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Newsletter



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The next Club Meeting will be held October 25th at 7:00pm
at the Red Cross - 2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive - Naples, FL

Nickels & Dimes

Wow... I thought the summer would never end! We undertook a home renovation project which consumed all my energy ($E=MC^2$). Unfortunately, I haven't made a QSO since May. I still have to get an antenna up at the new QTH. While we physically moved only a mile, mentally it seemed like a thousand. The shack had to be disassembled, packed, and moved. I'm still sorting through boxes. Getting ready for the Board meeting last night, I spend an hour looking for the Club checkbook. As always, it was in the last place I looked!

While I have been on hiatus, the rest of the Club has been busy over the summer season. Ed Esborn-K1UQE, our EmComm coordinator ran a successful SET operation from the Red Cross last weekend. Larry-N4LAK, formerly known as KC8JCB not only updated his call sign, but repaired the antenna trailers after some Field Day wear and tear earlier this summer. Mark-AC4ZM held things together managing the summer lunch meetings and working on a new ARES member's handbook.

This past month we unfortunately heard that Harry-KD4JMV passed away unexpectedly. His absence has made for some fairly quiet on the local nets. Harry was involved and known wide and far across our community and will be missed by many.

Plan to get involved! – Here are a few things going up later this fall:

- October Meeting – 10/25/16 at 7pm
- EOC BES Tour – 11/10/16 at 10am
- November Elections – 11/22/16 at 7pm
- Christmas Dinner Party – 12/3/16 at 6pm

As we return from our summer hiatus, let's recommit ourselves to the ARASWF and support the event chairman with your attendance. There will be many opportunities to refresh your operating skills with on-the-air events. The weekly Club VHF net and the ARES net both need your support with check-ins and traffic reports; and don't forget Club Officers elections are just around the corner, there are a few open positions available if you would like to help manage the Club.

Indeed, Fall is in the air - cool mornings, changing license plate colors, and car carriers blocking the lanes as they unload more vehicles on our crowded highways!

Be safe & 73

Ken-W9KB
ARASWF Secretary/Treasurer

Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida

Executive Board Meeting held at Apollo, Naples, FL Monday – October 18, 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
Dave Ducett, WB8VQU – Director
Gary Lee, K8YMN – Director

Absent: None

MEETING MINUTES

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

President's Report – Uli-AG0X welcomed group back from the summer break and thanked the Board for all their productive work over summer season.

Treasurer's Report – Ken-W9KB reported the Club checking and PayPal balance was \$3,783.08. The only expense reported this month was an incidental trailer expenses totaling \$17.98 submitted by Larry-N4LAK.

Old Business:

Repeater Updates: A work party to the Marbella site was conducted over the summer to install a donated DMR repeater which was collocated beside the 670 machine. An EchoStar/AllStar node linking module was purchased this summer and will be installed shortly. Lighting hit the DMR antenna, and its replacement. A third, more robust antenna will be added soon.

Website Updates: Craig-NC2H reported that he had recently updated the website's repeater listing page. He also made some relevant content changes.

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 group just completed a SET activity at the Red Cross with check-ins from across the area.

VE Testing: Mark-AC4ZM conducted VE testing over the summer months and had (12) people pass.

Summer Lunch Meetings: Mark-AC4ZM reported the attendance was very good with a few old members joining the group.

New Business:

KD4JMV: The Board discussed Harry's sudden passing and will have a minute of silence at the October Membership Meeting. Harry was a big supporter of our Club with both his time and donations.

EOC BES Tour: Any Club member is welcome to join the EmComm group tour the facility on November 10th @ 10am. Contact Mark-AC4ZM for addition details and location.

