



# ARASWF

News Letter



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The Febuary 5<sup>th</sup> 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:*

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**



13.5 Miles



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)**

**<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
VP	Open		Director	K1NEW	Tom	
Finance	KBOJL	Rob	Director			
Secretary	KN4YIR	Liz	Director			
VE Testing	AC4ZM	Mark	Web Master	NC2H	Craig	

We have tested 1 people for 2025

Thank you from the President  
AC4ZM Mark

# AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF SWFL

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: TUESDAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY, 2025

TIME: 12.00noon

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY - Mark Harms

IN ATTENDANCE - Mark Harms, Rob Timm, Liz Appling

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Minutes were approved from the December 2024 meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Membership** – Annual dues of \$30 due in January. Pay multiple years if liked (Check/PayPal) Currently 41 Members have paid their 2025 dues.
- **SWFL Regional HamFest** – January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (Friday/Saturday) in Fort Myers
- **Naples Half-Marathon** – January 19<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) – Rob Timm, coordinated volunteers, built Repeater, Scott Krell was Net Control and great early turnout of volunteers at all water stations along route.

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

- **Next Club meeting** – Wednesday February 5<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Community Park 6-8pm. Sandwiches, water & coffee will be provided. **Election of Board Members** - New Board Members needed and encouraged to step up. John Beattie will be speaking on guy pole antennas. ARES update/Tom; Rob/report on HamFest, Naples Half Marathon, Winter Field Day and upcoming events. Raffle.
- **Winter Field Day** – Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am-4.00pm – Pavilion at Veterans Community Park booked – learn to build Tape Measure Antennas. We will grill hotdogs, have buns, potato salad, condiments, water, crystal light available. Members encouraged to bring/invite friends.
- **Fox Hunt** – Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.30 am start. **Hunt Zone Area:** Pine Ridge Rd., Santa Barbara Rd., Davis Blvd., and US41. Signal emitted frequently on 146,400 (no tone). Fox Hunt followed by 11.30am Lunch at “Bahama Breeze” - exterior NW corner of the Coastland Mall.
- **March** – To be announced.
- **FQP** – April 26/27 weekend. More details to follow.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **SKYWARN Class** – Emergency Management of Collier County together with the National Weather Service of Miami is hosting a FREE 3 x Hour class on 15<sup>th</sup> February (Saturday) from 10.00-1.00pm at CC South Reg Library – Contact Mike Shaw to reserve spot - [Michael.Shaw@colliercountyfl.gov](mailto:Michael.Shaw@colliercountyfl.gov).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1.00pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING – **12:00noon Tuesday 18th February, 2025** at Perkins on Pine Ridge Rd.

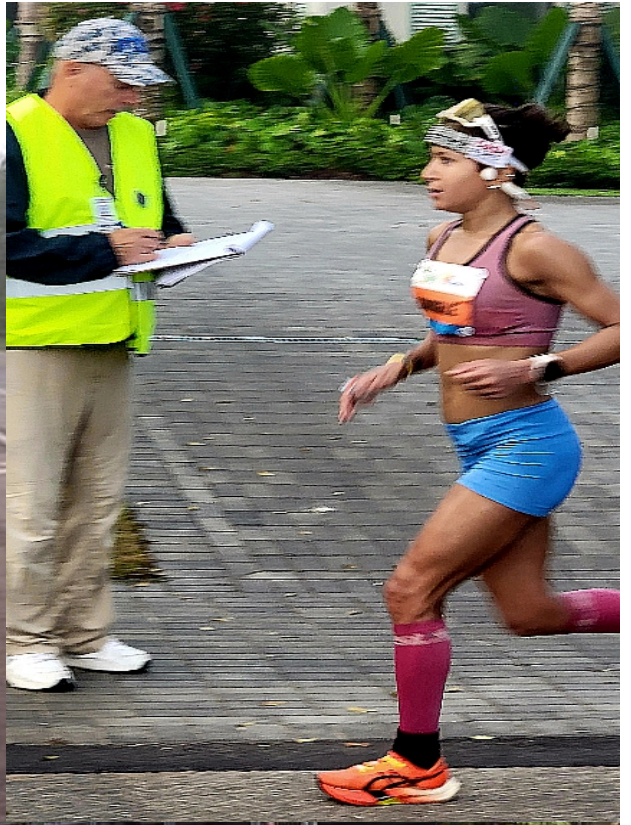
Is there anything you would like to share ?

AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION OF SWFL	
SIGN IN SHEET	DATE: 1/18/25
Was I there ?	
NAME	CALLSIGN
1 Liz Appling	KN4YIR
2 John Beattie	N4YE
3 MARK Harms	ACAZM
4 Bud HOWARD	KQ4PWL
5 Damian Neff	KQ4PVU
6 ELLIS PRITCHARD	KQ4VUW
7 ED JONES	KQ4FMS
8 STEVE CARMEN	K9DY
9 PAUL Stolzenfels	W3PAS
10 Rich Naples	KO4FKR
11 Vern Brownell	W1VUB
12 Dave Eischens	KE2DB
13 RAY CONRAD	NM20
14 Eric P. Solomon	W4EP5



2025-WFD







# 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

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02/04/25  
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06/03/25  
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11/04/25  
12/02/25

01/08/25 (Room available?)  
02/05/25  
03/05/25  
04/02/25  
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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)

