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The next Club Meeting will be held October 27th 2015 at 7:00pm
at the Red Cross - 2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive Naples, FL

Nickels & Dimes

We can all tell its fall here in Naples, the colors of the license plates are changing! It's also the start of a new season for the Club. While the ALERT was silent this summer the local members were anything but quiet. They worked on many projects and propagated RF north over several events and contest weekends.

Of course we started the summer with another great Field Day, the weather was perfect and spirits and attendance were high. We had three great luncheon meetings this summer, several EmComm exercises (fortunately no hurricanes or tropical storms this summer), AA4GT and company setup at the 'Farm' and participated in the Pennsylvania QSO Party, and most recently, Club members helped the Boy Scouts with their Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) project.

Another big effort this summer was getting the old Emergency Management Services repeater (147.03 mHz) updated with a new radio, antenna, and reliably back on the air. The EmComm team now has their own dedicated repeater which covers virtually all of Collier County. They hold their Thursday night weekly net on this frequency.

Personally, I was very busy this summer... a side walk supervisor of sorts, overseeing 20,000 square feet of brick pavers and new landscaping at our condo association. This project consumed way too much of my 'free time'. Fortunately, it is complete and my focus shifted back to Club activities.

Mark-AC4ZM has developed a Club brochure which we plan to send out to a few hundred perspective non-members in the community. Your attendance and participation will help attract and keep this new blood active. Also, please talk us up on the repeaters!

While the falling leaves up north signal the end of another season and the return of many of our Club members, it's the beginning of a new 'season' here in southwest Florida. Please plan to attend the next few meetings and help set our agenda for the next year. Your participation is the key to our Club success and growth.

We have a busy year ahead of us, get QRV... our next meeting is this Tuesday 7pm at the Red Cross. Hope to see everyone there!

73

Ken-W9KB

ARASWF Secretary/Treasurer

Contest Calendar

October 2015

+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 24 to 2400Z, Oct 25
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 28

November 2015

High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1700Z, Nov 1
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Nov 7 to 2359Z, Nov 8
Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 7 to 1200Z, Nov 8
+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 7 to 0300Z, Nov 9
DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Nov 8
+ WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital	0001Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15
+ JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 14 to 1300Z, Nov 15
OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 14 to 1200Z, Nov 15
+ CQ-WE Contest	1900Z, Nov 14 to 0500Z, Nov 16
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 16
+ YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 20
SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Nov 21 to 1000Z, Nov 22
+ LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 21 to 1200Z, Nov 22
All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z, Nov 21 to 0700Z, Nov 22
+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Nov 25





No A.R.E.S. meeting for November or December 2015

**Nets every Thursday at 8:00 pm on 147.030 -600 offset, 136.5 tone
Digital practice net after voice until 10:00 pm**

Meeting Minutes and Topics of Interest

**Please note that ARES has changed to the 147.030 Repeater for nets !
A digital emergency practice net follows the voice net !**

The Collier County ARES group needs to increase its membership of active participants. Changing the meeting place to the American Red Cross on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. is waiting for authorization.

Using the BES building for special events and other SET type events after hours requires a 45 to 60 day request notice. Practicing many operators at different times on the equipment in the building is needed to be a skillful group.

The October Simulated Emergency Test had 22 check ins from Collier and Lee County. Each year this event will increase in difficulty. On November 21 starting at 9:00 A.M. we will make contacts from various locations using the K4YHB repeater 147.030 and 146.400 simplex. We will have one net control at Craig NC2H home QTH and one relay station at Rich K4AOR home QTH.

January 17 is the Half Marathon Race. Radios and check points work well for this event.

Thank You

**MARK HARMS
AC4ZM AEC**



Please welcome our recently minted members

Jonathan Miller - KM4NAW General

Amateur License Exams
Monthly, 4th Tuesday, 5:30 pm
No December Exam
American Red Cross
2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive
Naples, FL
Mark Harms
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Parity Act House Cosponsors Now in Triple Digits!

