



# ARASWF

## Newsletter



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The next Club Meeting will be held March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm  
at the Red Cross - 2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive - Naples, FL

## Nickels & Dimes

This month's ALERT is coming to you early this because I'm heading south to Roatan (HR9FUN) for a week of sun, fun, and diving new reefs.... everything is happening a little sooner rather than later this month, no room for procrastination.

First, our first quarter (Q1) almost in the books and our metrics look great for the year!

Our membership participation is up... just look at the Winter Field Day score and the number of hot dogs and hamburgers served at the Oil Well Outing for results. Membership Receivables (dues) are running ahead of schedule and finally meeting attendance has been up, thanks in part (if not entirely) to Dr. Al's antenna presentations. The quality of our new members is simply amazing, we have added some solid performers to our roster this year thanks to the AC4ZM 'envelope stuffing party' and membership flyer program.

Personally, I think we are covering all the bases quite well. However, that may not be case nor the opinion of others. Recently I have received a 'performance review' from a member regarding repeater usage.

The Board has discussed this matter many times and taken significant steps to improve the repeater participation, adding D-Star, AllStar, and soon DMR. We will continue to discuss and evaluate ways to improve our repeater duty cycle, though the easiest solution is to simply use your microphone PTT switch!

Our next up project is a joint venture with the Greater Collier County CERT Group. A Simulated Emergency Test (SET) is planned for March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am. Ed-K1UQE and Mark-AC4ZM are both leading our ARES team to the Nursery Lane site just north of Immokalee Road) to provide communications for the event (map included in this ALERT issue). Charge up your HT, grab your neon yellow vest, and head north to the site. Contact Ed [ejesborn@msn.com](mailto:ejesborn@msn.com) or Mark [ac4zm@hotmail.com](mailto:ac4zm@hotmail.com) for details.

A little further out on the radar screen is the Florida QSO Party, Little Marco Island activation, and of course Field Day. All these events require leadership and membership participation. These events promise to be the best ever, if we all can get behind them and push. Let's generate some RF and put some Q's in the log!

Don't forget this month is the last Dr. Al antenna presentation of the season (this one will stretch your imagination), plan to attend our March meeting.

Hope to see you all soon!

Ken-W9KB  
ARASWF Secretary/Treasurer

## Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida

### Executive Board Meeting held at Apollo, Naples, FL Tuesday – February 16, 2016

**Present:** Uli Altvater, AG0X – President  
Frank Halas – W4RBW  
Ken Bills, W9KB – Secretary/Treasurer  
Mark Harms, AC4ZM – Director  
Larry Kielasa, KC8JCB – Director  
Craig, NC2H – Webmaster

**Absent:** Dave Ducett, WB8VQU – Director  
Gary Lee, K8YMN – Director

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### MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

**President's Report** – Uli-AG0X welcomed the Board, and discussed the work party results from the previous weekend. The group adjourned to the back room to watch a short demonstration of the VHF duplexers that were tuned for AB4NP and will be installed at the Marbella repeater site. The group reconvened for the Board meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ken-W9KB reported the beginning year balance was \$3,745.52. Expenses to date included Club Liability Insurance - \$200, Florida Sun Biz Filing - \$61.25, Trailer Repairs - \$547.67, Website Renewal - \$215.64, and Oil Well Facilities - \$110.10 to date. Dues received included \$1,260.07 (including PayPal receipts), \$67.50 from 50/50. Ending balance \$3,938.43

#### **Old Business:**

Repeater Updates: AB4NP is offline and a work party this past weekend retuned the duplexers from the decommissioned Ave Marie repeater station. The Florida Repeater Council (FRC) has been updated with our changes, however, their website still is out of date. A follow up email was sent to prompt a change. The RF Finder app is now affiliated with the ARRL, they were at Orlando and W9KB worked with them onsite to update the Naples area repeater database.

Website Updates: Craig-NC2H reported that he had updated the website's software. Club Net schedules will be updated and recent outing pictures added.

EmComm Updates: Mark-AC4ZM reported that the group continues to meet at 7PM on the second Tuesday of the month at the Red Cross. The Collier CERT Group is planning a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) exercise for March 19<sup>th</sup> to test their readiness. The EmComm team will provide VHF communications. Mark also reported that Dan Summers is expecting an antenna recommendation for the EOC facility. A new coax run is in place and ready for final antenna setup. Uli-AG0X agreed to follow up with Dan and provide a recommendation.

VE Testing: Mark-AC4ZM stated he had seven candidates test last month, one tentatively scheduled for this month.

Winter Field Day: Larry-KC8JCB reported that Winter Field Day was held at his home. He has antennas for virtually all the bands: 160m through 440mHZ. The team made 748 contacts on 10 different bands using 4 modes for a total of 34 multipliers. Their submitted score was 28,432 which was an all-time high from past submissions.

