



# ARASWF

## News Letter



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The May 7<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting will be held at  
Veterans Park; 1895 Veterans Park Drive, Naples, FL.  
off Immokalee Road in the small building by the dog park. Time is 6:00 pm

Link to balloon site <http://sites.google.com/view/blueoceanadventures> updated site, new location.

The 146.670 repeater has Echo link reinstalled.

New repeater 145.300 -136.5

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

ARESCC Nets will be when called for.

ARASWF Information Net is Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

please volunteer

*Net coordinator:*

And are in need of Net Control operators,

*Foster Kawaler K4FEK*

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

[efraim1@juno.com](mailto:efraim1@juno.com)

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

**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**

Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida, Inc.

P.O.Box 11164, Naples, FL. 34108  
<https://www.araswf.org>



Join in on the club's fun activities  
and radio practices.



Meetings now held at  
Naples Aviation  
200 Aviation Dr. North  
Naples, FL. 34104

**If you haven't done so already, please renew your membership dues for 2025.**

**The ARASWF Radio Club needs your support.**

**Please pay your club dues. Pay multiple years if liked (3)**

**<https://www.araswf.org/join-renew-araswf/>**

### CLUB OFFICERS

### New member alert from passing an Amateur License Test

President	AC4ZM	Mark	Director	K4FEK	Foster	Thomas Arnold	KR4CFH	General
VP	Open		Director	K1NEW	Tom			
Finance	KBOJL	Rob	Director	WA2FHX	Dennis			
Secretary	KN4YIR	Liz	Director	N4YE	John			
VE Testing	AC4ZM	Mark	Web Master	NC2H	Craig			

Your club needs you

The club needs the Vice President position filled  
Welcome John Beattie N4YE as a new Director

We have tested 9 people for 2025

**NEW 145.300 -136.5 K1NEW Repeater on the  
"BES Building" Give it a try - often.**

Thank you from the President  
AC4ZM Mark

# AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF SWFL

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** TUESDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2025

**TIME:** 12.00noon

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** - Mark Harms

**IN ATTENDANCE** - Mark Harms, Rob Timm, Tom Dussault, Dennis Buonocore, John Beattie, Liz Appling

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - The Minutes were approved from the March 2025 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **New Director** – John Beattie was voted in as a new Director at April Club Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION TOPICS / FUTURE EVENTS**

- **Next Club meeting – Wednesday, 7th May 2025** – Veterans Community Park 6-8pm. Sandwiches, water & coffee will be provided. CJ Billings presentation on Meshtastic; ARES update/Tom; Rob/Finance & Membership report; FL QSO Party report; Raffle etc. Coming soon: John Beattie presentation on building loading coils for antennas.
- **ARASWF Cards** – Rob and John coordinating production of Club cards.
- **Weekly Club Net** – Tuesdays 7.30 pm on 146.670 repeater. Dennis Buonocore reported 4 check-ins. Club members are encouraged to just check in even if they can't stay as good to keep their skills up.
- **Club Repeaters** – Discussion regarding current locations in North Naples. Meeting scheduled 24<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30 pm at Apollo with Board members, Uli Altvater and Tim Wallen.
- **Florida QSO Party – April 26/27 weekend.** Saturday 12.00-5.00pm, Sunday 11.00-4.00pm at the Pavilion, Veterans Community Park. Set up assistance appreciated 1 hr before start time. Two radios will be in operation at 40 Meters. Refreshments provided. Members are encouraged to participate.
- **Fox Hunt – Saturday, May 24th 10:00 am transmission.** Hunt Zone: Pine Ridge Rd, Santa Barbara Rd, Davis Blvd, Goodlette Frank Rd or US41. Signal emitted frequently on 146.400 from 10 am to 12 noon. Fox Hunt followed by 12 noon Lunch at "Bahama Breeze" – NW exterior corner of the Coastland Mall.
- **Summer Field Day (ARRL) – Saturday, June 28th 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm.** At Uli's - Apollo Metro Solutions, 2975 Horseshoe Dr S, #500, Naples, FL 34104. Details to follow.
- **Summer Meetings – June/July/August** – 6-8pm at Perkins, 3585 Pine Ridge Rd, Naples FL 34109 – (Rob to book room).

