



ARASWF

News Letter



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**Big thanks to all who have Paid their dues !
If you have not paid your 2024 dues, please due so soon.
The club need your support.**

Link to balloon site <http://sites.google.com/view/blueskyadventures>

The 146.670 repeater has Echo link reinstalled.

Club Nets are held on the 146.670 -136.5 or the 147.030 +136.5 repeaters.

ARESCC Net is Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

ARASWF Information Net is Tuesday at 7:30 pm. *please volunteer*

And are in need of Net Control operators,

Sunday's Backwoods Net on 444.875 Mhz +67.0 at 7:30pm

Allstar node 41860. See <http://stats.allstarlink.org/nodeinfo.cgi?node=41860>

Net coordinator:

Foster Kawaler K4FEK

efraim1@juno.com

**Amateur License Exams
Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 5:30 pm
Doors open at 5 pm
appointment required
text, phone, or email
for information and location
Mark Harms
239 331-9616
AC4ZM@ARASWF.ORG**



**Meetings are held at Mel's
12035 Collier Blvd., Naples, FL.
The Last Thursdays of
any month at 2:30 pm**

**NEXT MEETING will be held April 3, 2024 at 6:00 pm, location is
Veterans Park off Immokalee Road in the small building by the dog park**

**New member alert
from passing an Amateur license exam**

Lynn Johnson	KO4QHN	Ext	Joseph Piomelli Jr.	KQ4PVI	Tec
Damien Neff	KQ4PVU	Gen	Charles Marshall	KQ4NZE	Ext
Milfred Howard	KQ4PWL	Tec	Robyn Street	KQ4OZK	Gen

**Thank you from the President
AC4ZM Mark**

CLUB OFFICERS

President	AC4ZM	Mark	VP	Open	
Secretary	Open		Finance	KBOJL	Rob
Director	NH6GR	Sharron	Director	N9HUY	Don
Director	W1FF	Ray	Director	K1NEW	Tom
Director	K4FEK	Foster	Director	KO4GGA	Robert
VE Testing	AC4ZM	Mark	Web Master	NC2H	Craig

ANDERSON POWERPOLE® CONNECTORS

In the meeting Rob Timm KBOJL will discuss the care and feeding of Anderson Power Poles

The **Anderson Powerpole®** housings conform to the ARES and RACES standard and are designated 15, 30, and 45 amps. The rating of the connectors is by the wire gauge that the connector pins accept, and not the rating of the pins themselves.

A 15, 30 or 45 amp **Powerpole®** connector pin will actually withstand well over 100 amps without damage and close to 200 amps before actually causing permanent damage. The voltage drop of a **Powerpole®** 30 amp connector is approximately .016 volts at 37 amps.

The most commonly used **Powerpole®** is the 30 amp. Even though a 30 amp connector is rated for 12-14 gauge wire they will accept 10 gauge wire. Smaller wire may be used by doubling over the wire.

You can easily install **Powerpole®** Connectors on your cables by soldering or by using certain inexpensive crimping tools available in the electrical tool area of a hardware supplier.



Florida QSO Party Sponsored by the Florida Contest Group

The Florida QSO Party call out exchange
*** W4SFL 59 COLLIER *** (CLR)

The club will be operating Saturday,
April 27 from 12:00 Noon to 6:00 pm,
This is a great opportunity to get some mic time.

Place:
Apollo Metro Solutions
2975 Horseshoe Drive
Unit #500
Naples, Florida 34104

Regardless if you are a serious or casual participant,
... from Florida, or from outside of Florida ...,
the Florida QSO Party was designed to be a FUN
operating event. Why not give it a try?



A fox hunt in Veterans Park is not easy with yagis and over lapping lobes.
Rob Timm is working on a tape measure yagi antenna workshop. Soon to be announced.
Florida QSO Party is the last weekend in April.
ARRL Summer Field Day is the fourth full weekend in June.