### **New Business:**

Oil Park Outing: Mark-AC4ZM reported the outing is scheduled this weekend (February 20<sup>th</sup>). Rich-K4AOR is chairing the event and has purchased all the supplies and has everything QRV. Ken-W9KB has ordered the 'facility', which will be delivered Friday afternoon. The weather forecast looks very good for the weekend.

Meeting Presentations: Dr. Al Torres – KP4AQI will present the second lecture of his series this season discussing *slot antennas* and their theory, application, and propagation.

Walk-Ins: Mark-AC4ZM reported the Ft. Myers Club has expressed interest in conducting a joint activation of a National Park (NPOTA). The group discussed a few options and sites. Mark will follow up with the FMARC.

Mark-AC4ZM stated he is in the process of getting the club call sign K4YHB setup for LoTW to facilitate the QSL process when the call is used for different events.

### Upcoming Events:

- Oil Well Park Outing – February 20<sup>th</sup>
- EmComm meeting – March 8<sup>th</sup> (7pm at the Red Cross)
- Collier County CERT Exercise – March 19<sup>th</sup> (7:30am at Nursery Lane off Immokalee Rd.)

**Next Board Meeting** – March 15<sup>th</sup> (7pm at Uli's business QTH)

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken-W9KB  
Secretary

# Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida

Regular Membership Meeting held at the Naples American Red Cross.  
Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Officers and	Frank Halas – W4RBW
Directors present:	Ken Bills, W9KB – Secretary/Treasurer
	Mark Harms, AC4ZM – Director
	Gary Lee, K8YMN – Director
	Larry Kielasa, KC8JCB – Director
	Dave Ducett, WB8VQU – Director
	Craig Henning, NC2H – Webmaster

Absent: Uli Altvater, AG0X – President

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**Meeting called to order:** Frank-W4RBW called the meeting to order and opened it with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Introduction:** All attendees were introduced by name and call sign. Thirty-five members were present and five guests (two joined).

**Treasurer's Report:** Ken-W9KB reported that Club checking balance was \$4,058.56 including expenses of \$110 for Oil Well 'facility', \$20 for USPS PO box rent, and \$547.67 for antenna trailer repairs. Revenues included \$275 in annual dues. The balance to date is \$3,943.43.

**Old Business:** Ken-W9KB reported that the AB4NP (D-Star) repeater at Marbella is currently off the air. A work party was held February 6<sup>th</sup> to retune the duplexers. A new Raspberry Pi will be setup to handle the gateway.

Craig-NC2H reported that no significant changes were made last month. He has added a Club calendar to the website. Members should check that for dates of upcoming activities.

Ed-K1UQE provided an updated EmComm report of this past month's activities. Mark-AC4ZM reported that the Greater Collier ARES group will support a CERT exercise March 19<sup>th</sup> (map provided in Newsletter) at 7:30am at the Nursery Lane training property located just north of Immokalee Road.

The next EmComm meeting will be held Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Red Cross.

**Old Business cont'd:**

Mark-AC4ZM reported we had one candidate test this month and pass.

Rich-K4AOR reported that the Oil Well Outing was a success and well attended. The turnout was the better than recent year's and everyone that attended had a great time.

**New Business:**

Dave-WB8VQU described the 'travelling junk box' program. The basic idea is to fill a USPS medium flat rate box with items from your shack you no longer use or need (not necessarily serviceable perhaps). Then you tape it up securely and bring it to the next meeting. You exchange your box for another that someone else brought for the same purpose. One man's junk... another's treasure.

Three 'junk boxes' were exchanged this month.

50/50 Raffle was won by Jerry-NW4H (\$51)

**Presentation:** Dr. Al Torres – KP4AQI gave a very informative and entertaining lecture on "Slot Antennas – Wire Reciprocity". Dr. Al described the antenna theory and its similarity to the wire dipole antenna. He built and demonstrated a 2m slot antenna that was used to contact our local repeater. Dr. Al provided some interesting applications for this antenna, but it was *classified*... You must attend next month to hear more about the stealth technology.

Dr. Al will give one more final presentation this season before migrating back to Dayton. Mark your personal calendars, don't miss this last great opportunity!

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:02 p.m. made and seconded. Motion passed by all present.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ken-W9KB, Secretary

## Contest Calendar

### March 2016

+ EA PSK63 Contest	1600Z, Mar 12 to 1600Z, Mar 13
+ Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 12 to 1900Z, Mar 13
+ North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 13
+ Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 13 to 0100Z, Mar 14
+ SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest	1600Z, Mar 18 to 1000Z, Mar 20
+ BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 19 to 0200Z, Mar 21
+ Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 19 to 1200Z, Mar 20
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Mar 21
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Mar 23
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 26 to 2400Z, Mar 27