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1.15pm**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING – 12:00noon Tuesday 20th May, 2025 at Perkins on Pine Ridge Rd.**

AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF SWFL	
SIGN IN SHEET	DATE: 2nd April 2025
NAME	CALL SIGN
1 Liz Appling	KN4YTR
2 CJ Billings	KY CJD
3 JENNIS BUONOCORE	W4ZFH
4 Rich Naples	KO4 EKF
5 Eo Jones	KQ4PM5
6 Wayne Dalscy	K8NPD
7 Allen Natlesack	W4PCI
8 Patrick Fitzgerald	KV8K (new)
9 Ed Howard	KQ4PWL
10 Mike Reaklitis	KC3CBQ
11 RAY CONRAD	NM20
12 Eric P. Solomon	W4EPS
13 Julie DiBartolo	(new)
14 Robby P. Richmond	W4RTZ
15 Chris Pritchard	W8BVQU
16 DAVE DUCETT	W8BVQU
17 John Beattie	N4YE
18 Larry Bollinga	K8SRH
19 ROB TIMM	K8QJL
20 DAVE MAZZELLA	W0YDGM
21 Mark Harms	AC4ZM

Hello all you ham hounds out there.  
It's time again for another fox hunt!



## May 24 Fox Hunt

Late Lunch After  
at Bahama Breeze located at the  
NW exterior corner of the Coastland Mall.

Locate the  
Portable Fox

**When:** May 24 --- this is a Saturday  
**Where:** Somewhere between Pine Ridge and Davis Blvd and between US 41 and Santa Barbra  
**Time:** 10:00 am till 12 Noon  
**Frequency:** 146.400 (2M)  
**Why:** Because it's a whole lot of fun and it won't be 95 degrees out!

Don't miss out on this fun event. Plan to attend and bring your best fox-hunting gear. Let's see who brings the most creative and efficient antenna for the task.

If anyone is aware of other members who are not well or in the hospital please notify

AC4ZM Mark so we can reach out to them.

Also if anyone would like to donate their equipmet to the club :

Text or phone (239)-331-9616

Email [AC4ZM@hotmail.com](mailto:AC4ZM@hotmail.com)

South of the orange tree !

## VE, ARASWF, Board, and ARESCC Meeting Dates (2025-2026)

VE Testing  
5:00 pm Doors open  
By Appointment

ARASWF Club Meeting  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Veterans Community Park  
Off Immokalee Road  
Wednesday

Board Meeting  
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm  
Perkins Restaurant  
Pine Ridge Road  
Tuesday

ARESCC Meeting  
1:30 pm – 2:45 pm  
Naples Airport  
Bldg 200/Jet Lounge  
Thursday

Tuesday

**Year 2025**

04/01/25

05/06/25

06/03/25

07/01/25

08/05/25

09/02/25

10/07/25

11/04/25

12/02/25

**Year 2026**

01/06/26

02/03/26

04/02/25

05/07/25

06/04/25 (Perkins)

07/02/25 (Perkins)

08/06/25 (Perkins)

09/03/25

10/01/25

11/05/25

12/03/25 (?? Restaurant)

01/07/26 (Room available?)

02/04/26

04/22/25

05/20/25

06/17/25

07/22/25

08/19/25

09/16/25

10/21/25

11/18/25

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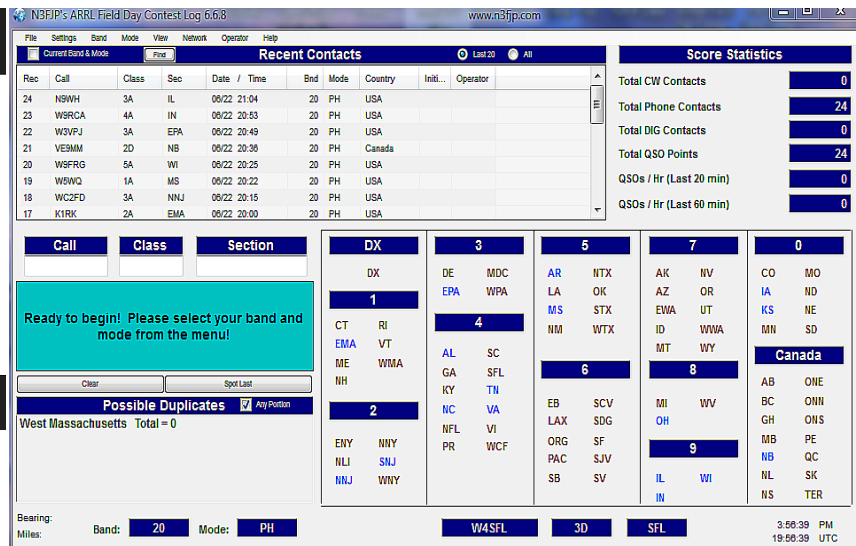
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# ARRL FIELD DAY



