



ARASWF

Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

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

Nickels & Dimes

This weekend the EmComm Group will provide communication support for the Naples Daily News Marathon on Sunday January 18th. Ed-K1UQE will lead his ARES operators: AA4GT, AC4ZM, KA1JVN, KD4JMV, KK4IOY, KU1Q, W1ERE and W9KB who will be positioned along the race route and will monitor the event progress. Hopefully no emergencies, however, his team will be ready to serve if necessary.

A number of other projects are in the works: Red Cross antenna improvements, more weekend workshops like 'Digital School', and potentially a remote HF station for our HOA constrained members. If any of these areas resonate with you be sure to attend the next few meetings and help set direction and priorities.

This is a good segue to address annual membership dues, which are trickling in somewhat slower this year. Our projects and programming depend upon the full support of the membership. Last year's operating budget was little over \$2500 and was funded through dues, 50/50 drawings, and other special event raffles. A new remote HF station, for instance might require a creative financing solution.

George-AA4GT will again host Winter Field day out at the "Farm". It will be held from 1700 UTC (12:00 noon EST) Saturday January 24th through 1700 UTC (12:00 noon EST) Sunday January 25th. The purpose of the event is to set up portable style communications and make as many contacts during the 24 hour contest period. The rules encourage contacts on as many bands and modes as possible. The most important factor is the station's ability to communicate regardless of weather or band conditions. Look for additional details and a map in the Newsletter.

Orlando Hamcation is February 13-15th. A small group of members will be driving up this year. I personally will be attending and will pick up a few necessities for the shack and club, if you have any requests for small items, please let me know.

Finally, our annual Oil Well Outing is creeping up on us. Rick-KK4IOY will be chairing this project again this year. This is a great social outing were members and families can get together and operate radios 'picnic style', enjoy a hotdog, and share a few laughs. Stay tuned for details in next month's ARASWF Newsletter.

See you at the next meeting Tuesday, January 27th at the Red Cross.

Ken-W9KB
ARASWF Secretary/Treasurer

Contest Calendar

January 2015

+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, Jan 14 to 0400Z, Jan 15
LZ Open Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Jan 17
+ Hungarian DX Contest	1200Z, Jan 17 to 1200Z, Jan 18
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 17 to 0600Z, Jan 18
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 19
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 23 to 2159Z, Jan 25
+ REF Contest, CW	0600Z, Jan 24 to 1800Z, Jan 25
BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 24 to 1200Z, Jan 25
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jan 28
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, Jan 28 to 0400Z, Jan 29
+ UBA DX Contest, SSB	1300Z, Jan 31 to 1300Z, Feb 1

February 2015

Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 7 to 2400Z, Feb 8
+ 10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 7 to 2359Z, Feb 8
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Feb 7 to 2359Z, Feb 8
+ Black Sea Cup International	1200Z, Feb 7 to 1159Z, Feb 8
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z-2400Z, Feb 7
+ British Columbia QSO Party	1600Z, Feb 7 to 0400Z, Feb 8
AGCW Straight Key Party	1600Z-1900Z, Feb 7
+ Mexico RTTY International Contest	1800Z, Feb 7 to 1759Z, Feb 8
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z-0400Z, Feb 8
+ CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, Feb 11 to 0400Z, Feb 12
CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 14 to 2400Z, Feb 15
+ SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Feb 14 to 1000Z, Feb 15
Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW	1100Z-1300Z, Feb 14
+ Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 14 to 1200Z, Feb 15
New Hampshire QSO Party	1600Z, Feb 14 to 2200Z, Feb 15
+ FISTS Winter Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Feb 14
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Feb 16
+ AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z-2030Z, Feb 18
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 21 to 2400Z, Feb 22
+ REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 21 to 1800Z, Feb 22
High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1700Z, Feb 22
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Feb 25
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, Feb 25 to 0400Z, Feb 26
+ CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	2200Z, Feb 27 to 2159Z, Mar 1
UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 28 to 1300Z, Mar 1
+ North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 28 to 0600Z, Mar 1

Navassa Press Release

30 Dec 2014

It is now about 4 weeks before K1N goes on the air. The exact date of departure from the staging area will be dependent upon a combination of the date U.S. FWS transportation is available and upon weather windows. It is looking like K1N will be QRV the first two weeks of February.

