



ARASWF

News Letter



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The January 8th Membership Meeting will be held at
Veterans Park off Immokalee Road in the small building
by the dog park. Time is 6 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:

Foster Kawaler K4FEK

And are in need of Net Control operators,
Sunday's Backwoods Net on 444.875 Mhz +67.0 at 7:30pm

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



Meetings now held at
Collier Fire Station #48
16280 Livingston Rd. Naples, FL.

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

The ARASWF Radio Club needs your support.

<http://www.araswf.org/join-renew-araswf/>

CLUB OFFICERS

looking for a Vice President

New member alert from passing an Amateur License Test

President	AC4ZM	Mark	Director	K4FEK	Foster	Thomas Kfellef	KQ4YYF	General
VP	Open		Director	N9HUY	Don	Chris Pritchard	KQ4VGW	Extra
Finance	KBOJL	Rob	Director	K1NEW	Tom	David Smith	KQ4YNT	General
Secretary	KN4YIR	Liz	Director	KO4GGA	Robert	Christopher McKenzie	KQ4IKO	General
Director	NH6GR	Sharron	Web Master	NC2H	Craig			
Director	W1FF	Ray	VE Testing	AC4ZM	Mark			

We have tested 33 people for 2024

Thank you from the President
AC4ZM Mark

AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF SWFL
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: TUESDAY, 17TH DECEMBER, 2024

TIME: 12.00noon

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY - Mark Harms

IN ATTENDANCE - Mark Harms, Rob Timm, Tom Dussault, Don Polly, Liz Appling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Minutes were approved from the November meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Christmas Dinner - Nice Club dinner at Bob Evans, everyone enjoyed the evening.

NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION TOPICS / FUTURE EVENTS

- **Membership** – Annual dues of \$30 are due in January. Pay multiple years if liked (Check/PayPal).
- **Next Club meeting** – Wednesday January 8th – Veterans Park 6-8pm. Sandwiches, water & coffee will be provided. Discussion to recruit Board Members for Election in February. Arlen Hatlestad will be speaking about Remote Access; ARES update/Tom; Mark/Items for sale, Raffle etc.
- **SWFL Regional HamFest** – January 10th & 11th (Friday/Saturday) in Fort Myers
- **Naples Half-Marathon** – January 19th (Sunday) – volunteers talk to Rob Timm for 6.25 am positions.
- **Winter Field Day** – January 25th (Saturday) 11.00am-4.00pm – Pavilion at Veterans Community Park booked – learn to build Tape Measure Antennas, Go Boxes etc. Push up Pole available. We will grill hotdogs, have buns, etc, water, crystal light available. Members encouraged to bring/invite friends.
- **SKYWARN Class** – Emergency Management of Collier County together with the National Weather Service of Miami is hosting a FREE 3 x Hour class on 15th February (Saturday) from 10.00-1.00pm at CC South Reg Library – Contact Mike Shaw to reserve spot - Michael.Shaw@colliercountyfl.gov.
- **Fox Hunt** – February 22nd (Saturday) 10.30am start. Zone of Hunt Area: Pine Ridge Rd, Santa Barbara Rd, Davis Blvd, Goodlette Frank Rd or US41. Signal emitted every 20 sec on 146,400 (no tone). Fox Hunt followed by 11.30 ish Lunch at “Bahama Breeze” located at the NW exterior corner of the Coastland Mall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Florida Weekly - Club Ad inviting Hams to attend Monthly meetings and join ARASWF now appearing in both Bonita Springs and Naples issues on Thursdays under “Club Notes” section.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1.30pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING – 12:00 noon Tuesday 21st January, 2025 at Perkins on Pine Ridge Rd.

At a previous membership meeting

ARLEN W9PCI introduced the club remote station; functions and software.

A live demo will be given at the January meeting.

Is there anything you would like to share ?



The Winter Field Association Presents
Winter Field Day 2025

January 25th - 26th

Starts 1600 UTC Saturday January 25th
Ends 21:59 UTC Sunday January 26th



Naples Half-Marathon – January 19th

Contact Rob Timm (robtm4@gmail.com) or text
319-573-6021 for more information on half marathon.

We will work Winter Field Day at Veterans Park on the 25th only, Set up starts at 10:30 am EST

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

VE Testing 5:00 pm Doors open By Appointment Tuesday <u>Year 2025</u>	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
01/07/25	01/08/25 (Room available?)	01/21/25	01/30/25
02/04/25	02/05/25	02/18/25	02/27/25
03/04/25	03/05/25	03/18/25	03/27/25
04/01/25	04/02/25	04/22/25	04/24/25
05/06/25	05/07/25	05/20/25	05/29/25
06/03/25	06/04/25 (Perkins)	06/17/25	06/26/25
07/01/25	07/02/25 (Perkins)	07/22/25	07/31/25
08/05/25	08/06/25 (Perkins)	08/19/25	08/28/25
09/02/25	09/03/25	09/16/25	09/25/25
10/07/25	10/01/25	10/21/25	10/30/25
11/04/25	11/05/25	11/18/25	11/20/25
12/02/25	12/03/25 (?? Restaurant)	12/16/25	12/18/25
<u>Year 2026</u>			
01/06/26	01/07/26 (Room available?)	01/20/26	01/29/26
02/03/26	02/04/26	02/17/26	02/26/26