### April 2016

+ LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest	0400Z-0800Z, Apr 2
+ SP DX Contest	1500Z, Apr 2 to 1500Z, Apr 3
+ SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Apr 7
+ JIDX CW Contest	0700Z, Apr 9 to 1300Z, Apr 10
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Apr 9 to 2359Z, Apr 10
+ Georgia QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 9 to 2359Z, Apr 10
+ Hungarian Straight Key Contest	1500Z-1700Z, Apr 10
+ Holyland DX Contest	2100Z, Apr 15 to 2100Z, Apr 16
+ TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Apr 16
+ ES Open HF Championship	0500Z-0859Z, Apr 16
+ CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest	1200Z, Apr 16 to 2359Z, Apr 17
+ Michigan QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 16 to 0400Z, Apr 17
+ Ontario QSO Party	1800Z, Apr 16 to 1800Z, Apr 17
+ YU DX Contest	2100Z, Apr 16 to 1700Z, Apr 17
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Apr 18
+ 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital	0001Z, Apr 23 to 2359Z, Apr 24
+ SP DX RTTY Contest	1200Z, Apr 23 to 1200Z, Apr 24
+ Helvetia Contest	1300Z, Apr 23 to 1259Z, Apr 24
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Apr 27
+ Florida QSO Party	1600Z, Apr 30 to 2159Z, May 1



# QRZ DX

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Carl Smith, N4AA / C6AAA  
Editor

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## 3C7GIA - EQUATORIAL GUINEA

Ken, LA7GIA finally got the authorization to bring his equipment into the country. He should arrive on Bioko Island March 8. Look for him March 10 to March 21.

## 8Q - MALDIVES

*The Maldives is seeing a lot of tourist traffic these days....*

Noel, F6BGC will be on Thulhagiri Isl as 8Q7NC March 12-22. He will operate "holiday style" on 40-6 SSB/CW/RTTY. QSL direct to home call or use LoTW.

Yuri, RM0F/8Q7FU and Elena, RC5A/8Q7CA will be there April 17-30. They will work 160-10 CW/SSB. They will try 160/80 around April 22. QSL to the respective call direct, bureau or use OQRS at ClubLog.

## JD1 - MINAMI TORISHIMA

Take, JG8NQJ/JD1 will be working on Marcus Island from mid-March to mid-May. He will run 50 watts to a TA-33 on 20/15/10 and an HB9CV for 6 meters. He will also have an antenna for 17 meters. QSL via JA8CJY.

## UN - KAZAKHSTAN

During the month of April, special event stations UN55G, UO55G and UP55G will be on the air from Almaty in celebration of the 55th anniversary of the first flight in space by Yuri Gagarin. There will be other special events callsign for this event.

## VK9CK - COCOS KEELING

Bjorn, LB1GB; Lars, LB2TB; Morten, LB9DC and John, LA7GNA will active March 15-26. They plan to work 160-10 on CW/SSB/RTTY. QSL via ClubLog OQRS (preferred) or use LoTW. "Hard card" requests should go via LA6OP direct or bureau. More detail/information may be found on the web site: <<http://dipperdx.com/cocos2016/>>.

## ARRL DX SSB Contest

If you were not on the air this past weekend you missed some unusual but quite good propagation on 10 and 15 meters. Just look at the numbers from the three big Multi-Multi contest stations below.

Congratulations to all three of the teams for outstanding performance., especially at K3LR with nearly 3000 QSO's on 15 meters and the highest band country total of all three.

K3LR			W3LPL			WE3C		
Band	QSOs	Mults	Band	QSOs	Mults	Band	QSOs	Mults
160	148	60	160	155	63	160	144	59
75	559	90	75	576	91	80	434	79
40	1794	133	40	1444	119	40	1237	111
20	2450	145	20	2225	144	20	2030	141
15	2868	147	15	2192	139	15	2277	144
10	1126	112	10	1066	112	10	815	109
18.6 Million			15.3 Million			13.3 Million		



*The above comes from the VK0EK web site <[www.vk0ek.org](http://www.vk0ek.org)>. If you need a little help in working this DXpedition you'll want to visit that web site. You will find a huge amount of information on who, what, where, when, and most importantly—HOW !!*

## SWODXA DX DINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

The SouthWest Ohio DX Association (SWODXA) has announced that 'The Early Days of MFJ' will be the keynote topic for their 31st annual DX dinner®. The dinner, held in conjunction with the 2016 Dayton Hamvention®, will be on Friday, May 20, 2016, at the Marriott Hotel in Dayton. K5FLU, Martin, will be the keynote speaker. With all of the activity surrounding the international "Maker's Faire", Martins' talk with be very timely!

Martin F. Jue is founder, owner and president of MFJ Enterprises Inc. and owner of HyGain Antennas and Rotators, Cushcraft Amateur Antennas, Ameritron HF Amplifiers, and Mirage VHF/UHF Amplifiers and Vectronics.

In 1972, he began his startup company, MFJ, which now manufactures more amateur radio products than any other company in the world. In 2007 and 2012, the company was named the Oktibbeha Industry of the Year. The company began operations in a small rented hotel room in the old Stark Hotel in downtown Starkville, Mississippi. The company began marketing its products in October of 1972. The first product was a high selectivity audio filter that would enable a receiver to separate one Morse code signal from scores of other signals that were being transmitted over the radio airwaves.