Walk-Ins: None

Upcoming Events:

- EOC/BES Tour – November 10th
- November Club Officers Election – November 22th
- ARASWF Christmas Party – December 3th
- Naples Daily News ½ Marathon – January 15th
- Winter Field Day – January 28-29th

Next Board Meeting – November 15th (7pm at Uli's business QTH)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken-W9KB
Secretary



Contest Calendar

October 2016

+ Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 16 to 0100Z, Oct 17
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 17
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 26
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 29 to 2400Z, Oct 30

November 2016

+ Ukrainian DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 5 to 1200Z, Nov 6
+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 5 to 0300Z, Nov 7
+ High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1700Z, Nov 6
+ DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Nov 6
+ WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 12 to 2359Z, Nov 13
+ 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital	0001Z, Nov 12 to 2359Z, Nov 13
+ JIDX Phone Contest	0700Z, Nov 12 to 1300Z, Nov 13
+ OK/OM DX Contest, CW	1200Z, Nov 12 to 1200Z, Nov 13
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Nov 12 to 2359Z, Nov 13
+ CQ-WE Contest	1900Z, Nov 12 to 0500Z, Nov 14
+ YO International PSK31 Contest	1600Z-2200Z, Nov 18
+ SARL Field Day Contest	1000Z, Nov 19 to 1000Z, Nov 20
+ LZ DX Contest	1200Z, Nov 19 to 1200Z, Nov 20
+ All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z, Nov 19 to 0700Z, Nov 20
+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 19 to 0300Z, Nov 21
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 21



NEW MEMBER ALERT

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

May 2016

KM4UJH

Technician

William Himmel

KM4UJI

Technician

Robert C Taylor

June 2016

KM4UJH

General

William Himmel

KM4VFQ

Technician

Johnny Sparks

KM4VFP

Technician

Jason Indriago

July 2016

KM4VFQ

General

Johnny Sparks

KM4VTG

Technician

Andrew Bennett

KM4VTH

Technician

Vladislar Fomiteher

August 2016

KM4WJV

Technician

Eric Fitzgerald

September 2016

KM4YCS

Technician

Larry Tanner

KM4YCT

Technician

David Bankston

N4SXE

General

Thomas Genick



Harry Sevush – KD4JMV

August 14, 1958 - September 17, 2016

Harry was one of our most active and colorful ARASWF Club members, having said that his death has been a bit of an enigma. I have been unable to locate any family, nor learn of any more details than I shared last month.

All we know for sure, is that local repeater traffic has been very quiet since his passing. Harry was known across the country because of his involvement in amateur radio and his passion for the late night Insomniac Net. This net takes check-ins from across the country and poses 3-4 trivia questions nightly. Mention the Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida to any long time operator from the "Gold Coast" and within minutes JMV would become the topic of conversation. Indeed, Harry left behind a memorable impression with all who meet him in person or on the air.

Yet for all his outgoing personality, KD4JMV links to the past have been difficult to follow. Details concerning his death have been virtually impossible to discover. All we know for sure was the state of his health, which he shared weekly. He tracked his sugar and cholesterol levels fastidiously, yet they still remained too high.

His QRZ page provides some past personal history: his previous life in Ft. Lauderdale and brief mention of early years in New York. Interesting, this page has been updated with an SK notice (unsure of who may have had access).

Indeed, with all his zest for life, Harry left us too soon... he will be missed by many.

Rest in Peace, good friend...

Dress for Public Service Success

Visiting this year's ARRL New England Convention in Boxboro, Massachusetts, I was delightfully surprised at the level of care most attendees, and in particular exhibitors, speakers and volunteers, exercised in their choice of attire. Snazzy uniform shirts worn by vendors were in abundance. Business attire infused the exhibit hall. It was as if I were attending a professional conference.

There I met new ARRL CEO, Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, whose sharp business attire transmitted an easy-on-the-eyes message, one that clearly respected the first impressions of his constituents. Among the subjects discussed was my contention that our community must take better care to present ourselves as organized professionals when serving in a public service role, most especially in how we look.