Christmas at Bob Evens 2024
A grand time for all

2025 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL HAMFEST

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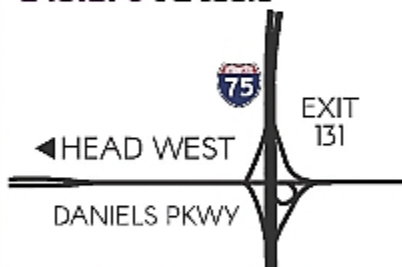
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FORT MYERS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Jan 10 & 11



FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN
STATE COLLEGE-BLDG U
8099 COLLEGE PARKWAY,
FORT MYERS, FL 33919

TALK IN
145.170 PL 136.5



TAKE DANIELS PKWY TO FSW
LANE. LOOK FOR THE LARGE
PIRATE HEAD SEE MAPS ON BACK

FREE PARKING
HANDICAP PARKING AVAILABLE

**GREAT
RAFFLE
& DOOR
PRIZES!**



Grand Raffle Prize
ICOM IC-7300

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10

FRIDAY 12PM-5PM AND SATURDAY 8AM-3PM
A FREE RAFFLE TICKET WILL BE GIVEN FOR EACH
ADMISSION TICKET PURCHASED

STUDENTS FREE WITH VALID STUDENT ID
(NO RAFFLE TICKET)

KIDS 12 & UNDER FREE WITH PAYING ADULT

- ON-SITE SECURITY PROVIDED
- GREAT FOOD AT REASONABLE PRICES AVAILABLE
- INFORMATIONAL FORUMS BOTH DAYS!
- FREE FCC LICENSE TESTING ON SATURDAY



PURCHASE TICKETS ON-LINE:
SWFLHAMFEST.COM

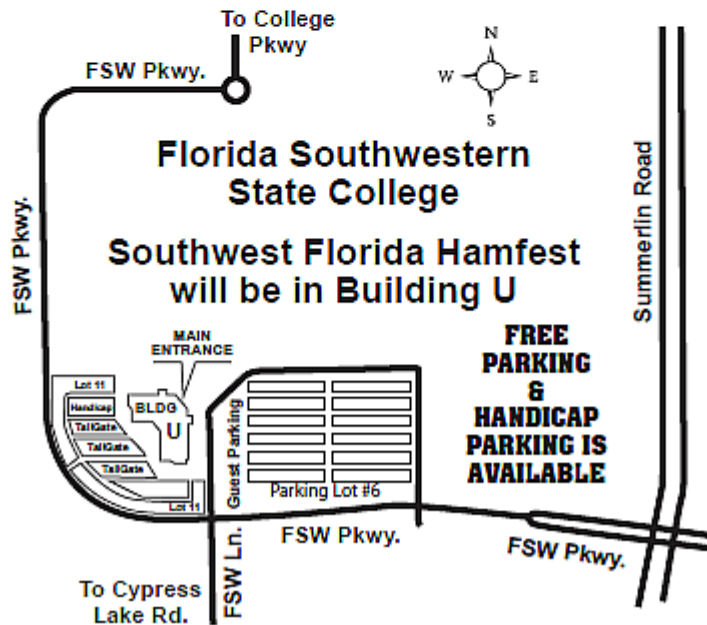
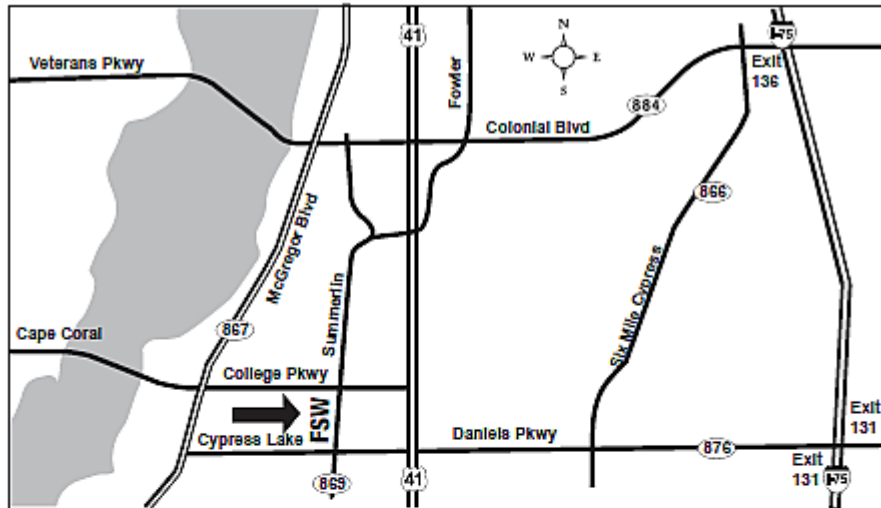


MAIL TICKET REQUESTS WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:
FMARC • PO BOX 061183 • FORT MYERS, FL 33906-1183
PLEASE INCLUDE SASE, OTHERWISE TICKETS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR.



NEED MORE INFORMATION ? SWFLHAMFEST.COM

FSW - FLORIDA SOUTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE - BUILDING U
8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers, FL 33919



Directions to FMARC Ham Fest in Lee County

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



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

Locate the Portable Fox

When: Febuary 22 nd --- this is a Saturday
Where: Somewhere between Pine Ridge and Davis Blvd
and between US 41 and Santa Barbra
Time: 10:30 am
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.