Most of the team have their bags packed and are ready to go. Because of the helicopter logistics, this will be a no-frills-minimum-comfort operation for the team. Meals will be MRE's. The container has been organized for a quick camp setup and quick radio/antenna setup to take advantage of every moment. It is estimated there will be two full days of helicopter shuttles to get everything needed to start operations. A small team of FWS personnel will accompany us, including armed Federal Law Enforcement Officers.

Efficiency is not just for the team, but also for the DX community. It has been over 22 years since Navassa was activated and USFWS will not allow another operation for at least 10 more years. This is a ONCE IN 32 YEARS opportunity to work Navassa! Everyone can make the most of this opportunity by LISTENING to the operator's instructions and following the cadence of the operator. We will not be working all modes on all bands, but limiting most bands to a specific mode, so that we can work the pileups down to the last little pistol.

Fund raising has been going well. The team has contributed about half of the total budget. For those in the U.S., it is possible to make a year-end tax-deductible donation, directed through the Northern California DX Foundation. See www.navassadx.com and follow the instructions on the DONATE tab.

We have a Facebook page to watch and a Twitter feed (@navassa2015) to follow along.

For the KP1-5 Project,
Bob Allphin K4UEE
Glenn Johnson W0GJ
Mike Thomas NA5U

QRZ DX, December 29, 2014

League's Centennial "the Most Extraordinary Event" for ARRL President

As the ARRL's Centennial drew to a close, ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, reflected that the year-long celebration helped to rejuvenate Amateur Radio by including as many people as possible, providing lots of on-the-air fun, and promoting learning and doing. She also believes that the spirit of the Centennial will live on going forward, as Amateur Radio enters its second century.

"The ARRL Centennial has been the most extraordinary event in my Amateur Radio life," President Craigie remarked. "How fortunate I am to have been a ham in this anniversary year, let alone to have been President of the ARRL."



ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN.

President Craigie said that Centennial activities, such as the Centennial QSO Party and the W1AW portable operations in all 50 US states and some territories, were aimed at giving members a chance to learn, to feel, and to do, and in the process generating positive feelings about being a part of Amateur Radio and of the ARRL. "We wanted members to have fun participating in activities, both in person -- at the national and regional conventions -- and on the air," she recounted. "We wanted the events and experiences to be inclusive -- something all members could participate in, if they wanted to."

So, every member was given a point value in the Centennial QSO Party. And, recognizing that not everyone could come to the National Centennial Convention in Hartford, the League designated several major ham radio gatherings around the US as regional centennial conventions, so everyone would have an opportunity to participate. Convention forums as well as information and articles in *QST* and in electronic media provided something every member could learn from and enjoy, she said.

"I recall suggesting that we could move W1AW around the country," she said. "I was just thinking about the call areas, but the staff exploded that into every state and several territories."

"Because of the good work done by the ARRL Headquarters staff and a huge number of enthusiastic volunteers all over the country, the Centennial successfully achieved those goals beyond what we were able to imagine," President Craigie said. "Thousands of ARRL members chased W1AW and worked each other across the bands and modes, having tremendous fun doing it. In QSOs and on their QSL cards, members told me how much they appreciate what the ARRL does for Amateur Radio."

President Craigie said that as the Centennial year played out, people were stopping by on her frequency just to say how much fun they'd had helping the League to celebrate its 100th anniversary. "One member said he had not been on HF for 20 years, sticking to VHF, but got back on HF for the Centennial. Another member said he thought the events have been a huge shot in the arm for Amateur Radio."



"It really *is* all about the people and the fun," she observed.

President Craigie reported logging more than 18,100 contacts during 2014, including 1149 on the last day of the year, most of them from calling "CQ Centennial."

"For the first time in my life I was the most popular kid in school," she quipped. "I won't forget the rush of that feeling when I'm back to being just another signal from Virginia."

President Craigie said some have asked what the ARRL will do next. She said that while the League doesn't want to wear out the exuberance and goodwill the Centennial events engendered, "it's clear that operating challenges outside of the traditional menu of contests and awards have a great appeal." She expressed the hope that, in the months and years ahead, all hams will seek out other operating challenges sponsored by all sorts of ham radio groups and keep the bands alive with signals.

"To everybody: Thanks for coming to the birthday party!" she concluded. "Happy New Year!"



