



ARASWF

Newsletter



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

Nickels & Dimes

Occasionally we all need a kick in the pants, or reboot if you prefer, to get things on track and running again. For instance, we all take for granted our newer vehicles which start every time you turn the key, but that wasn't always the case as you may remember, especially if you were driving a secondhand or used-car in the '60s.

If it was cold outside, you first said a prayer and turned the key... I had a '73 Charger that required something of a little dance. Tap the accelerator pedal twice about three quarters of the way to the floor to set the choke, wait three seconds, cross your fingers, then turn the key and hope it would start!

The point is, we take for granted what works and avoid what doesn't work so well. Quite a few things are running smoothly here in paradise. However, a few things could use an old-fashioned kick in the pants.

Your first thought might be different, but I am thinking about net activity here in Naples. While most our repeaters are now working (the DMR system will be back online shortly). The airwaves remain quiet, with an occasional QSO and reflector traffic on the D-Star repeaters.

While many of us are retired, we still live busy lives not to mention all the family commitments and visits this time of year (when our temperatures are the warmest in the country). I get it!

However, we need a shot in the arm. Please look at your calendars and identify about some time slots that may work for you... we will discuss this more at the next meeting.

Member participation is key to our Club's health and well-being. Whether we are talking about Winter Field, Oil Well, or the Florida QSO Party... the success of these projects depends upon your participation. Your commitment matters!

Words alone will not do the job; the secret may be less obvious. Maybe some unseen force, much like the radio waves that unite us all together. Let's talk about this next Tuesday night at our meeting during the social break.

Speaking of excitement, Egon-KF4DX will be operating from one of the top scoring Caribbean stations, PJ2T, during the CQ Worldwide WPX Sideband Contest – March 24-25th.

Plan to reach out and make a contact with him during that weekend contest... see the Contest Calendar and Newsletter for details.

Also, Dr. Al has planned for us this month another great presentation... this one very appropriate, "How to protect your station from lightening". Don't miss this one, hope to see you all next Tuesday night at the Red Cross.

73,
Ken-W9KB
ARASWF Secretary

Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida

Executive Board Meeting held at Apollo Lighting Tuesday – May 16, 2017

Present:

Frank Halas, W4RBW – Vice President
Larry Kielasa, N4LAK – Treasurer
Ken Bills, W9KB – Secretary
Mark Harms, AC4ZM – Director
Craig Henning, NC2H – Director
Gary Lee, K8YMN – Director
Chris Taylor, KM4UJI – Director

Absent:

Uli Altvater, AG0X – President (St. Louis)

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm.

President's Report – Frank-W4RBW opened the meeting explaining that Uli was traveling and would be unavailable to attend the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Larry-N4LAK reported the Club checking balance was \$3473.04 not including the PayPal balance of \$646.82. Reported expenses included \$61.25 for Florida SunBiz filing and \$200 for club liability insurance.

Old Business:

Repeater Updates: Larry-N4LAK reported that the DMR antenna at Marbella has been re-installed. A winch will be installed to more controllably handle the raising and lowering of the heavy mast/antenna assembly.

Website Updates: Craig-NC2H reported that he installed a security update was made to deflect the numerous unauthorized attempts to access the website.

VE Testing: Mark-AC4ZM reported that five candidates tested last month, four passed.

Winter Field Day: Larry-N4LAK reported that not many members attended nor operated during the event.

Proposed Club By-Laws Update: Ken-W9KB reviewed the proposal to change the by-laws to reflect the following changes: Increase annual dues, revise the number of Director positions, and move the election meeting month from November to February. Last month the board discussed this proposal, however, there was not a quorum, so no vote was taken.

A pro-forma proposal was published in the January ALERT Newsletter and discussed at the January Membership Meeting.

The original proposition was to increase annual dues from \$25 (dues have been at this level forever) to \$35. After much discussion for and against this amount. The Board unanimously agreed that \$30 would be a better proposal to present to the members at the next meeting.

It was also proposed that the number of Directors should be limited. Again, after much discussion the Board unanimously agreed upon the following language "At least four, no more than six Directors (may serve on the Board)".

Finally, the moving the election month from November to February was agreed upon as written. The Board voted to present this to the membership on February 20th for their review and vote. The new proposal will be published in the February Newsletter and sent to members prior to the meeting.

New Business:

Consent Agenda: Larry-N4LAK request we table this item.

Cash Receipts: Larry-N4LAK stated that his new policy for cash payments requires the member to accept a receipt for payment, otherwise payment will be considered a donation. Record keeping is very difficult where members drop off money without receipts.

Committee Structure: Larry-N4LAK request we table this item.

Annual Dues Collection: Ken-W9KB reported that about half of the members have paid their 2018 dues (55 of 104 active 2017 members).

Walk-In Items: None

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, March 20th (7pm)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Bills-W9KB
Secretary

ARASWF Membership Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2018

- Vice President's Remarks – W4RBW
- The Pledge of Allegiance – All
- Introductions – All
 - Twenty-six members were in attendance and two guests: Carlos – NP2DL and Marianne Kielasa.
- Treasurer's Report – N4LAK
 - Larry reported the club treasury balance was \$3,768.10 including PayPal dues receipts of \$383.52. Expenses were \$61.25 for Florida SunBiz filing.
- Old Business
 - Repeater Updates – N4LAK
 - The DMR repeater antenna was installed at the Marbella site. The replacement repeater has been ordered and is expected within the next month. A new all-digital mode UHF repeater will eventually replace the D-Star VHF repeater (AB4NP) that was damaged by lightning.
 - Website Update – W9KB
 - Current club Newsletters have been uploaded.
 - VE Testing – AC4ZM
 - Mark reported five candidates tested this month and one passed his Technician exam, two passed their General, and one passed his Extra exam.
 - Naples Daily News Half Marathon – W9KB
 - Ken reported that Ed-K1UQE had four stations manned this year. The flu bug held two members back this year. No emergencies or problems were encountered this year. The runners enjoyed the cool weather conditions which made for some fast finishing times.