As a leader of public service teams, and an advocate for better leadership, innovation and national unity in our public service communications role, I make sure every volunteer has the opportunity and support that encourages their personal success. Not only are my teams well trained and fully integrated into the organization or agency we serve, they also look (and smell) good. That's because expectations for attire are part of the pre-event preparations. I urge volunteers at some events to be "smartly dressed with a clean white shirt and blue uniform pants, or equivalent." A volunteer T-shirt is sometimes needed as an added bit of identification and to unify us as members of a larger team, so I request that we "wear the supplied volunteer T-shirt in combination with uniform or EMT cargo pants to present a professional appearance." I also caution that we must not be confused with public safety or law enforcement personnel. "Professional" does not mean that we have license to impersonate, however innocent our first intention!

I have first-hand experience to suggest that those who present themselves professionally are invited back for the next event service opportunity. While some of us grumble about how disorganized the organization we're serving may be -- how little they understand about the value of our "superior" communications service -- we are ultimately

responsible for an invitation back to a repeat performance. So what happens when we're not? Some of us lean upon that tired "when all else fails" excuse: "When all else fails you'll call upon us, and you won't care how we look." Weak. Irrelevant. Arrogant. Please throw those rags in the laundry (or incinerator) and come back civilized. This is not a mud wrestling match.

At each public service event I've had the privilege and fun to work as a communications volunteer, the event organizers, public safety, vendors, and participants arrive dressed for the occasion. We are not exempt. If your leadership fails to set a minimum standard, that doesn't mean you can't arrive on time and ready to go with a professional, smart, confidence-inspiring appearance. You'll look good, feel great, and be amazed how receptive your team mates, the organizers, participants and the public will be when you dress for public service success. -- *Mark Richards, K1MGY, Littleton, Massachusetts* [Richards is a member of the Boston Athletic Association's Boston Marathon Communications Committee, with an extensive history of leadership in numerous public event communications efforts. Richards is a frequent contributor to the ARRL *ARES E-Letter*. -- ed.]

Amateur Radio Volunteers Mustered in Response to Hurricane Matthew

After the longest activation in its more than 50-year history, the Hurricane Watch Net ([HWN](#)) secured operations for Hurricane Matthew on October 9 at 0400 UTC. HWN Manager Bobby Graves, KB5HAV, reported that the net was in continuous operation for 6 days, 7 hours, gathering real-time ground-truth weather data as the storm passed through the Caribbean and up along the US Eastern Seaboard, and passing the data along to [WX4NHC](#) at the National Hurricane Center ([NHC](#)). Various Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) nets also activated along the East Coast. The first major hurricane of the 2016 Atlantic hurricane season and, at one point, a Category 5 storm, Matthew was downgraded to a post-tropical cyclone as it headed out into the Atlantic.

"Many have perished in Haiti and Cuba as a result of Matthew, and the death-toll rises still," Graves noted. "Many residents in the Bahamas and the US East Coast states of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina felt the impact of Matthew as well." More than 30 died in the US. FEMA reports that power remained out for thousands of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina residents as of October 13. Cell service also was affected.

The VoIP SKYWARN/Hurricane Net ([VoIPWX](#)) attracted a number of visitors, according to net managers. "On board Saturday afternoon, in addition to WX4NHC at the National Hurricane Center, stations representing a number of FEMA regional offices and the National Response Coordination Center monitored the net for actionable intelligence to be used to plan recovery operations," said net Public Affairs Officer Lloyd Colston, KC5FM. The net also activated on October 3.

The net said its Georgia Reflector was linked to the WX-Talk conference, so net managers could help to relay reports to local National Weather Service offices on NWSchat and the NHC.

According to Chief of Operations Dennis Dura, K2DCD, the net established a link up the East Coast into North Carolina and continued to monitor for damage assessment in areas the hurricane had already passed. The net supported the NHC on the WX-Talk Conference, Node #7203 on [EchoLink](#).





The Salvation Army Team Emergency Network ([SATERN](#)) on 14.265 MHz also was active for Matthew, handling outbound emergency, priority, or health-and-welfare traffic from hurricane-affected areas.