Hamvention Chair: "The Show Will Go on" at Aging Hara Arena

Despite financial struggles dogging the owners of Hara Arena, site of the Dayton Hamvention® since the 1960s, the 2015 Hamvention General Chairman Jim Tiderman, N8IDS, has told ARRL that he expects the world's largest Amateur Radio show to continue there -- this May and in the years ahead. Tiderman was reacting to recent media accounts detailing the fiscal woes of the aging Hara complex in Trotwood, Ohio. He said Hamvention's sponsoring Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) and Hamvention officials have been in conversation with Hara's owners, the Wampler family, regarding the future of the 165,000 square foot, six-building complex.



Hara Arena, the home of Dayton Hamvention. [Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, photo]

"Both Hamvention and DARA have absolute confidence in [the Wampler family's] guiding their corporation through the steps in the plans in place to keep Hara operating for years to come," Tiderman said. "Given the time frame they are working with right now, we simply stand by them and repeat, 'the show *will* go on.'" Last year, Dayton Hamvention attracted nearly 25,000 visitors.

Dayton TV station WDTN-TV reported last month that the 50-year-old Hara Arena was facing financial problems and had cut back on its full-time staff to save money. Karen Wampler, Hara's Director of Marketing, has told the media that it's become difficult for Hara Arena to compete with other Miami Valley venues, such as the Nutter Center at Wright State University and the downtown Dayton Convention Center. The Hara complex needs money for renovations and deferred maintenance, she said, and "the ownership model needs to be changed." Wampler told the *Dayton Daily News* in December that while the family cares about the facility, it is limited in what it can afford.



Dayton Hamvention takes place this year May 15-17th



Collier County Emergency Management Department

FREE SKYWARN Spotter Certification

FREE Spotter certification & refresher training is being offered in Collier County:

The National Weather Service Miami will provide FREE Skywarn certification training **Saturday, March 7st**, 2015, at **South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples 34113**. Training will be presented by a meteorologist from the Miami National Weather Service (NWS) Office. **Skywarn storm spotters are the “eyes in the field” for the National Weather Service.**

The Skywarn Certification training is straightforward...and fun. The class will **begin at 10 am and conclude about 2 pm with breaks during** the day. (NOTE: As there will be no formal lunch break, please bring snacks should you require some nourishment.) The training includes information and the reporting criteria necessary to report hazardous weather development and/or conditions to the Miami weather forecast office. This class is designed to provide a deeper understanding of hazardous weather in South Florida by providing meteorological tools necessary to help you evaluate the hazardous weather environment developing. Some of the subjects include thunderstorm classifications, tornadic thunderstorm schematic, and optimum Severe Weather locations within storm cells.

FAQs...

What is the Skywarn Spotter Program?

The Skywarn spotter program is a nationwide network of volunteers trained by the National Weather Service (NWS) to report significant weather. Anyone is welcome to participate.

Who can attend?

Anyone at least 18 years old can be a certified weather spotter.

Why Skywarn?

The NWS's mission is to **protect lives and property**. When weather conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms or tornadoes are expected to develop, a severe thunderstorm or tornado WATCH is issued. A Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado WARNING is issued when severe

weather has been reported by a Skywarn spotter or indicated by Doppler radar. Skywarn volunteers become the NWS's and local Emergency Management's eyes and ears, helping to provide better weather watch and warning services.

Who will activate Skywarn?

The NWS and/or the local emergency management authorities may activate the Skywarn net whenever there is a threat of severe weather or the NWS issues a severe thunderstorm or tornado watch.

What about dual area spotter certification?

If you live or work in an area covered by the Tampa weather office, this training will also certify you to report hazardous weather conditions to that office as well.



E-mail your request to register to:
EmergMan@CollierGov.net

Home Page: www.CollierEM.org



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Tips for Public Service Communicators

Here is a great set of tips from the St. Louis (Missouri) Metro ARES/RACES Group, with the permission and courtesy of EC Steve Wooten, KCOQMU, and AEC for Operations Gary Hoffman, KBOH.

- **Things to avoid saying on the air**

"Okay, I'll do it. But it's not actually my job. The guy who's supposed to do that is always away from the table doing something else." The other operator doesn't want to hear any of that and it ties up the frequency. Make a note of your complaints in your log and bring them up at the debriefing, but keep them off the air. -- *Gary Ross Hoffman, KBOH*

- **The value of tactical call signs**

Tactical call signs such as "Shelter 5", "Net Control", and "EOC" are descriptive and give immediate information. They can be very useful during planned events and during emergencies. Do not, however, forget to include your FCC call sign at ten minutes intervals and at the end of each contact.