- Winter Field Day – N4LAK
 - Larry solicited membership help to setup antenna and stations for the upcoming event. The setup team will meet at Mel's Dinner Thursday, January 25th at 7am for breakfast. Setup will follow afterwards with remaining work to be completed on Friday, January 26th. The event runs from Saturday through Sunday.
- New Business
 - Proposed Club By-Law Change(s) – W9KB
 - A proposal to increase club dues, move the election month from November to February, and increase the number of members serving on the Board was discussed. Feedback from members was duly noted by the board which will discuss and vote upon the matter next month.
 - Walk-In's
 - Larry-N4LAK discussed a QCWA operating event at Lely Manor and invited members to stop by and operate.
 - 50/50 Raffle - \$52 paid to Ray-W1FF with \$51 paid to club treasury
- Social Break
 - Presentation – Dr. Al – KP4AQI "Skin Effect: Do you need to see a Dermatologist?"
 - Dr. Al provided an informative and entertaining presentation regarding the nature of alternating electrical energy and how it is conducted across the surface of a conductor, rather than through the conductor. The relationship of frequency versus skin depth was explored as well as different conductor material effects.
- Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Bills-W9KB

Contest Calendar

February 2018

+ CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	2200Z, Feb 23 to 2159Z, Feb 25
+ REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 24 to 1800Z, Feb 25
+ UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 24 to 1300Z, Feb 25
+ North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 24 to 0600Z, Feb 25
+ High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1700Z, Feb 25
+ SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Feb 28

March 2018

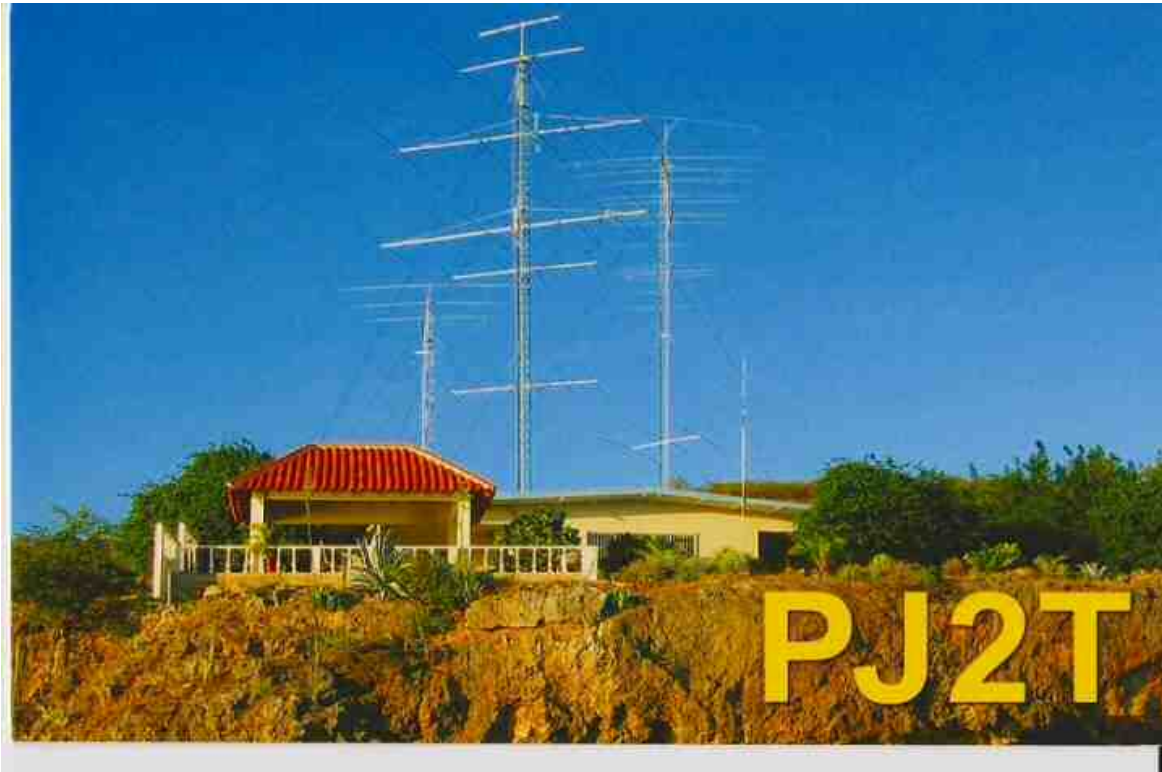
+ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 3 to 2400Z, Mar 4
+ Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0800Z, Mar 3
+ SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated Emerg Contest	1200Z-1400Z, Mar 4
+ AGCW YL-CW Party	1900Z-2100Z, Mar 6
+ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Mar 10 to 2359Z, Mar 11
+ AGCW QRP Contest	1400Z-2000Z, Mar 10
+ EA PSK63 Contest	1600Z, Mar 10 to 1600Z, Mar 11
+ Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 10 to 1900Z, Mar 11
+ North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 11
+ Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 11 to 0100Z, Mar 12
+ SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest	1600Z, Mar 16 to 1000Z, Mar 18
+ BARTG HF RTTY Contest	0200Z, Mar 17 to 0200Z, Mar 19
+ Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 17 to 1200Z, Mar 18
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Mar 19
+ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 24 to 2400Z, Mar 25
+ FOC QSO Party	0000Z-2359Z, Mar 24

Club Member Egon-KF4DX will be operating at PJ2T in Curacao during WW WPX SSB....