Among activities in Georgia, ARES District Emergency Coordinator and MARS member Tom Holcomb, K5AES, reported that WX4GMA, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency ARES team station, was activated on October 7, running 12-hour shifts. Operation was on HF as well as on D-STAR and *EchoLink*.

HF message traffic included shelter updates from coastal counties and periodic NHC weather updates via WX4NHC, which were passed along to the GEMA director. Coastal county-related traffic and weather updates also were handled via D-STAR. [WinLink](#) was used to pass periodic status updates from the Georgia State Defense Force, a volunteer component of the Georgia Department of Defense. The *EchoLink* Georgia Conference node provided updates on storm-related conditions. On October 6, ARES and Army MARS personnel were called on to provide technical assistance to, and an operator for, a FEMA [SHARES](#) station in Atlanta.

Among activities in South Carolina, ARES volunteers staffed evacuation shelters, with radio amateurs coming from outside the affected areas to help. "Overall, I believe the radio operators that were available for the event did an outstanding job and I am proud to know them," said South Carolina Section Emergency Coordinator Joe Markey, AJ4QM.

[According to FEMA](#) on October 13, mainstream river flooding threatened the Carolinas, and some dams were breached. Several hospitals remained closed.



The Hurricane Watch Net activated again for several hours on October 13 for Hurricane Nicole, after a hurricane warning went into effect for Bermuda. The NHC at one point called Hurricane Nicole an "extremely dangerous" Category 4 storm, with maximum sustained winds of 125 MPH. The VoIP Hurricane Net ([VoIPWX](#)) also activated to monitor online weather stations and storm bloggers from the Caribbean Hurricane Network ([stormCARIB](#)), as well as social media.

"While we do hope this is the last hurricane for this season, let us not forget we are still in Hurricane Season," the HWN's Graves said. The Atlantic Hurricane Season ends on November 1.

"Best 6 Years of My Life" -- Round-the-World Cyclist OZ1AA Back Home in Denmark

Round-the-world cyclist Thomas Andersen, OZ1AA/K9DXX, is back home in Denmark after a little more than 6 1/2 years of on-and-off cycling. On October 8, Andersen arrived at the spot where his Odyssey began -- the central square of Copenhagen. Begun in 2010, Andersen's "[Cycling the Globe](#)" adventure covered some 36,000 miles.

"Best wishes from Copenhagen where I'm resting my legs now," the 33-year-old telecommunications engineer said. "It was very special for me to cycle into the City Hall Square in Copenhagen -- the exact same place where I left by bike in October 2010. I was thinking about all the fascinating places I have seen and all the amazing people I have met in those 6 years -- the best 6 years of my life."

Andersen said that after his arrival, he went to the local radio club and, using special event call sign OZ1BIKE, made some 200 contacts with stations all over Europe and America, including some he had visited on his trip. "I...imagined their shacks and antennas as they called in," he said. "So many great memories."



A smiling Thomas Andersen, OZ1AA, rides victoriously into Copenhagen, Denmark, wrapping up his "Cycling the Globe" adventure.



Thomas Andersen, OZ1AA, on his way across Namibia.

Andersen said his bicycle adventure stemmed in part from a desire to attempt something that he was not entirely sure he could finish. But, he said, it was an opportunity to combine his favorite activities -- cycling and ham radio.

"For me, the chance to meet new people, to make new friends, and to see and learn about their way of life is the true highlight of the trip," Andersen told ARRL in 2015. "Ham radio certainly plays a big role in making that possible."

"Now it already feels strange not to be cycling anymore," Andersen said this week, "but the weather has turned cold and rainy here in Copenhagen, so I enjoy being indoors for now."