- **Never alter a message**

Do not alter a message, even to correct a typographical error. What you think is right may actually be wrong. Moreover, any change you make might subtly alter the meaning of the message. Send or write it exactly as you receive it.

- **Do not use VOX**

VOX stands for voice activated transmitter. VOX devices are handy gadgets, but should not be used in an emergency setting. Ambient noise might activate the transmitter and tie up the frequency. Also, you do not want your casual comments to go out over the air.

- **You are your own safety officer**

When setting up or operating a station of any size, the very first thing on your mind should be, is it safe? Am I going to irradiate anyone with RF energy? Could my battery spill acid? Can it fall on anyone's foot? Have I created an electrical hazard? Could anyone trip over my feedline or get poked in the eye by my antenna? The safety of your station is your responsibility. Make sure that it cannot harm you or anyone else. -- *KBOH*

- **Every piece of equipment can break, including you**

We all have limits. Don't overtax yourself during a deployment. Watch for signs of fatigue, stress, adverse reactions to the environment and so forth. Stop and take a break if you need one. It is better to have a silent radio than a fresh casualty. -- *KBOH*

- **Listen to the Net Controller's instructions**

One of the most common mistakes on regular nets is that operators assume that they know what the Net Controller is going to say. They miss the Net Controller's instructions and wind up giving inappropriate responses. This can be calamitous in an emergency situation. One way to develop the habit of paying attention is to write down the key elements of what the Net Controller is saying. You might be surprised to find that it's not always the same thing. -- *KBOH*

- **Keep it brief**

Air time is precious, especially when there are numerous operators on the same frequency. Refrain from over-explaining things, engaging in personal greetings and chats, and anything else that might prevent important traffic from getting through. -- *KBOH*

- **Are you following procedures?**

Operating procedures are developed from many hours of examining what went wrong during disasters. Familiarize yourself with the procedures and practice them in exercises. Arriving at a disaster scene and trying to freestyle it will only cause problems. -- *KBOH*

- **Check the transceiver for overheating**

Digital modes are great for sending forms, long lists, images and so forth. They also use a lot more duty cycles of your transceiver than ordinary voice communications. Check to make sure that your rig is not overheating. Reduce the transmit power level if your unit feels hot. -- *KBOH*

- **Have fuses handy**

Much of your equipment has one or more fuses. Check each item, make a list of the fuses you might need, then put together a small fuse kit. Be sure to replace any fuses you wind up using. -- *KBOH*

- **Yes, you are ready to participate**

Caution is good, but don't let it prevent you from participating and volunteering. Everyone makes mistakes on their first try, or first dozen tries, and everyone survives them. You will find that most other hams will be sympathetic and supportive of your efforts. -- *KBOH*

- **Don't avoid the exercises**

It's a mistake to ignore an exercise because you are already familiar with what it is about. There are always surprises, new elements, and things that you've forgotten. Your presence will also help those participants who are less familiar with the exercise's concepts. -- *KBOH*

- **Keep learning**

Everything is dynamic, including emergency communications. Procedures and techniques that were standard ten years ago are out of date today. Never sit back and feel that you've learned everything you'll need to know. -- *KBOH*

- **You brought your radio to the emergency, but will you be able to power it?**

Antenna connectors are fairly generic, but what about power connections? ARES groups around the country use Anderson Power-poles as the standard power connector on their equipment.

- **Push THEN Talk**

Pause for a second after keying up your transmitter. It may be slower to react than you realize. -- *John Weis, NOUFB*

- **Maintain a fire extinguisher near your battery charging station**

This applies primarily to larger batteries, but every battery is a chemical device and you will be pumping energy into it. Having a fire extinguisher handy is a reasonable precaution. -- *Jim Conley, NOOBG*

- **Mark your equipment**

Be sure that every piece of your equipment is marked with at least your name and call sign. After the emergency, you'll want any property you left behind to find its way back to you.

- **It's going to be noisy, so have a set of headphones**

It's always a good idea to have a set of headphones around, but it may be an absolute necessity in an emergency. You may be placed in an area where other operators are working on different bands, you may be out in the open, or you may even be in the middle of a noisy shelter. A headset should be a vital part your equipment. You can't communicate if you can't hear.