For more information and to order dinner tickets, visit <[WWW.SWODXAEVENTS.ORG](http://WWW.SWODXAEVENTS.ORG)> and follow us on Twitter (@SWODXA).



## IOTA NEWS

The IOTA net meets on 14260 kHz at 1300 UTC on Saturdays and 21260 at 1300 UTC Sundays. CW - 28040, 24920, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10114, 7030 and 3530 kHz;  
SSB - 28560, 28460, 24950, 21260, 18128, 14260, 7055 and 3765 kHz.

★ **EU-038 - AMELAN D ISL (PA):** Marcel, PD5MVH/p will be here until March 19. No other details given. QSL to home call, direct or bureau.

★ **EU-085 - KOLGUEV ISL (RI1PA):** Mike, UA1QV will be here March 5-19. No other details were given. QSL to home call.

★ **EU-127 - HELGOLAND ISLAND (DA0HEL):** "A group" of operators plan to operate here March 5-13. They plan to work HF on SSB/CW/RTTY/PSK/JT65). No other details given. QSL via DF6QC.

★ **SA-071 - AS ILHAS ISL (PR2DX):** Members of the Curva do Rio Group, Tony, PY2DX; Billy, PY2PCD; Raimundo, PU2VJI and Paco, PU2UAF, will be active with this call March 17-19. They will work 80-10 CW/SSB/RTTY. QSL via PY2LCD or ClubLog OQRS.

## INTERNET INFORMATION

60 Meters	< <a href="http://60metersonline.net/">http://60metersonline.net/</a> >
425 DX News	< <a href="http://www.425dxn.org">http://www.425dxn.org</a> >
ARRL	< <a href="http://www.arrl.org">http://www.arrl.org</a> >
Argentina-LU6EF	< <a href="http://gacw.co-ip.org">http://gacw.co-ip.org</a> >
Arkansas DX Assn	< <a href="http://www.adxa.org/">http://www.adxa.org/</a> >
Buckmaster	< <a href="http://hamcall.net">http://hamcall.net</a> >
CDXA-Carolina DX Assn	< <a href="http://www.cdxa.org/">http://www.cdxa.org/</a> >
CDXC-UK DX Foundation	< <a href="http://www.cdxc.org.uk">http://www.cdxc.org.uk</a> >
Central Arizona DX Assn	< <a href="http://www.cadxa.org">http://www.cadxa.org</a> >
Cent. TX DX/Contest Club	< <a href="http://www.ctdxc.org/">http://www.ctdxc.org/</a> >
CQ Magazine	< <a href="http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/">http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/</a> >
DDXA-Delta DX Assoc	< <a href="http://www.deltadx.net/">http://www.deltadx.net/</a> >
DX Summit - Cluster	< <a href="http://www.dxsummit.fi/">http://www.dxsummit.fi/</a> >
ETDXA (E.Tn.DX Assoc)	< <a href="http://etdxa.org/">http://etdxa.org/</a> >
EUDXF	< <a href="http://www.eudxf.de/">http://www.eudxf.de/</a> >
F6AJA - QSL Collection	< <a href="http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php">http://lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php</a> >
French DX News	< <a href="http://LesNouvellesDX.fr">http://LesNouvellesDX.fr</a> >
German DX Foundation	< <a href="http://www.gdxf.de/">http://www.gdxf.de/</a> >
German DX-News Ltr	< <a href="http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/bulls/dxnl/">http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/bulls/dxnl/</a> >
INDEXA	< <a href="http://www.indexa.org">http://www.indexa.org</a> >
IOTA Website	< <a href="http://www.g3kma.dsl.pipex.com">http://www.g3kma.dsl.pipex.com</a> >
IRAQI Amateur Rad Soc	< <a href="http://www.iraqi-ars.org/">http://www.iraqi-ars.org/</a> >
IREF	< <a href="http://www.islandradio.org">http://www.islandradio.org</a> >
LADYG	< <a href="http://www.ladxcg.no">http://www.ladxcg.no</a> >
Lone Star DX Assoc.	< <a href="http://www.lsdxa.org">http://www.lsdxa.org</a> >
Low-Land DXped. Team	< <a href="http://www.qsl.net/ldxt">http://www.qsl.net/ldxt</a> >
Magnolia DX Assn.	< <a href="http://www.mdxa.org">http://www.mdxa.org</a> >
Mediterraneo DX Club	< <a href="http://www.mdxo.org">http://www.mdxo.org</a> >
NCDXF	< <a href="http://www.ncdxf.org">http://www.ncdxf.org</a> >
NCDXF Beacons	< <a href="http://www.ncdxf.org/beacons.html">http://www.ncdxf.org/beacons.html</a> >
NIDXA-N. ILL DX Assoc.	< <a href="http://www.nidxa.org">http://www.nidxa.org</a> >
North Jersey DX Assoc.	< <a href="http://www.njdxo.org">http://www.njdxo.org</a> >
ODXG-Oceania DX GP	< <a href="http://www.odxcg.org">http://www.odxcg.org</a> >
OK - DX Contest	< <a href="http://okomdx.radioamater.cz/">http://okomdx.radioamater.cz/</a> >
Pacific DXers	< <a href="http://pacific-dxers.com/">http://pacific-dxers.com/</a> >
Postage Info. USPS	< <a href="http://pe.usps.com/text/Imm/immctry.htm">http://pe.usps.com/text/Imm/immctry.htm</a> >
Propagation Data	< <a href="http://dx.qsl.net/propagation/QSL">http://dx.qsl.net/propagation/QSL</a> > QSL
QSL Managers Society	< <a href="http://www.qsl.net/qslmanagers">http://www.qsl.net/qslmanagers</a> >
QSL Routes (Germany)	< <a href="http://www.qslinfo.de">http://www.qslinfo.de</a> >
QSL Manager (Italy)	< <a href="http://www.ik3qar.it/manager/">http://www.ik3qar.it/manager/</a> >
Radio Club of Costa Rica	< <a href="http://www.ti0rc.org/">http://www.ti0rc.org/</a> >
Radio Am. Soc.Thailand	< <a href="http://www.rast.or.th">http://www.rast.or.th</a> >
Southern Cal. DX Club	< <a href="http://www.scdxc.org">http://www.scdxc.org</a> >
SW Ohio DX Assoc.	< <a href="http://www.swodxa.org">http://www.swodxa.org</a> >
UDXA-Utah DX Assn.	< <a href="http://udxa.org">http://udxa.org</a> >
TVDXA (TnVal DX Assoc)	< <a href="http://www.tvdxa.com">http://www.tvdxa.com</a> >
Texas DX Society	< <a href="http://www.tdxs.net">http://www.tdxs.net</a> >
The DX Notebook	< <a href="http://www.dxcn.org">http://www.dxcn.org</a> >
Visalia-Int'l DX Convention	< <a href="http://www.dxcn.org">http://www.dxcn.org</a> >
W.TN DX Association	< <a href="http://www.qrz.com/db/wt4dx">http://www.qrz.com/db/wt4dx</a> >
	< <a href="http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WTDXA">http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WTDXA</a> >
Worldwide Antarctic Pgm	< <a href="http://www.waponline.it">http://www.waponline.it</a> >
W4-DXCC (SEDCO)	< <a href="http://w4dxcc.com">http://w4dxcc.com</a> >
W9-DXCC Convention	< <a href="http://www.w9dxcc.com">http://www.w9dxcc.com</a> >

