo. Snowshoe Run

18 OK DX RTTY

18-19 International Naval CW/SSB

19 RAC Canada Winter

25-26 Original QRP CW



STANDARD EQUIPMENT ISSUE IN HAM HELL

See y'all at the meeting