- **Outdoors isn't indoors**

Even in an urban or suburban setting, working outdoors isn't like working indoors. You may have taken your equipment into consideration, but don't forget yourself. Think about your allergies, the sun, heat, cold, bugs and everything else that might affect you. Treat your outside deployment or exercise as if it were a camping trip and prepare for it accordingly. -- *KBOH*

- **Think about next time**

During every deployment or exercise, think about the next time. You will always find that something is missing, broken, doesn't work as expected, wasn't planned for and so forth. Keep a mental record, or better still a written one of everything that is wrong. Be sure to look it over carefully after the event so you will be better prepared next time. -- *KBOH*

- **Eat**

Do not skip meals just because things are busy. You may not think that you need to eat anything, but volunteers have suddenly fainted without feeling any early symptoms that something was wrong. At the very least, consume an energy bar or a quick snack. -- *KBOH*

- **Is no one responding on the secondary frequency?**

If you have a transceiver capable of handling two frequencies simultaneously and no one is responding on that second channel, the problem may be as simple as the volume has been turned down. -- *KBOH*

See the complete list of excellent tips on the [St. Louis Metro ARES/RACES](#) website.



Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio

SPAR Announces Winter Field Day 2015

Not only during Field Day in June, do the bands come alive with improvised signals proving the ability to respond to emergencies. Since emergencies and natural disasters don't always happen in the summer, during Winter Field Day, frigid winds, icy limbs and bitter cold replace the thunderstorms and blistering heat of summer. In 2007 SPAR established a Winter Field Day event and invited all Amateur Radio operators to participate. The event was repeated in 2008 and was considered a success, so it was then designated an annual event to be held the **last full weekend each January**. In 2007 - 2014 the event was enjoyed by many, but it is time to issue the invitation for the Ninth Annual SPAR Winter Field Day!

The 2015 Winter Field Day will be held from 1700 UTC (12:00 noon EST) Saturday January 24, 2015 through 1700 UTC (12:00 noon EST) Sunday January 25, 2015. The object of the event is familiar to most Amateur Radio operators: set up emergency-style communications and make as many contacts as possible during the 24 hour period. The rules encourage as many contacts on as many bands and modes as possible, because during a real emergency, the most important factor is the ability to communicate, regardless of band, mode or distance.

The official rules can be found at [the SPAR web site](#). The event is open to all amateurs, although we encourage everyone to join in the discussions and other activities sponsored by SPAR. Information about SPAR can be found on the [SPAR Home Page](#). Membership is free and open to all amateurs who want to encourage technical and operating skills. You can register by going to the [SPAR Forum](#) and registering, using your amateur callsign as your user name.

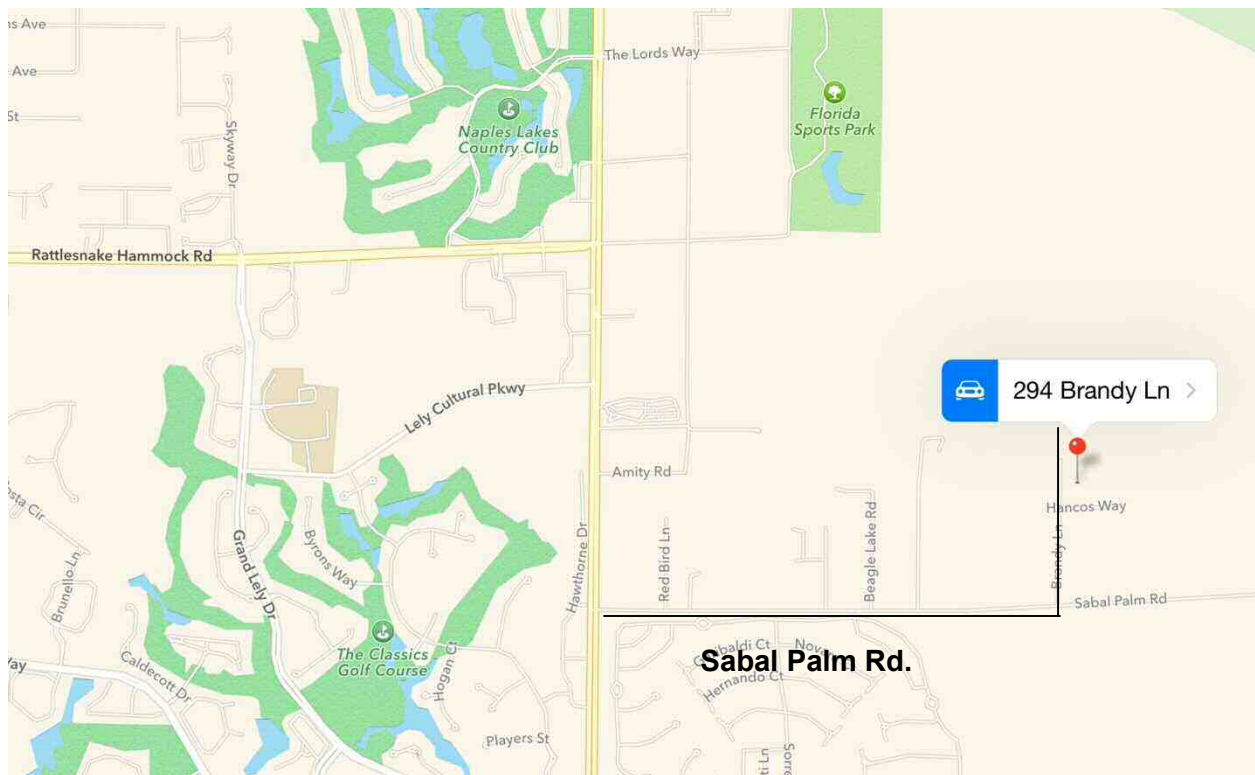
Please join with SPAR in promoting amateur radio and keeping our bands alive!