<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/5567223/pj2t-slide-show-pdf-maass>

Contesting Island Style



2013 PJ2T CQ WW SSB

<https://youtu.be/aDs-2jZ-FSw>

2009 PJ2T CQ WW SSB - Part 1

<https://youtu.be/ryuXPe7YMoM>

2009 PJ2T CQ WW SSB - Part 2

<https://youtu.be/M2OgZEw-pF0>

Good luck, Egon!

Z60A Operation Has Moved Kosovo Down the Most-Wanted List a Few Notches

What a difference a week makes! The ongoing Z60A special operation to celebrate the addition of Kosovo to the DXCC List and Kosovo's 10th anniversary of independence appears to have put a big dent in demand for the new entity, which briefly stood at the top of the heap. According to Club Log's [DXCC Most-Wanted](#) List as of February 14, the Republic of Kosovo now is in the #8 position after rocketing into the #1 slot when it became a DXCC entity on January 21. The #2 and #3 slots are held by Bouvet Island and Crozet Island, respectively, while North Korea is back at #1.



Z60A operators Henri Olander, OH3JR, and Jaakko Silanto, OH1MA, built the second operating site. [Photo courtesy of Martti Laine, OH2BH]

With two stations on the air, Z60A operations are expected to continue through February 19 and will include participation in the [ARRL International DX Contest](#) (CW) over the February 17 - 18 weekend. Z60A continues to attract huge pileups. (Z60A may be operating split; listen to the operators' instructions.)

"The departing German/Slovenian team of DJ5IW, DM5TI, DD2ML, and S57AW did a fantastic job while introducing the data modes, RTTY and FT8," said Martti Laine, OH2BH, a longtime supporter of Amateur Radio in Kosovo. "They made up to 10,000 digital QSOs, with the Z60A total now reaching 70,000." The Z60A location at the headquarters of Kosovo's IARU Member Society [SHRAK](#) was in SSB mode, helmed by local

Z6 operators; the call sign also was active during the CQ World-Wide WPX RTTY event this past weekend.

Local manmade noise continues to hamper Z60A operation. "Many are wondering why it isn't possible to eliminate the noise by setting up camp in a quiet open field," Laine said. "The underlying fact is that Pristina is more than 650 meters above sea level, and this winter has been particularly cold, with -13 °C temperatures experienced during the activation period."

Considering that Kosovo will remain on the DXCC horizon and that this is the very first activation, Laine added, "Not all noise and other challenges are expected to be resolved." A remote location may be operational within the week, however. Testing



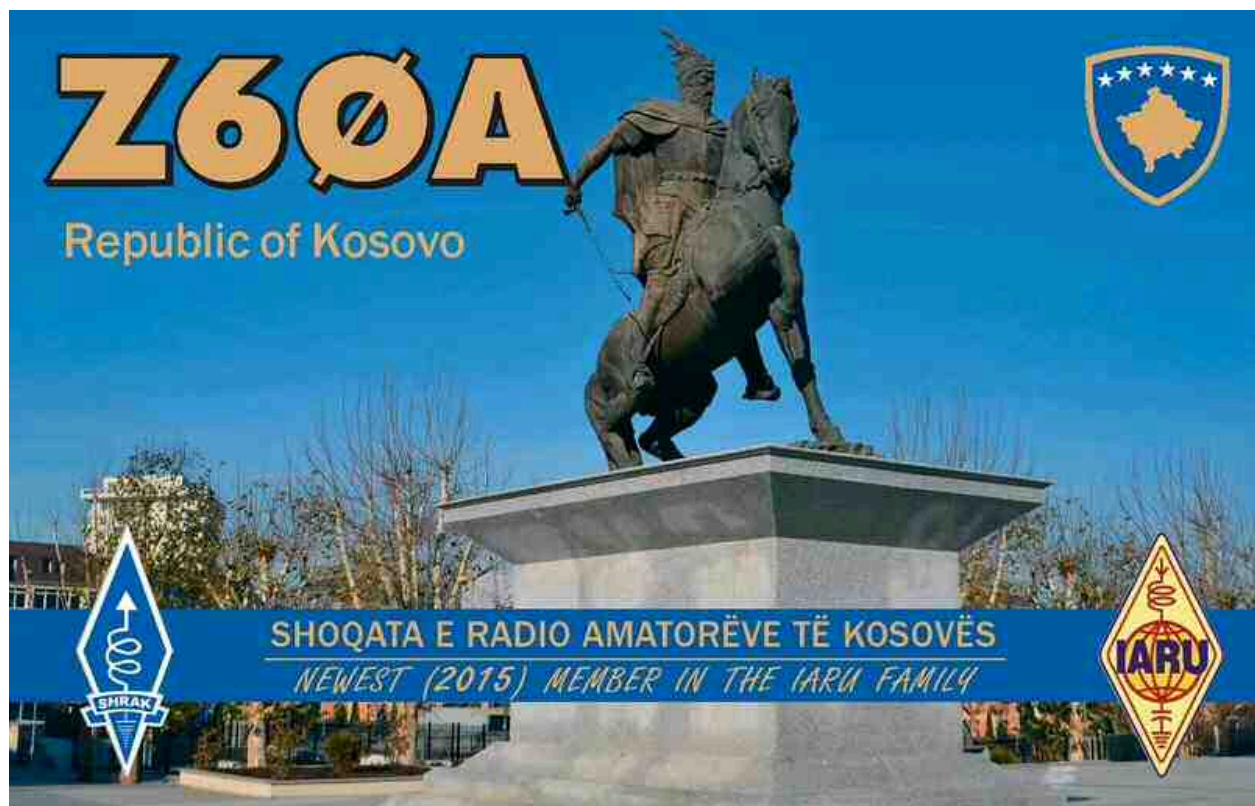
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Kosovo Amateur Radio Association
Asocijacija Radioamatera Kosova