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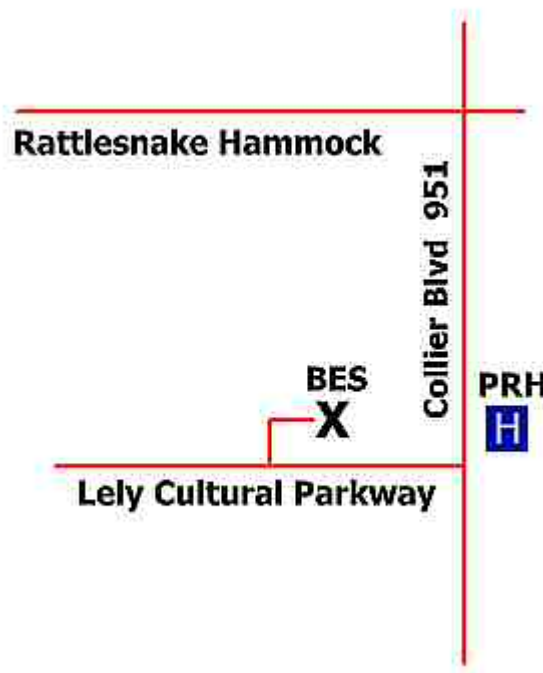
November Activity

Tour of the Collier County Bureau of Emergency Services Building

Date & Time: November 10, 2016 @ 10 a.m.

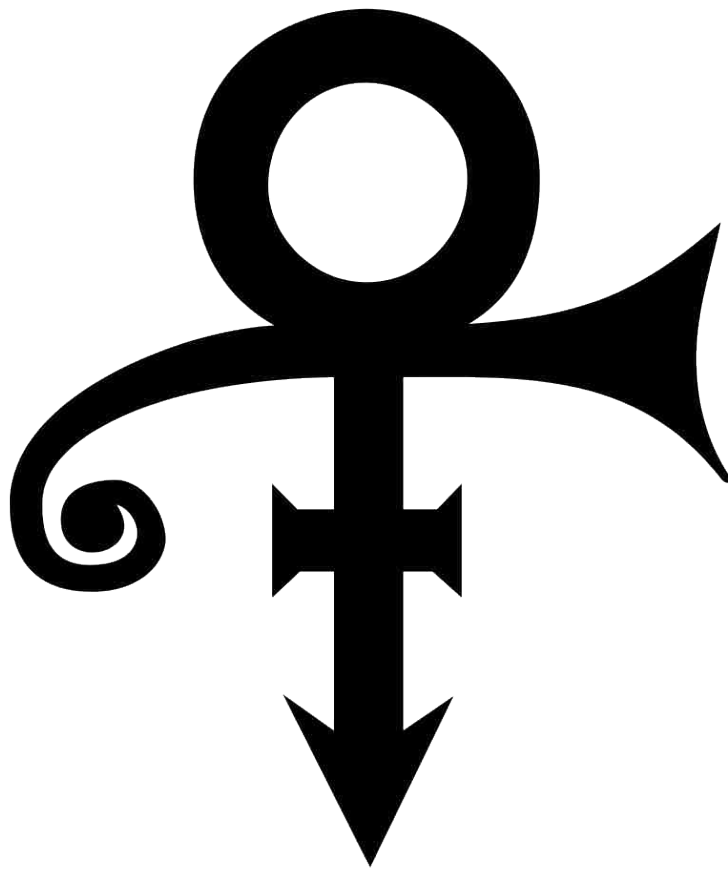
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8075 Lely Cultural Parkway
Naples, FL 34113

All Amateur Ham operators and friends are invited to attend the following November 10 tour. The tour starts at 10 a.m. Please arrive by 9:30 a.m. Lunch at Perkins Restaurant on US 41 after.