2015 Winter Field Day Location

Where: The Farm @ 294 Brandy Lane, Naples, FL

When: 1700 UTC (Noon) Saturday January 24th through
1700 UTC (Noon) Sunday January 25th

North



South

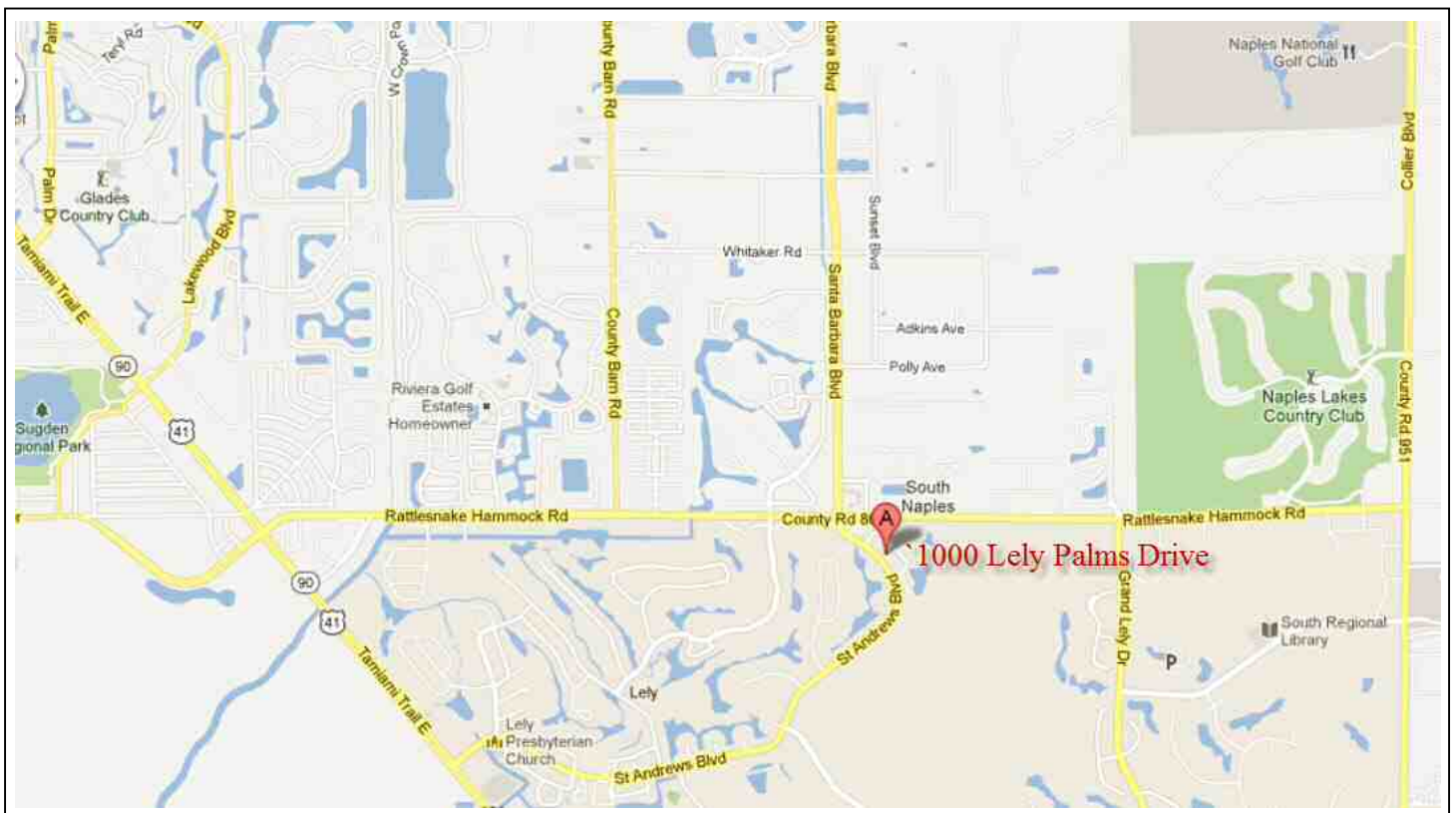


Royal Palm Chapter 152 meets every second Thursday of the month

at the Lely Palms Manor, Next Luncheon Meeting: February 12th at 12:15 pm

1000 Lely Palms Blvd.

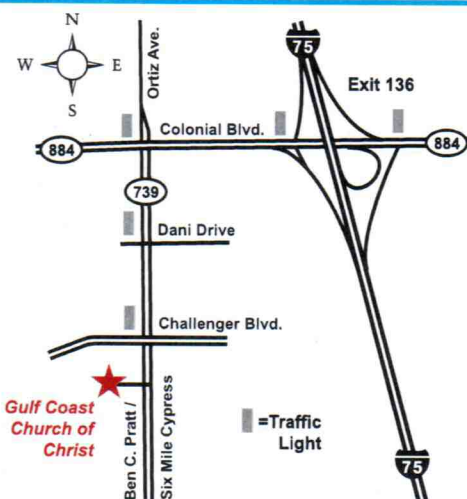
Naples, FL 34114



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA HAMFEST!

Fort Myers, Florida
January 16-17, 2015

TALK-IN REPEATER
147.345 MHz PL 136.5



FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 Setup at 6 a.m. – Gates Open: Noon until 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 Setup at 6 a.m. – Gates Open: 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

GUEST INFORMATION

LOCATION

Gulf Coast Church of Christ • 9550 Six Mile Cypress, Fort Myers
Some excellent Hotels and Motels are located nearby!

Over \$1,200 in DOOR PRIZES plus a RAFFLE for a Transceiver
Early Drawing for Prizes, Starting in Fall 2014, for Advance Ticket Purchases
HOURLY PRIZES and a **GRAND PRIZE** plus **TWO RUNNER-UP PRIZES** at the Event

GENERAL ADMISSION

- Early Bird *Online Registration* \$5.00
- At the Gate \$10.00
- Children 12 and under
Free with paying adult