## DXtra's

★ **7P8DJ - LESOTHO:** Mathias, DJ2HD will be here until March 15. He will operate "holiday style" using CW/SSB/RTTY on the HF bands. QSL to home call direct or bureau.

★ **CT9 - MADEIRA:** DL3KWF and DL3KWR will be here March 11 to April 7 signing CT9/homecall. They prefer to work the WARC bands on CW. QSL both via LoTW, eQSL or the bureau.

★ **J79XF - DOMINICA:** Nigel, G3TXF will be back in the Caribbean March 10-13. He will work the HF bands including the RSGB BERU contest. QSL using ClubLog.

★ **OA4/DL5YWM - PERU:** Daniel will be active from Lima March 12-25 working 40-6 CW/SSB.. His operating will be limited to free time and he may travel to different parts of the country. If he does his call will change to OA #/DL5YWM. QSL to home call.

★ **P4/PA7DA - ARUBA:** Jaap will be here March 12-24. He plans to work the HF bands "holiday style" using an FT897 and a HyEndFed wire antenna. QSL to home call via the bureau.

★ **PJ2/DD5ZZ - CURACAO:** Alex will be here March 16-28 and will work 80-6 on SSB and Digital modes. He will be on for the WPX contest. QSL to home call direct or via the DARC bureau.

★ **PJ4/KG9N - BONAIRE:** Chuck worked at the Trans-World Radio site last year. March 15-22 he and his wife will be here to do some snorkeling, touring and radio operating and also to visit friends at the TWR site. Chuck will use an IC7000 on 40-10 CW/SSB and perhaps some RTTY. QSL to home call direct or use LoTW. He is also looking at ClubLog.

★ **T8 - PALAU:** *More activity from Palau...*Hagen, DL2KUH/T88KU and Ken, JP1RIW/BM2JCC/T88KH will be active from Koror Island March 17-21. No operating details were given. QSL T88KU via DL2KUH via the bureau; or use eQSL or LoTW. No QSL information given for T88KH.

★ **V4/KB1EHE - ST. KITTS:** Eric will be here March 9-13. He will use an FT857, a 20 meter dipole and a 53 foot long wire for 80-10. He will work SSB. This is a vacation with his wife but he will operate when he can. QSL to home call, direct or use LoTW.