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 bill in the US House (H.R. 1301) now has 106 cosponsors! ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, credited ARRL members "who understand the importance of the legislation" with making it possible to reach that milestone.

"They have signed letters at hamfests and conventions all over the country, at booths staffed by Directors, Vice Directors, Section Managers, and other ARRL officials," President Craigie said. Backing up those efforts have been recent personal visits to Capitol Hill by ARRL Directors Dick Isely, W9GIG, and Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, as well as by General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD.



The 100th cosponsor of H.R. 1301 was Rep Larry Bucshon [R-IN], who signed aboard on October 16. Six more cosponsors added their names on October 20 and 21. They are Reps Steve Chabot, [R-OH], Mike Bost [R-IL], and Frank LoBiondo [R-NJ]; Katherine Clark [D-MA]; Thomas MacArthur [R-NJ], and Sheila Jackson Lee [D-TX].

The Amateur Radio Parity Act would direct the FCC to extend its Part 97 Amateur Radio Service rules relating to "reasonable accommodation" of Amateur Service communications to include private land use restrictions. There are two bills, one in the US House and one in the US Senate. US Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) introduced H.R. 1301 on March 4 with 12 original cosponsors from both sides of the aisle. US Sen Roger Wicker (R-MS) introduced S. 1685 into the US Senate on June 25, with Sen Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) as the original cosponsor.

"We are not done by any means," President Craigie added. "Let's push the numbers up and keep our representatives and senators aware of how much we care about this issue."

She noted that Scouting's Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) over the October 17-18 weekend introduced thousands of youngsters to Amateur Radio. "Let's make sure their interest can blossom, even if their parents have chosen to live in communities that don't allow antennas at this time," President Craigie urged. "These young people need what Amateur Radio has to offer, and Amateur Radio certainly needs them. Please help them be the future."

The ARRL recently introduced a "Clarity on Parity" video, and not only has it been made available on Capitol Hill, it would make an informative Amateur Radio club meeting program. A "Clarity on Amateur Radio Parity" document stresses many of the same points.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 page provides more information and explains how members can become involved.

ARES/RACES Teams Expected to Join MARS in Coronal Mass Ejection Disaster Exercise

Preparations are nearly in place for the previously announced Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) coronal mass ejection (CME) disaster [communication exercise](#), which will take place Saturday through Tuesday, November 7-10. Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) groups are expected to participate in the quarterly contingency HF exercise in support of the US Department of Defense.

"We are looking forward to this exercise and the opportunity to partner and train with the larger Amateur Radio community," Army MARS Program Manager Paul English, WD8DBY, told ARRL. The exercise scenario will simulate a CME event and focus on actions that radio operators should take prior to and following such an event, which could impact HF propagation. English said leaders from Army and Air Force MARS will hold a final exercise coordination teleconference on October 28 "to answer any final questions about the exercise and make sure everyone is ready to train."



English said he's responded to some 90 [inquiries](#) from ARES and RACES groups as well as from individuals who would like to involve their ARES teams, and he expects about 50 ARES/RACES-affiliated organizations to participate. He said a few additional active duty military units also hope to take part in the exercise.

English said the November exercise would simulate a radio blackout as well as infrastructure damage. "During the exercise, we will simulate the blackout with a 3 hour pause, and then we will bring stations back on air and begin handling requests for information," he told ARRL.

Training objectives for this exercise will include understanding what a CME is and how much forecast lead time can be expected; the effects associated with a CME, and what precautions radio operators take to protect their equipment, prior to a severe CME. Following the simulated CME, operators will assess its effects and report that information. This will involve "inter-operation with Amateur Radio operators and groups to assist in assessment," English said.

ARES and RACES teams, as well as individual radio amateurs, wishing to participate in this exercise may [contact](#) MARS and provide contact information.