- Students 13-18
\$5.00 with valid student ID

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- On site security provided
- Professional Food Vendors on Site
- **FREE PARKING**
Handicap parking available

FORUMS

Contesting / Operating Practices
DXing
QRP Go Box
When All Else Fails
ARRL: What's New – by South
Florida Section Manager Jeff Beals

VE Testing

Technician • General • Extra

Raffle Tickets

Quantity Discounts available

Vendors

Commercial and "Tailgaters"

Purchase Hamfest Tickets On Line at: hamfest.fmarc.net

We accept PayPal, Master Card, VISA, Amex and Discover



INFORMATION

Quick Reference Guide

HamCation Hotline 24/7 call 407 841 0874

or call 800 214 7541 E-mail: info@hamcation.com

Website: www.hamcation.com

Dates-

February 13, 14 & 15, 2015

Times-

Friday February 13: 12 Noon to 6.00 pm

Saturday February 14: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Sunday February 15: 9.00 am to 2.00 pm

Talk In -

KB4UT 146.760 (-600/no PL)

(Backup on 145.015 (-600/no PL)

D-star K1XC 146.820 (-600)

Tickets -

\$14.00 for all three days at the gate.

\$ 12.00 purchased before January 17 2015

Where -

Central Florida Fairgrounds

4603 West Colonial Drive

Orlando, Florida 32808

Coordinates -

- 81.438338, 28.55671,0

RV Info -

Check-in Wednesday February 11
2015, 2.00 pm till 8.00 pm.