Z60A

indicated "dramatically better" reception than in Pristina.

Laine said the celebratory Z60A operation has served to bring in operators from as many other countries as possible, helping hams in Kosovo to "expand their network of friends."

Hans Blondeel Timmerman, PB2T, pointed out in the recent edition of the European DX Foundation ([EUDXF](#)) newsletter that Amateur Radio had been nearly nonexistent for more than 25 years and all radio equipment was confiscated. This has created a current need for affordable used gear. "Please consider [donating] one of your spare radios that is only catching dust in your garage," he said. Those wishing to donate to support Amateur Radio in Kosovo should [contact](#) Wayne Mills, N7NG. -- *Thanks to Martti Laine, OH2BH*



3Y0I Bouvet Island DXpedition Revived

Peripatetic Polish DXpeditioner Dom Grzyb, 3Z9DX, and four other operators announced over the weekend that their postponed plans to mount the [3Y0I DXpedition](#) to Bouvet Island are back on. This comes as the [3Y0Z DXpedition](#) team members, who were unsuccessful earlier this month in landing on the remote South Atlantic island, are currently en route to South Africa on their way back home. According to the latest ClubLog [DXCC Most-Wanted](#) List, Bouvet is the second most-wanted DXCC entity, behind North Korea.



"Our trip, planned originally at the end of 2017, was canceled at the request of the organizers of the 3Y0Z expedition," an announcement said. "Due to the cancellation by the [3Y0Z] organizers, we are now returning to the implementation of our project and preparations for our trip as a matter of urgency."



DX-World has reported that the 3Y0I license has been renewed and a landing permit -- good for 1 year -- issued by the Norwegian Polar Institute. While no specific dates for the DXpedition have been announced, the 3Y0I team said its plans call for operating during the subantarctic summer, which suggests they could be on the air late this year.

The 3Y0I team said it has chartered a seagoing yacht adapted for extreme weather conditions to make the 12-day, 2,800-nautical mile trip from South Africa to Bouvet Island. The team anticipates operating for about 2 weeks. The participants have financed the trip out of their own pockets.

In addition to 3Z9DX, the 3Y0I operators will include Stanislaw, SQ8X; Leszek, SP3DOI; Branko, YU4DX, and Frans, J69DX.





Please Welcome our recently minted members:

- David Bruno, KN4JHO – Technician
- Jim Licquia, KD9HYX– Extra
- Jim Wilson, KN4IEY – General
- Ramon Renick, KG5YBL – General

**YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
MATTERS**

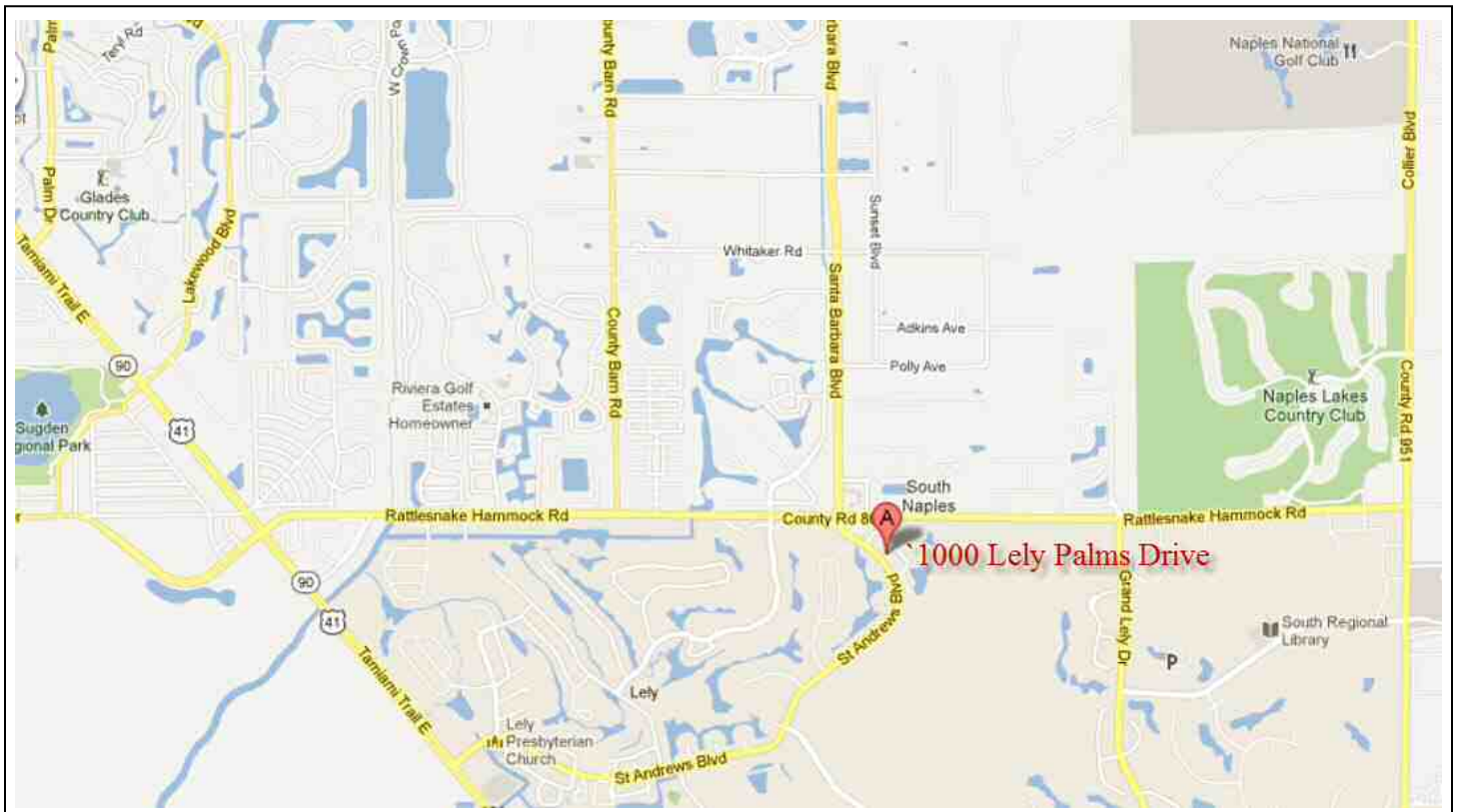


Royal Palm Chapter 152 meets every second Thursday of the month

at the Lely Palms Manor, Next Luncheon Meeting: March 8th at 12:15 pm

1000 Lely Palms Blvd.

Naples, FL 34114



For Sale

ICOM IC-737 Transceiver - \$200



MFJ-1026 Deluxe Noise Canceling Signal Enhancer - \$100



Call Walt Horvay – (239) 300-7464

Revised By-Law Proposal

Last month proposed By-Law changes were shown in *red italic text*

Most of these changes still stand,

However, the Board ***reviewed your feedback and made the following revisions***

Board revised changes are shown are depicted in ***dark red bold italic***

Please review the following document which we plan to review and vote upon at next Tuesday.

BYLAWS OF THE AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC.

Adopted 28 February 2006

Revised 23 January 2007

Revised 25 August 2009m

Revised 26 March 2013

Revised 27 February 2018

PREAMBLE

The AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA, INC. (HEREINAFTER CALLED THE ARASWF) is a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida (Chapter 617), to further Amateur Radio in the public interest through cooperation, operating efficiency, information exchange, programs, and activities including, but not limited to, the following objectives:

- To promote cooperation with other organizations and agencies, and to promote the advancement of public service and safety through amateur radio communications;
- To promote participation of its members in emergency communications so that the safety of the public may better be served;
- To assist its members and all other radio amateurs with an ongoing education program to improve their technical proficiency as amateur radio operators;
- To operate a public service net and to promote participation in the net by radio amateurs thus training them in communications techniques;
- To own, operate and maintain communication repeaters to extend the range of mobile and/or other types of communications by club members;
- To promote, from time to time, contests in which operating skills may be improved, issue certificates of merit, promote social programs, and sponsor activities for and on behalf of its membership;
- To publish monthly a publication to be known as the "ARASWF Newsletter", which shall be made available to its members and others qualified to receive it. This newsletter shall be considered the official publication of the ARASWF, and members may elect to receive it by electronic mail, pursuant to such rules as may be adopted by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: There shall be four classes of membership, namely active, family, honorary and life.

Section 2: Active membership is open to anyone holding a valid amateur radio license and who has made application and paid any and all fees and dues in accordance with these bylaws. Active members in good standing shall be granted all the rights, privileges and obligations of membership, including the right to vote and hold office.

Section 3: Family membership shall be open to anyone holding a valid amateur radio license, which by reason of being related to an active member in good standing and who is an immediate member of the active member's household residing at the same address, has made application according to the bylaws. A family member shall be granted all the rights, privileges and obligations of membership, including the right to vote and hold office, but shall not be required to pay dues.

Section 4: Honorary membership may be granted on an individual basis to persons in the community who have a bona fide interest in ARASWF activities. Such membership shall be proposed by the Executive Board and confirmed by a majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting. Persons proposed for honorary membership need not be licensed radio amateurs, need not be members, nor shall they be required to pay dues or fees as may be prescribed in these bylaws. Honorary members shall be extended the rights and privileges of active membership, but shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.

Section 5: Life membership may be granted to an individual active member who has provided outstanding service and dedication to the ARASWF. An individual may be proposed for life membership by any active or family member of the ARASWF who is eligible to vote, who presents the proposal to the Executive Board for consideration. The award of life membership must be approved by a majority vote of the directors present at a duly held Executive Board meeting, and a subsequent majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting. A life member shall be granted all the rights, privileges and obligations of membership, including the right to vote and hold office, but shall be shall not be required to pay dues.