**Thursday November 10, 2016
Starting at 10:00 a.m.
Arrive by 9:30 a.m.**

N4LAK

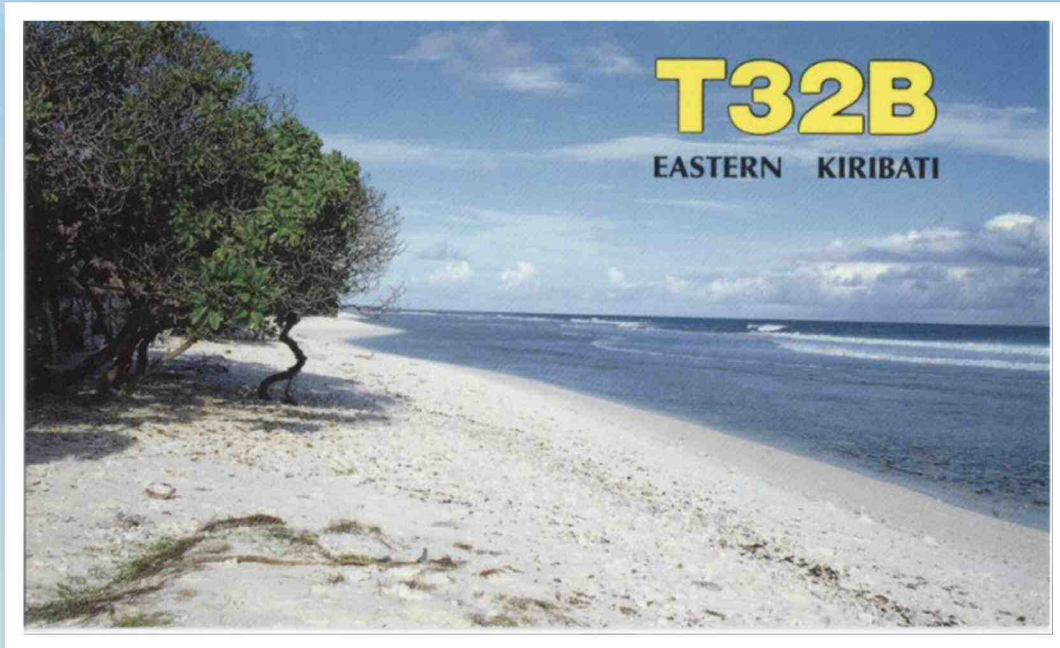


Formerly known as KC8JCB

Karl & Eli (N1DL & N1ELL)

send greetings from Eastern Kiribati (Fanning Island)...

not much going on here - no radio or antenna





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Aviation Day

Aviation Day 2016 will be held on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with free admission and parking. Aviation Day is an annual community event hosted by the Lee County Port Authority with the purpose of increasing awareness of our airports – Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) and Page Field (FMY). The event is held on the ramp on the north side of Page Field off North Airport Road, east of U.S. 41 and south of Colonial Blvd. Parking is available off North Airport Road and U.S. 41 with shuttle bus transportation to the event entrance.

There will be three featured aircraft at this year's event - a North American B-25J Mitchell, a Douglas C-47 Skytrain and a North American P-51 Mustang. The B-25J Mitchell "Killer B" is a twin-engine medium bomber that became standard equipment for the Allied Air Forces in World War II. The C-47 Skytrain "Tico Belle," a modified version of the DC-3, was a U.S. Army Air Force military transport aircraft that participated in the Normandy Invasion. The P-51 Mustang is a distinctively designed WWII fighter plane.



North American B-25J Mitchell "Killer B"



Douglas C-47 Skytrain "Tico Belle"



North American P-51 Mustang

Other attractions will include experimental, antique and general aviation aircraft exhibits; airplane and helicopter rides; children's activities including bounce houses, crowns and face painting; demonstrations by airport police and fire departments; aviation-themed shopping and exhibitors; refreshments and more.

Though parking and admission are free, we are asking those coming to the event to help our local community by bringing a non-perishable food item. All donations will benefit The Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida, whose mission is to overcome hunger in our communities through education and by working in a cooperative effort with affiliated agencies in the procurement and distribution of food, equitably and without discrimination.

We hope you can join us for Aviation Day 2016 on Oct. 29!