Check-in daily 7.00 am - 8.00 pm

Must be out by 11.00 am Monday.

Enter through **SOUTH gate** - Main

Entrance. No camping outside gates!

Swaps info -

Set-up time for Swaps Tables

Thursday February 12, 2015,

7.00 am to 7.00 pm

Friday February 13, 2015 7.00 am

to 12 noon. Enter through **EAST gate**

Tailgate info -

Tailgate admission Thursday

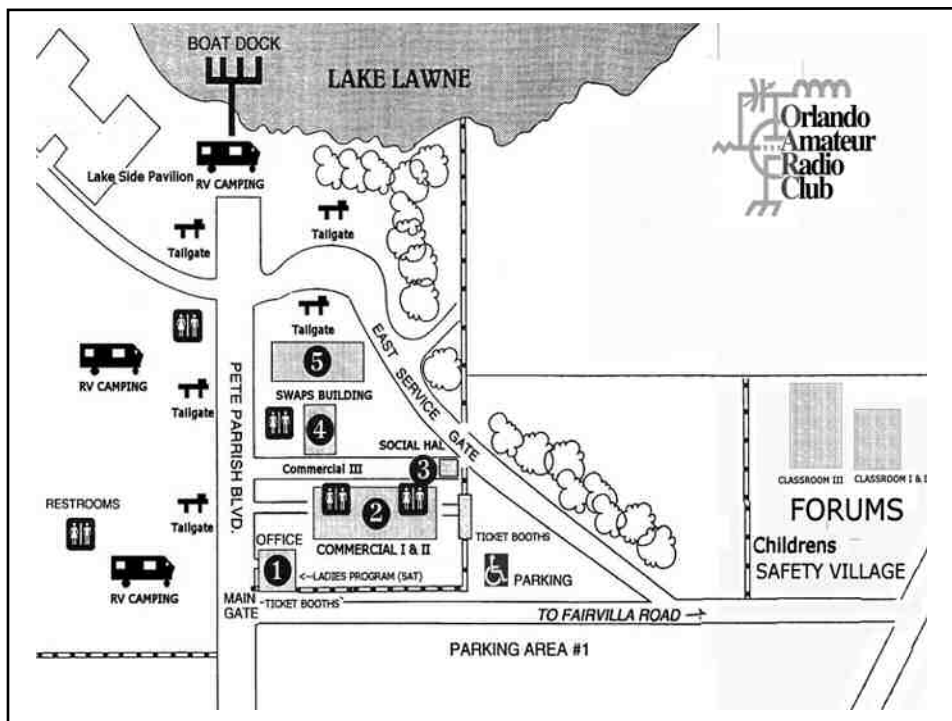
February 12, 2015 2.00 pm to 7.00 pm.

Friday February 13 2015, 7.00 am to

12 Noon. **First come first served.**

Enter through **SOUTH gate**.

Items must be left to secure space.



Testing info - Saturday

February 14, 2015, 9.00 am
and 1 pm.

Must be **pre-registered**, mail:
testing@hamcation.com

Forums-Saturday February

14, 2015 only. Children Safety
Village and Lake side pavilion
9.00am - 5.00 pm.

Ladies Program at the Office,
10.00 am.

Hotels info - HamCation® Specials!

Holiday Inn Express & Suites.
Red Roof Inn and Drury Inn
Suites. See for details and
reservations hotel tab on
the web site.

Early reservation strongly
recommended.

**AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I hereby petition the officers and members of the AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC. for membership. I attest that I hold a current FCC issued Amateur Radio License, and that I will follow legal procedures and protocol, and conduct myself in a manner that will further Amateur Radio.

NAME: _____ **CALL:** _____

ADDRESS: _____

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".

**Amateur Radio Assn. of Southwest Florida
P.O. Box 111604
Naples, FL 34108**



Amateur Radio Emergency Service®

ARES® Registration Form

Name:	
Call Sign:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State, ZIP code:	
e-mail address(es):	
Home phone number:	
Work phone number:	
Cell phone number:	
License Class:	

Check bands and modes that you can operate:

MODE	HF	6 meters	2 meters	222 MHz	440 MHz	Others	
SSB							
CW							
FM							
DATA							
PACKET							
Other modes (specify below)							
Mobile Operation							

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

Signature _____ Date _____

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Club Information

Next Meeting Time: January 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 – WB2WPA 147.030 mHz (+600 kHz)

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