Section 6: ARASWF membership is a privilege and is subject to continuing compliance with FCC rules [47 C.F.R. §97] and IARU Ethical and Operating Guidelines. Members must comply with these conditions to remain in good standing with ARASWF. Expulsion from membership may be affected in cases of qualification falsification, repeated violations of ARASWF repeater or access code privileges, intentional use of illegal amateur radio procedures, or repeated violations of amateur radio rules of operation. A member may also be expelled in cases of a member's misconduct that without reasonable justification reflects negatively upon the ARASWF or any other member(s), and/or the member has been unreasonably disruptive, unreasonably argumentative, rude and/or insulting at more than one ARASWF meeting and/or more than one other ARASWF activity. The expulsion process is specified in Article 10, Section 3.

ARTICLE 2 - DUES

Section 1: Annual membership dues *shall be \$30.00 US (thirty dollars)* per year for ARASWF active members, payable on or before the regular membership business meeting in January of each year.

Section 2: If any dues are not received by April 1st in any year, the member shall be removed from the membership rolls, and ARASWF membership shall cease immediately. The Secretary shall, provide a dues notice to each member, and provide an opportunity to remediate any delinquency before April 1st. The office of any Executive Board member whose membership dues have lapsed beyond April 1st shall be considered vacated.

Section 3: The annual membership dues of any member in financial hardship or extenuating circumstances may be waived in whole or in part by the Executive Board. This waiver shall expire at the end of the membership year, and may be granted in the same fashion for additional years on a year by year basis.

Section 4: The fiscal year for the ARASWF is the calendar year. Any new member who joins the ARASWF after July 1st will be required to pay *\$15 (twenty dollars)* dues for the *remaining* fiscal year. "New member" is defined as someone who was not previously a member of the ARASWF.

Section 5: Past, non-current members may be reinstated to active membership by paying the current full year's dues. No member who has been expelled shall be entitled to reinstatement in this manner.

Section 6: Any change in annual membership dues must be approved by a majority vote of officers and directors present at a duly held Executive Board meeting and a subsequent majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting.

ARTICLE 3 – EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1: The affairs of the ARASWF shall be administered by an Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Immediate Past President
- *At least four* or no *more than six* Directors

The positions of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into a single office.

Section 2: All members of the Executive Board must be natural persons who are 18 years of age or older, and who are active or family members in good standing, and who shall have been members of the ARASWF for at least one-year preceding election or appointment to the Executive Board. Members of the Executive Board need not be residents of the State of Florida. There shall be no minimum age limit established.

Section 3: The number of members of the Executive Board may be increased or decreased by a majority vote of members present and eligible to vote at a duly held ARASWF membership business meeting.

Section 4: Members of the Executive Board shall have a term of office from *March 1st* to *February 28th* of the *following* calendar year.

Section 5: If the complement *slate* of four officers and *at least* four directors (*no more than six*) is not voted into office at the *February* meeting, and there exists a vacancy or vacancies on the Executive Board during the normal term of office, the Executive Board may fill the vacancy or vacancies by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Board present at a regular or special Executive Board meeting.

Section 6: An officer or director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the Executive Board or to the President. A resignation is effective when notice is delivered unless the notice specifies a later date. If a resignation is made effective at a later date, the Executive Board may fill the pending vacancy before the effective date if the Executive Board provides that the successor does not take office until the effective date.

Section 7: Each member of the Executive Board shall be entitled to one vote at Executive Board meetings.

Section 8: If deemed necessary by the President or any other two officers or directors acting in the absence of the President, a Executive Board meeting may be conducted by radio on any amateur radio frequency or other mode of electronic communication or via the U.S.mail.

Section 9: The Executive Board shall be responsible for:

- Assuring liability and equipment insurance coverage (if available)
- Maintaining ARRL affiliation
- Acting as officers of the ARASWF
- Designating an appropriately licensed member as Club Licensee
- Providing, planning and policy recommendations to the membership for approval and/or implementation

ARTICLE 4 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1: Each year at the *October* regular monthly membership business meeting, the President will *appoint* a nominating committee chairman, who shall *solicit* nominations *for* qualified candidates for *the club office(s)* of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and

at least four Directors. *The nominating committee chairman shall submit a qualified slate of officers and directors at the January regular membership business meeting for member(s) consideration with the election to be held the following month.*

Section 2: *Additional* nominations *may* be taken from the membership at the *regular January* membership business meeting.

Section 3: Immediately following nominations from the floor, the President will declare nominations closed. *Elections will be held the following month at the regular February membership business meeting, a* majority vote of eligible members present and eligible to vote shall determine the election of officers from the slate of nominations.

Section 4: The installation of new officers will take place at the *March* membership meeting.

ARTICLE 5 – DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1: It shall be the duty of the President to call and preside at Executive Board meetings, to preside at regular and special meetings of the ARASWF, and provide ARASWF guidance and leadership including, but not limited to, the establishment of committees for special interests as deemed advisable. These activities may include, but shall not be limited to:

- ARASWF Newsletter
- Emergency Preparedness
- Technical Programs
- Education
- Public Relations
- Interference
- Field Day
- QCWA
- Ad Hoc Committees
- DXpeditions

The President shall also perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of President.