★ **V47JA - ST. KITTS/NEVIS:** John, W5JON will operate from his Calypso Bay home on St. Kitts March 14 to April 12. He will work 160-6 + 60 on SSB. He plans to work the CQ WPX SSB contest as SOAB entry. He has a significant array of equipment and antennas. QSL direct only to home call or use LoTW.

★ **VP9 - BERMUDA:** Mike, G3VYI will operate from the VP9GE Hamilton Parish QTH March 11-15. He will operate as G3VYI/VP9 "holiday style" on 160-10 CW, focusing on the low bands during his evening hours. He will also be on for the RSGB BERU contest. QSL to his home call.

★ **ZP5DBC - PARAGUAY:** After a weekend of SSB contesting as ZP6A, Dale, N3BNA and Dany plan to work 160/80 this week.

## ★ QSL's Received:

KE4DH and K8GG both report receiving their **K5P** cards last week. George, K8GG comments, "I am amazed that 5 weeks after the OQRS was turned on I have QSLs in my mail box."



**Please welcome our recently minted  
and upgraded members**

**KM4RZZ**

**Technician**

**Michael Oliver**

Amateur License Exams  
Monthly, 4th Tuesday, 5:30 pm  
No December Exam  
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# ARRL 2016 Field Day Packet Now Available

## New Bonus Point Categories Announced

It's not too early to be thinking about [Field Day](#) 2016 and planning your club's strategy for a bigger score and greater participation than last year. Field Day is June 25-26 -- always the 4th full weekend in June -- and the 2016 ARRL Field Day Packet now is available to [download](#) as a PDF file. This year's Field Day introduces two new ways to score bonus points -- Social Media and Safety Officer.

**Rule 7.3.16 Social Media** offers 100 bonus points for promoting your Field Day activation to the general public via an active, recognized, and utilized social media platform, such as Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram. This bonus is available to bona fide Amateur Radio clubs and Field Day groups that welcome visitors to their operations. These bonus points are not available to *individual* participants, and club websites do not qualify as social media for this bonus. The bonus points are available to all Field Day entry classes meeting the criteria.

**Rule 7.3.17 Safety Officer** offers 100 bonus points by designating someone to serve as a Safety Officer for groups setting up Class A stations. This person must verify that all safety concerns on the Safety Check List -- found in the [ARRL Field Day Packet](#) -- have been adequately met. This is an *active* bonus. Simply designating someone as Safety Officer does not automatically earn the bonus points. In order to claim this bonus, participants must include a statement verifying the completion of the Safety Check List in the supporting documentation sent to ARRL Headquarters.



Last year, 2720 stations submitted ARRL Field Day entries. Nearly 1.3 million contacts were logged during FD 2015 -- an increase of just over 1 percent. Nearly 35,400 individuals took part in Field Day last year.

The 2016 ARRL [Field Day](#) logo makes a connection to the League's year-long National Parks on the Air ([NPOTA](#)) operating event. NPOTA celebrates the centennial of the National Park Service ([NPS](#)).

The design's featured hiking boot footprint anticipates that many 2016 Field Day groups and individual operators may want to combine FD and NPOTA, setting up at national parks, historic sites, or at any of the hundreds of official National Park Service units throughout the US. [Pick your park](#), get the okay from park officials, get out and get on the air, and leave *nothing but footprints*!

Follow Field Day on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (hashtag **#ARRLFD**). Share *your* plans, tips, and tricks for a successful Field Day!



## ARES Volunteers Help to Distribute Water in Ohio Community

Flint, Michigan, is not the only community with water problems due to high lead content. During the week of January 18, some 8100 water customers in Sebring, Ohio, were notified that they, too, had problems with high lead content in their drinking water. On January 22, both the Ohio and Mahoning County emergency management agencies began giving out bottled water in Sebring. Mahoning County ARES Emergency Coordinator Wes Boyd, W8IZC, activated ARES to assist.



Mahoning County HS/EMA Director Dennis O'Hara (left) and Regional Red Cross Director Karen Conklin discuss the task of distributing water in Sebring, Ohio.

"Response on the workday was low, but a handful of ARES volunteers were able to respond," said Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator Stan Broadway, N8BHL.

Boyd said, "EMA and Red Cross were overjoyed that radio operators came to work not needing a radio." ARES volunteers joined others in moving and distributing pallets of bottled water, and another call went for weekend duty. ARES members from neighboring counties volunteered. All told, the volunteers moved more than 166 pallets of water in 6 days.

"This is a perfect example of being ready to serve in whatever capacity we can, in order to help our communities. Sometimes it doesn't involve only operating a radio," Broadway said.



Editor's Note: I was born in Flint, MI and took my Novice exam in there in 1967. This may explain more than just a few typos and other misbehaviors.... so it really was not my fault at all, it was in the water!

# North Collier County C.E.R.T. 2016 Annual Exercise

All Amateur Ham operators are invited to attend the following March exercise.