Central Florida ARES Group Supports Large Bicycle Festival

The Lake Amateur Radio Association activated ARES of Lake County (Florida) in support of the 41st Annual Mount Dora Bicycle Festival in Mount Dora, Florida from October 9 -11, 2015. Operators provided radio communications from each rest area as well as from mobile radio units to patrol the various bicycle routes.

Lake County has 1400 named lakes and is considered Florida's hill country. Some hills offer a challenge for even the most experienced bicycle riders. This year 1325 cyclists signed up to ride in the festival.

Radio equipped vehicles operated by radio amateurs transported a total of 30 bicycle riders and their bicycles back to the starting area over the three day event, for mechanical break downs and medical

issues. Five medical emergencies were managed: One rider required evacuation to the hospital with a broken collar bone. Sixteen situations in total required the intervention of the mobile radio vehicles.

The Lake County ARES group used a repeater to run the net, keeping track of rest area locations and mobile radio units. NCS operators used the call sign of N4FLA and assigned all field operators tactical signs.

Lake County ARES and LARA have been providing on course radio communications for the event for almost 25 years. This year, 25 Amateur Radio operators volunteered their time and equipment to ensure the public safety and garner experience for emergency/disaster response. Click [here](#) for more information on LARA and Lake County ARES. -- *Ted Luebbbers, K1AYZ, Lake County (Florida) ARES Public Information Officer* [Luebbbers was named the recipient of the [2012 ARRL Philip J. McGan Silver Antenna Award](#), recognized by the ARRL Board for his "outstanding volunteer public relations success on behalf of Amateur Radio at the local and regional levels." -- ed.]



Net control operations from inside the trailer were run by (l to r) Frank Anders, KK4MBX, and Jay Boehme, N4KXO. (photo courtesy Ted Luebbbers, K1AYZ)