Section 2: It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside at all meetings in the absence of the President, to assist the President in the performance of his duties, to be the program chairperson at the regular monthly membership business meetings, and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Vice President.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep all ARASWF records, to initiate notices of all ARASWF meetings, to report to the membership of the ARASWF all decisions and actions of the Executive Board as recorded in the minutes of such meetings, to record the minutes of regular and special membership meetings, to handle all correspondence pertaining to ARASWF matters, to retain copies of correspondence, and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Secretary. Upon retirement from office, the Secretary shall transfer to

the successor, or the President, all minutes, ARASWF records, supplies, and other ARASWF property in his/her possession.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to maintain accounts of record and report monthly to the Executive Board any income, expenditures, and bank balances and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of Treasurer. Upon retirement from office, the Treasurer shall transfer to the successor or the President all funds, account books, all financial records and other ARASWF property in his/her possession.

Section 5: It shall be the duty of the Directors, in conjunction with the officers, to determine the club policies and to pass upon all issues concerning the welfare of the ARASW, to implement motions passed by the general membership, and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office of director, including, but not limited to, serving as committee chairpersons when requested to do so by the President. Also, it shall be the duty of the Directors, in conjunction with the officers, to protect the assets of the ARASWF, to maintain inventories of all equipment, to make available to all qualified members short-term use of ARASWF test equipment, to examine and accept equipment donated to the ARASWF, and to assure that the installation and operation of ARASWF equipment is in compliance with the rules and regulations of the FCC.

Section 6: It shall be the duty of the Immediate Past President to provide continuity and guidance to the Executive Board as a member of such board, and to preside at regular monthly membership meetings of the ARASWF in the absence of both the President and Vice President.

ARTICLE 6 - FINANCES

Section 1: The Treasurer shall deposit all funds of the ARASWF in a manner to be approved by the Executive Board.

Section 2: Only the Treasurer, President, Vice President, and Secretary shall be authorized to sign checks in payment of debts of the ARASWF.

Section 3: Any expenditure that is greater than \$500.00 in total, or greater than \$500 in aggregate payments over a one-year period, must first be approved by a majority of the Executive Board and subsequently approved by a majority of members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting of the ARASWF.

Section 4: Any expenditure that is \$250.00 or greater but less than \$500.00 must have the approval of a majority of members of the Executive Board.

Section 5: Any expenditure that is \$500.00 or greater must first be approved by a majority of the Executive Board and subsequently approved by a majority of members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting of the ARASWF.

ARTICLE 7 - MEETINGS

Section 1: The regularly monthly membership business meeting of the ARASWF shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month unless otherwise scheduled by the Executive Board for a legitimate reason.

Section 2: The annual meeting of the ARASWF shall be held in the month of December of each year at a location, date and time designated by the Executive Board. The December meeting will be a social gathering for the purpose of installing new officers and will include brief annual reports from the officers and awards for outstanding member service to the ARASWF. The December meeting will be held no later than the end of the second week of December pending the arrangements of the committee appointed by the President to plan the meeting.

Section 3: Notice of all regular, special and board meetings may be made by oral or written notice to the membership. Such notice may be communicated in person, by telephone, telegraph, e-mail, radio, teletype, mail, or any form of electronic communication or transmission. Posting notice of such meetings in the ARASWF Newsletter that is distributed to the membership by e-mail shall satisfy the notification requirements of this section.

Section 4: The regular monthly business meetings of the ARASWF shall be primarily technical or informative and cover ARASWF business requiring membership attention and/or approval, except that the annual meeting held in December shall be primarily social.

Section 5: A quorum of nine (9) members, two (2) of whom must be members of the Executive Board, shall be required to hold and conduct a regular membership business meeting. A quorum, once established, shall not be broken by withdrawal of members from the meeting.

Section 6: The President shall have the authority to cancel or postpone a regularly scheduled meeting in case of emergency, holiday, or unavailability of meeting place.

Section 7: Special meetings of the ARASWF may be called by the Executive Board to discuss and transact specific and/or imperative business where a decision from the membership is required.

Section 8: ARASWF Executive Board' meetings will be called by the President as necessary, announced in the ARASWF Newsletter or on the ARASWF repeater. All Executive Board meetings are open to all voting members.

Section 9: A quorum at meetings of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of the membership of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 8 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1: The following shall be the regular order of business at all regular or special meetings of the ARASWF:

- A. Meeting called to order.
- B. Introduction of members, guests, visitors, and new members.
- C. Reading and approval of the minutes of the preceding meeting.
- D. Officers' reports.
- E. Committee reports.
- F. Old business.
- G. New business.
- H. General welfare.
- I. Special feature.
- J. Adjournment

Section 2: Unless specifically provided for elsewhere in the bylaws "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern all parliamentary procedures for the ARASWF at regular, special, committee and board meetings.

ARTICLE 9 – AMENDMENT OR REPEAL OF BYLAWS

Section 1: Any proposal to amend or repeal these bylaws must be submitted to the Executive Board. If the proposed amendment has the approval of a majority of the Executive Board, the Board will instruct the Secretary to notify the membership of the proposed amendment at least ten days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to take place. Such notice may be communicated in person, by telephone, telegraph, e-mail, radio, teletype, mail, or any form of electronic communication or transmission. Posting notice of such proposed amendment in the ARASWF Newsletter that is distributed to the membership by e-mail shall satisfy the notification requirements of this section.

Section 2: These bylaws may be amended or repealed by a majority of members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting.