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12/18/25

Year 2026

01/06/26  
02/03/26

01/07/26 (Room available?)  
02/04/26

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02/17/26

01/29/26  
02/26/26

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

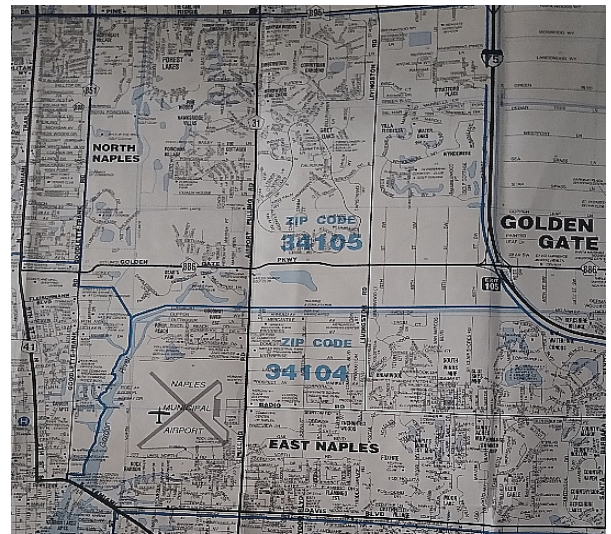


Late Lunch After  
at Bahama Breeze located at the  
NW exterior corner of the Coastland Mall.

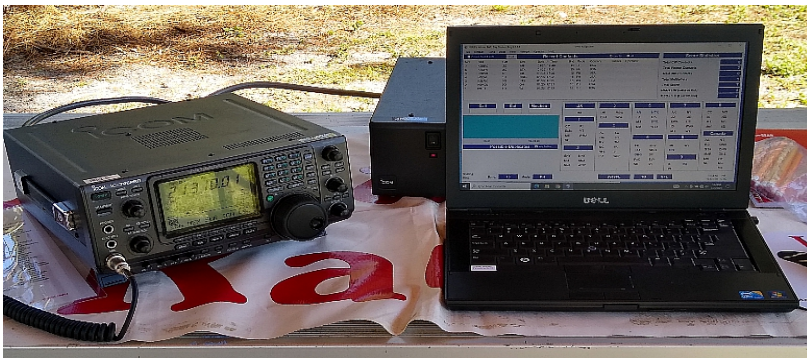
**Locate the  
Portable Fox**

When: February 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.



2025-WFD



## Past ARASWF Officers

YEAR 2018			YEAR 2019		
President	N4LAK	Larry Kielasa	President	N4LAK	Larry Kielasa
Vice President	W4RBW	Frank Halas	Vice President		none
Secretary	KN4IEY	Jim Wilson	Secretary	KN4IEY	Jim Wilson
Treasurer	KN4IEY	Jim Wilson	Treasurer	KN4IEY	Jim Wilson
Director	AC4ZM	Mark Harms	Director	AC4ZM	Mark Harms
Director	NC2H	Craig Henning	Director	NC2H	Craig Henning
Director	W4PYZ	Jonny Sparks	Director	W4PYZ	Jonny Sparks
Director	W4RBW	Frank Halas	Director	W4RBW	Frank Halas
Past President	AG0X	Uli Altvater	Past President	AG0X	Uli Altvater
Web Master	NC2H	Craig Henning	Web Master	NC2H	Craig Henning
Newsletter	W9KB	Ken Bills	Newsletter		none
YEAR 2020			YEAR 2021		
President	N4LAK	Larry Kielasa	President	N4LAK	Larry Kielasa
Vice President		none	Vice President		none
Secretary	AC3AV	Dave Carpenter	Secretary	AC3AV	Dave Carpenter
Treasurer	KN4IEY	Jim Wilson	Treasurer	KB0JL	Rob Timm
Director	AC4ZM	Mark Harms	Director	AC4ZM	Mark Harms
Director	KN4SWS	John Martin	Director	KN4SWS	John Martin
Director	W4PYZ	Jonny Sparks	Director	KO4GGA	Roberto Lucio
Director	W4RBW	Frank Halas	Director	KO9DGM	Dave Mazella
Past President	AG0X	Uli Altvater	Past President	AG0X	Uli Altvater
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Newsletter		none	Newsletter	AC3AV	Dave Carpenter
YEAR 2022			YEAR 2023		
President	N4LAK	Larry Kielasa	President	AC4ZM	Mark Harms
Vice President			Vice President	KE0UNJ	Mike Hanpton
Secretary	AC3AV	Dave Carpenter	Secretary		
Treasurer	KB0JL	Rob Timm	Treasurer	KB0JL	Rob Timm
Director	AC4ZM	Mark Harms	Director	N9HUY	Don Polly
Director	KN4SWS	John Martin	Director	K4FEK	Foster Kawaler
Director	WB8VQU	Dave Ducett	Director	W1FF	Ray Midura
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YEAR 2024			YEAR 2025		
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Vice President			Vice President		
Secretary	KN4YIR	Liz Appling	Secretary	KN4YIR	Liz Appling
Treasurer	KB0JL	Rob Timm	Treasurer	KB0JL	Rob Timm
Director	N9HUY	Don Polly	Director	K1NEW	Tom Dussault
Director	K4FEK	Foster Kawaler	Director	K4FEK	Foster Kawaler
Director	W1FF	Ray Midura	Director		
Director	NH6GR	Sharron Miner	Director		
Director	K1NEW	Tom Dussault	Director		
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