Please let me know if you plan to attend: AC4ZM Mark  
PH 239-331-9616  
e-Mail ac4zm@hotmail.com

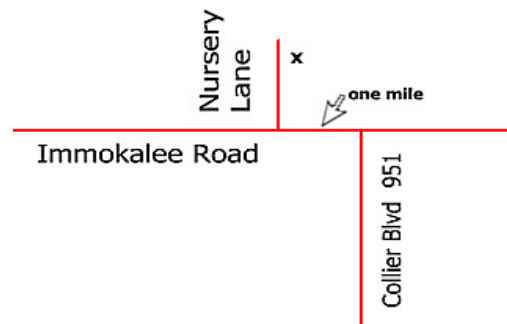
The C.E.R.T. simulated emergency exercise is scheduled on March 19, 2016. Arrive at 7:30 am for easy parking. The site is located near the end of Nursery Lane which is a side street North of Immokalee Road and one mile West of Collier Blvd. We will provide radio communication for this event. This is a great time to practice our skills and help the various teams with communication needs during their emergency exercise.

## 2016 Annual Exercise

Collier County CERT  
810 Nursery Lane  
Naples, FL 34109



Saturday  
Mar. 19, 2016



Arrive by 7:30 AM and Start at 8:30 AM

Bring a HT Radio

## OBJECTIVES

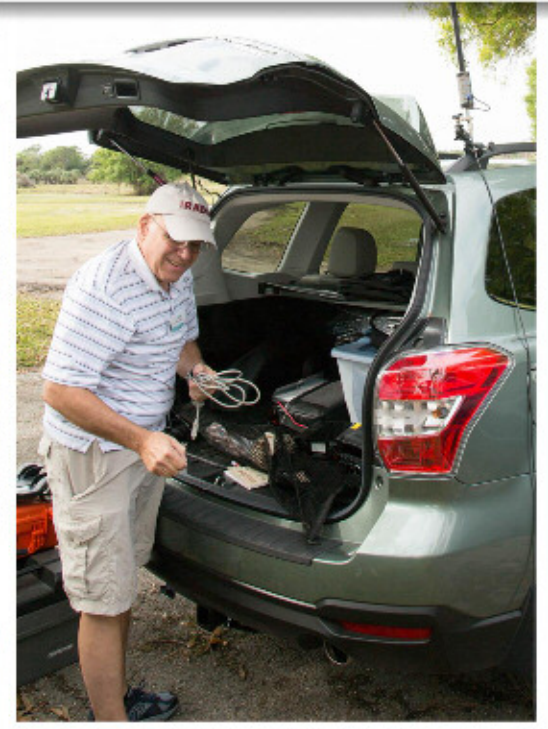
This is a four to six (4-6) hour functional exercise at 810 Nursery Lane. There will be on site Incident Management using the Incident Command System (ICS). While observing scene safety CERT Teams will conduct search and rescue procedures, also administer first aid and triage for the victims. All teams will need to effectively communicate operational information.

## SCENARIO

On site will be the Bureau of Emergency Services (BES), State Medical Response Team (SMRT), Citizens Emergency Response Teams (CERT), North Collier Fire District (NCFD), Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida (ARASWF). We will set up a command post (CP), with two operators, in the parking area. Other hams, with HT in hand, will be assigned to an Incident Commander (IC), Logistics Chief (LC), and observation points (OP) down field. A couple of Hams are preassigned to the BES building (HQ). CP will relay between HQ and down field. It will be essential to listen to the Command Post Commander.