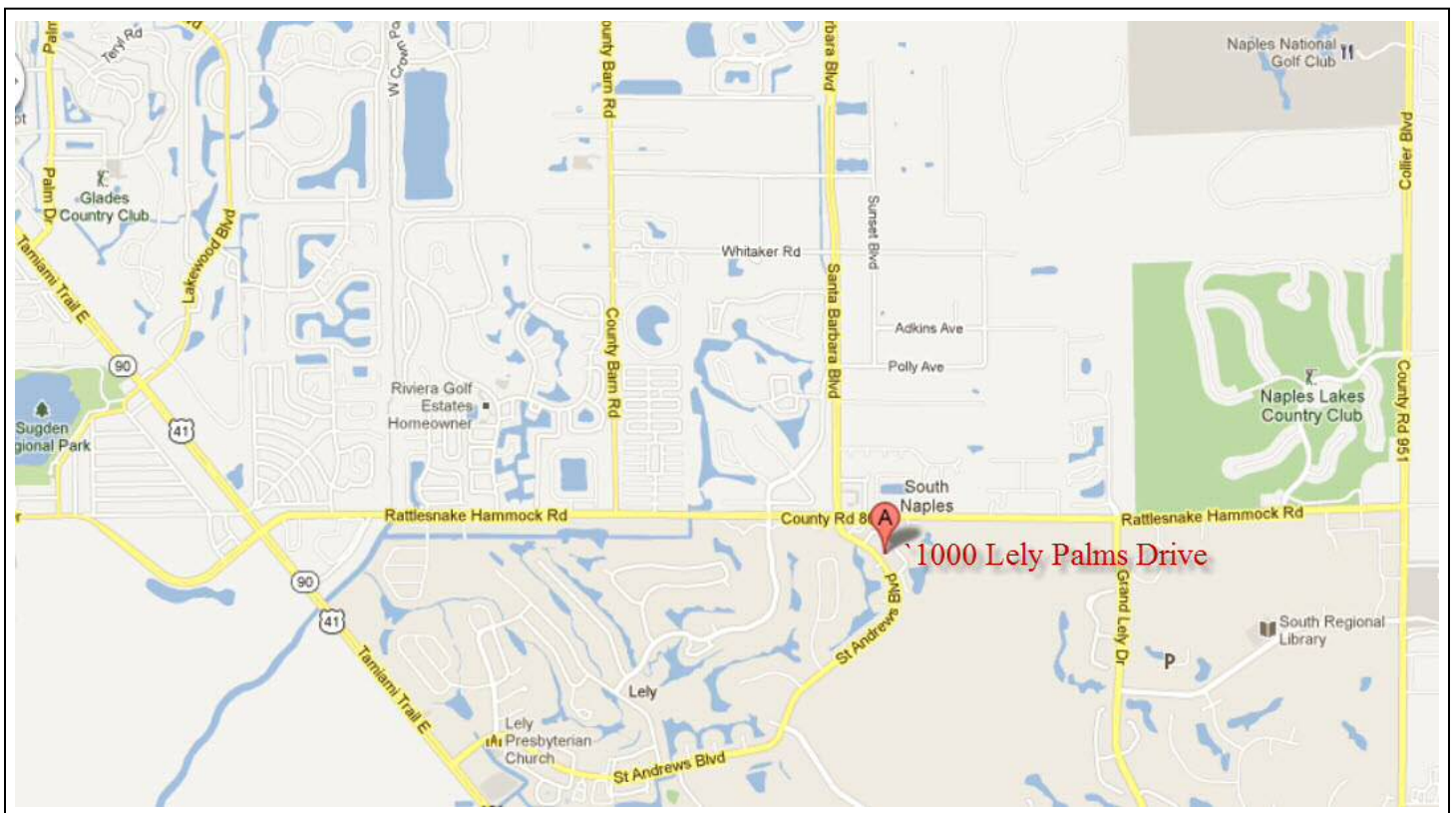


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NAME: _____ **CALL:** _____

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CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

LICENSE CLASS: _____ **ARRL MEMBER:** ☐ YES ☐ NO

HAVE YOU EVER PREVIOUSLY BEEN A MEMBER OF ARASWF ☐ NO ☐ YES - Year _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

SPOUSE'S CALL (If Applicable): _____ **SPOUSE'S LICENSE CLASS:** _____

OUT OF AREA ADDRESS (If Applicable): _____

OUT OF AREA PHONE (If Applicable): _____

This Application must be filed prior to the Membership Business Meeting at which time action will be taken. It is not mandatory that the applicant be in attendance.

The Membership Business Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM (except June, July, August and December) at the American Red Cross Building at 2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive, Naples, Florida.

The ARASWF Newsletter is distributed monthly by e-mail prior to the monthly Membership Business Meeting and contains meeting dates, location and other information, and will be sent to the e-mail address indicated on this Application. If you do not have an e-mail address, the please notify us and request that the Newsletter be sent to you via U.S. Mail.

Please mail this Application with a copy of your Amateur Radio License and a check or money order in the amount of \$25.00 (annual membership dues), to the ARASWF at the address below. Paid membership is valid for one calendar year. If a new member's Application is dated after July 1st, the annual membership dues are one-half the annual dues amount, and a check or money order in the amount of \$12.50 should accompany this application.

Please make checks or money orders payable to "Amateur Radio Assn. of Southwest Florida", or to "ARASWF".

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Can your home station be operated without commercial power? Yes [] No []

Signature _____ Date _____

Contact ARES® and ARRL Section Leaders in your area: www.arrl.org/sections/.

Learn about ARRL-sponsored Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Courses:

www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog

Club Information

Next Meeting Time: October 27th @ 7:00PM

Meeting Location:
American Red Cross
2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive
Naples, FL

Club Repeaters:

- ARASWF FM - WB2QLP 146.670 mHz (-600 kHz) PL 136.5 HZ
- ARASWF D-Star – AA4PP 145.490 mHz (-600 kHz)/441.5 mHz (5.0kHz)
- Collier EOC – K4YHB 147.030 mHz (+600 kHz)

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