## www.arrl.org

**June 28, 2025**  
**Setup at 1:00 pm (1700 UTC)**  
**Starts at 2:00 pm (1800 UTC)**  
**Ends at 6:00 pm (2100 UTC)**



The ARRL Field Day ("Special Event") will be held at  
**Apollo Metro Solutions**  
**2975 Horseshoe Dr S, #500,**  
**Naples, FL 34104.**

**Join in on the club's fun activities and radio practices.**

We use the N3FJP Logging software  
**W4SFL 59 3D SFL (South Florida)**



# Repeater List

## Collier County Repeaters

60	146.400			Simplex	
61	146.670	-	136.5	WB2QLP <sup>6</sup> ARASWF <sup>8</sup>	Pelican Bay
62	146.850	-	141.3	K5MI	East Naples
63	146.985	-	141.3	K5MI	Marco Island
64	147.030	+	136.5	W4SFL ARES	Naples
65	147.105	+	136.5	KC4RPP	Naples
66	146.070		144.670	AC4FL <sup>7</sup>	Naples
67	145.300	-	136.5	K1NEW	B.E.S.
70	441.500	+	D-Star	AA4PP	East Naples
71	443.100	+	136.5	KC4RPP	Linked UHF System
72	443.275	+	136.5	AC4FL <sup>8</sup>	North Naples
73	443.400	+	141.3	N1UL	Marco Island
74	443.600	+		KN4RYF** Vineyards	Naples
75	443.650	+	141.3	K5MI	Marco Island
76	444.4875	+		AB4NP**	Pelican Bay
77	444.8125	+		K5MI***	Marco Island
78	444.9875	+		AB4NP***	Pelican Bay

<sup>6</sup> Analog FM + Echo Link + IRLP

<sup>7</sup> ARASWF Rptr – RF Linked to the 146.670 Rptr

<sup>8</sup> ARASWF Repeater

\*\*Yaesu "Fusion" Repeater—Digital Only

\*\*\* DMR – Linked to DMR Plus (and Lee, Charlotte Counties on Local 2)

Meshtastic Nodes and Communications.

Loading Coils for Antenna.

May 24 Fox Hunt.

June 28 Field Day Event

Club Net on the 146.670 Repeater

Every week on Tuesday at 7:30 pm

WSPR on 12 Meter K8NPD



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**W4SFL's Contest Summary Report for FCG-FQP**  
**Created by N3FJP's Florida QSO Party Contest Log**  
**Version 4.2    [www.n3fjp.com](http://www.n3fjp.com)**

**Total Contacts = 278**  
**Total Points = 18,352**

**Operating Period:**  
**2025/04/26 16:33**  
**2025/04/27 18:32**

**Total op time (breaks > 30 min deducted): 7:35:55**  
**Total op time (breaks > 60 min deducted): 8:23:00**

**Avg Qs/Hr (breaks > 30 min deducted): 36.6**

**Total Contacts by Country:**

Country	Total	%
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USA	256	92
Canada	15	5
Cuba	1	0
F. R. of Germany	1	0
France	1	0
Italy	1	0
Panama	1	0
Slovak Republic	1	0
US Virgin Is.	1	0

**Total = 9**

**Total Contacts by Band and Mode:**

Band	CW	Phone	Total	%
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20	18	198	216	78
15	0	62	62	22
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<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>100</b>

**Total Contacts by Station: 15M & 20M**

Station	Total	%
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W4SFL-2	183	66
W4SFL-1	95	34

**Total = 2**