# 2016 Oil Well Park Outing









# Tags Onsite







## Greater Collier SET CERT Exercise

When: March 19, 2016 - 7:30am

Where: North Nursery Lane

Why: Improve our EmComm skills and relationship with our local agencies



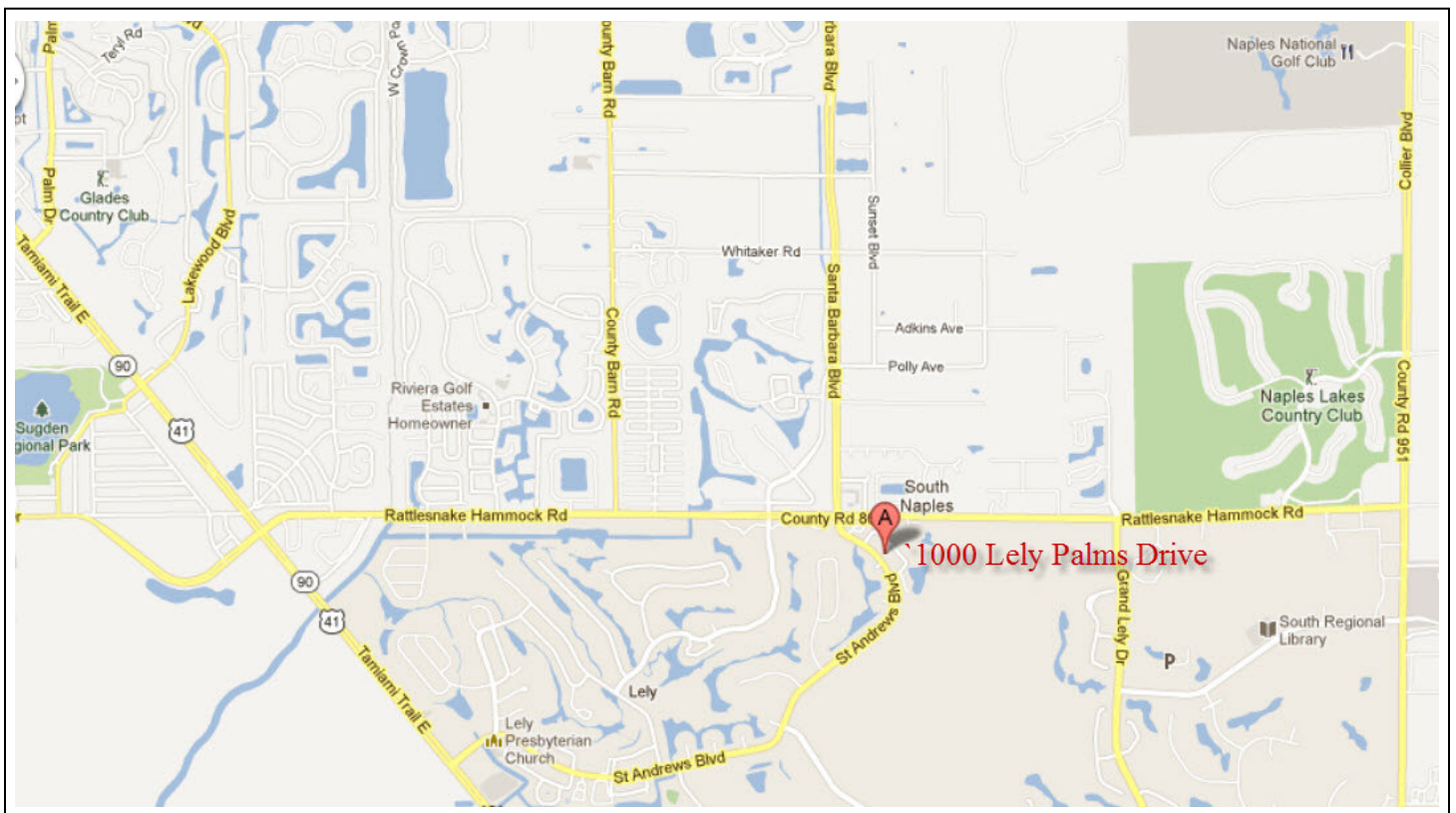


**Royal Palm Chapter 152 meets every second Thursday of the month**

at the Lely Palms Manor, Next Luncheon Meeting: April 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 pm

1000 Lely Palms Blvd.

Naples, FL 34114







- Icom IC-746 w/additional Filters FL-222, FL-232, FL-233, & FL-272. - Mint condition \$795.00.
- Yeasu FT-847 - Mint condition \$700.00
- Astron 20 amp supply \$100.00
- Pyramid 20 amp supply \$100.00

Contact Peter-KK4PG  
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- Ameritron AL-811
- LDG 200 Automatic Antenna Tuner

Contact Ken-W9KB (SK estate)  
[w9kb@arrl.net](mailto:w9kb@arrl.net)

- Icom IC-7000 \$750 OBO

Contact Perry-W0SE  
[w0se@arrl.net](mailto:w0se@arrl.net)

## For Sale

All Equipment is not quite 2 years old, except where noted:

IC-7000 – with original box (used less than 50 hours)	\$875
IC-208H – about 7 years old. (used very little with box & remote kit)	\$200
Hustler 6BTV Vertical antenna	\$130
Astron SS-30M – 30amp switching power supply	\$110
LDG IT-100 Auto-tuner for IC-7000	\$100
75 feet – DXE 400Max RG-8 with PL-259's (new \$94.45)	\$50
DXE Radial Wire – 500 feet BRAND NEW in box (new 53.95)	\$35
DXE TB-3P Tilt base for Hustler 4, 5, or 6 BTV (new 61.95)	\$40
DXE Radial Plate (new \$57.95)	\$40
MFJ 260C Dummy Load (never used)	\$30
MFJ 1702C Antenna Switch	\$30
50 feet – RG-8 with PL-259's (new \$60.95)	\$40

Contact Joe-W1JDZ

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**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Contact ARES® and ARRL Section Leaders in your area: [www.arrl.org/sections/](http://www.arrl.org/sections/).

Learn about ARRL-sponsored Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Courses:

[www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog](http://www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog)

## Club Information

Next Meeting Time: March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 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)
- ARASWF EmComm – K4YHB 147.030 mHz (+600 kHz)

2015 Club Officers:

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