Section 3: No amendment or repeal of these bylaws can be made which is not in harmony with the laws of the State of Florida governing the formation and chartering of a not-for-profit corporation.

ARTICLE 10 - MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1: In the event of the dissolution or liquidation of the ARASWF, all property or assets owned by the ARASWF shall be liquidated by the Executive Board and all funds donated to a charity to be determined by a majority vote of the members present and eligible to vote at a duly held membership business meeting.

Section 2: Confidential ARASWF repeater programming codes shall be made available only to Executive Board members and those persons authorized by the Executive Board to perform work on the ARASWF repeater(s).

Section 3: The process and procedures for affecting expulsion of a member are specified below in Sections 3.1 through 3.7.

Section 3.1: A member under consideration for expulsion is referred to as "THE member" and "members" includes all ARASWF members including officers and directors. Except as noted below in 3.5 regarding delivery from the Secretary to THE member, delivery by e-mail shall be sufficient. "Secretary" refers to the ARASWF Secretary. "the Meeting" refers to each respective membership business meeting at which a member expulsion hearing is on the agenda. "... that process ..." refers to the applicable, actual member exclusion process.

Section 3.2: These Bylaws neither prohibit nor require that any member be personally warned regarding his or her possibility of expulsion from membership.

Section 3.3: The membership expulsion process shall be initiated by a written complaint by a member and shall be based upon asserted proof of: (1) THE member's falsified qualification(s), (2) two or more violations by THE member of the same or different ARASWF repeater operating protocol(s), (3) two or more violations by THE member of the same or different IARU Ethical and Operating Guidelines, (3) THE member's misconduct that without reasonable justification reflects negatively upon the ARASWF and/or any other member(s), and/or (4) THE member has been unreasonably disruptive or unreasonable argumentative, rude and/or insulting at more than one ARASWF meeting and/or more than one other ARASWF activity. The expulsion process shall cease immediately if and when THE member resigns. THE member may resign by written notice of his or her resignation delivered to the Secretary anytime before the ARASWF members vote on a motion to exclude THE member at a member exclusion hearing.

Section 3.4: To the greatest extent allowed by applicable law, that expulsion process, including unnecessary disclosure of information derived from that process, shall always (including after conclusion of that process) be kept as private and as confidential as possible, and that process shall cease immediately if and when THE member resigns prior to being expelled. If THE member resigns prior to being expelled, and commencing at the effective date of THE member's resignation, unnecessary dissemination by members of then generally undisclosed information regarding that process is prohibited, which confidential information may include the existence of that process and/or the name of THE member. In any event, the

existence of that process shall not be unnecessarily disclosed by any member prior to placement of notice of the expulsion hearing on the ARASWF agenda for the Meeting, and no member shall unnecessarily disclose THE member's name until after THE member's expulsion hearing commences. No member (except THE member) shall make any inquiry to any other member or have any other communications with any other member with regard to any unnecessary disclosure of information regarding that process. These restrictions shall not apply to the ARASWF Executive Board members to the extent necessitated by the respective Executive Board member's participation in that process.

Section 3.5: The asserted infractions, violations, and/or misconduct by THE member shall be brought by the complaining member (privately and confidentially) in writing to the Secretary, who shall promptly deliver that complaint to the other Executive Board members. Upon the Executive Board's private and confidential deliberation of that complaint, a Executive Board majority affirmative vote may move the process forward as an agenda item at the Meeting, in which event the Secretary shall promptly get written notice to THE member, either by hand delivery by sealed envelope to THE member, or by first class mail, return receipt requested, addressed to THE member's address on record with the ARASWF. Such notice shall be delivered to THE member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the Meeting. An envelope shall be addressed to THE member and be noted on the front as being "PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL." The written notice shall: (1) include a copy of the ARASWF Bylaws; (2) list all of the violations asserted in the complaint; (3) specify the date, place and starting time of the Meeting; and (4) give notice that THE member may respond (including defenses) in writing to the Secretary, and that THE member's response must be received by the Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled date of the Meeting. As soon as possible after receipt of THE member's response, if any, the Secretary shall deliver THE member's response to the other Executive Board Members.

Section 3.6: To the extent reasonably possible, and at least five (5) days prior to the Meeting, the Secretary shall inform the ARASWF general membership only that a "member exclusion meeting" is scheduled to be conducted at and during the Meeting. Such notice can be by the Secretary's e-mail and/or by any delivery of the Meeting's agenda that lists the agenda item, such as only: "Member Expulsion Hearing." Neither the name of THE member nor any of the allegations shall be included in any such notice.

Section 3.7: Discussion at the member expulsion hearing shall be limited to matters directly relevant to that expulsion, such as the complaint's allegations and THE member's defenses, etc. Only members present at the member expulsion hearing can vote on a motion to expel. A majority vote in favor of expulsion shall result in expulsion of THE member, and if expelled THE member shall forfeit ARASWF dues previously paid. At the Executive Board's discretion, votes on the motion to expel can be by secret written ballot. The chair of the member expulsion hearing can be the ARASWF President or any other Executive Board member as decided by vote of the Executive Board members present at that hearing.

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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 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**

Club Information

Next Meeting Time: February 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)
- ARASWF D-Star – AB4NP 145.270 MHz (-600kHz)
- ARASWF EmComm – K4YHB 147.030 MHz (+600 kHz)
- ARASWF DMR – AB4NP 444.9875 MHz (+5 MHz)

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