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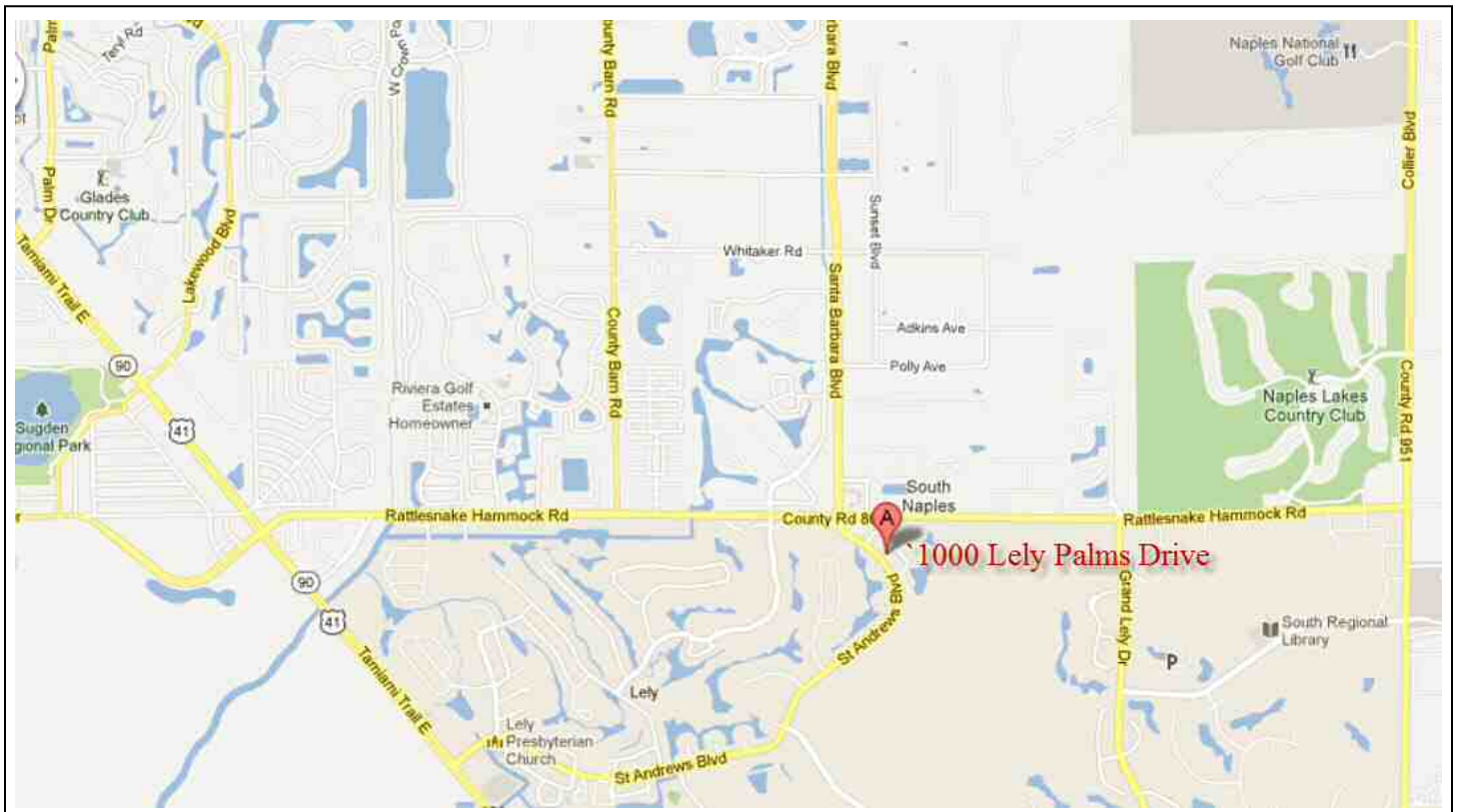


Royal Palm Chapter 152 meets every second Thursday of the month

at the Lely Palms Manor, Next Luncheon Meeting: November 10th at 12:15 pm

1000 Lely Palms Blvd.

Naples, FL 34114



**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**



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ARES® Registration Form

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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: October 25th @ 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)

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