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## \*\*\* PROGRAM \*\*\*

..1 OUR NEXT MEETING WE WILL HAVE A AUCTION to be handled as follows; you can donate the equipment you no longer want, and it can be auctioned off and whatever it brings to go to the Club Fund, or you can have your equipment auctioned off and split 50/50 with the Club, or you can put a minumum you wish to receive and the remainder to the club. Please put whatever conditions you wish on the article to be auctioned off and of course your name.

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I am happy to report that our HAMFEST went off very nicely it was a perfect day. A good many of the old timers were not there and believe me they were missed, but next year there will be more missing and soon on.

On behalf of SPARC I wish to thank the following members for the wonderful job they did as well as the time they devoted to the Club HamFest:

Frank Cole - WA4KCR and Wayne Cole W4LTE, who furnished the transportation for the moving of the P.A.System, tables, chairs, and ticket cages. They also setup the P.A.system placing it in operation. After the HamFest was over they took all the gear down and returned all of it to the storage section at the Club.

John Komp - WB4YTY made the arrangements of the swap tables and secured the registration from each operator.

Stan Kahn - K4JBL also helped with swap tables and many other details .

Kirk Bailey - WB4CFS made all the arrangements with Pepsi Cola for the trailer setup to be delivered to the Park, and to be pickedup after the HamFest. Kirk remained with the trailer all day and served the cold drinks throughout the HamFest.....

Frank and Marge Ryll - K4VIP had the table with the tickets for the Kiddies, Tags, Registration, new members change etc.

Minnie Merada (yl) WB4LWB and Mildred Biddle (friend) handled tickets registration tags etc.

Again our M.C. was Gene Scarbro - WB4VWO.....

Rex Cottrell - W4GPL and Woody Huddleston K4SCL furnished the Handy Talkie communications.

## PRIZE WINNERS

First Prize - John O.Wandless - K4HTZ Orlando,Fl. Value \$181.00

Second Prize - Robert J.Schroeder, St.Petersburg,Fl. " 90.00

Third Prize - Frank Cole -WA4KCR, St.Petersburg,Fl. " 90.00

Chet Lowe - WB4TRR Tampa donated a pair of 4-125 Amplifier tubes and was won by a Ham from Sarasota.

Approximately 40 prizes were drawn and won by the childred at the HamFest. Some of these prizes were donated by the HAVATAMPA CORPN. It is always a happy moment to watch the childrens' faces when they win a prize.

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At our May 6th. meeting we had 40 members and guests. The guests were welcomed by the chair.

John Komp - WB4YTY gave us a short talk on the Red Cross and then he introduced the speaker for the evening Mr. Dayton Saltzman, Director of the Red Cross Disaster Activities. Mr. Saltzman showed a short movie of conditions shortly after a disaster. After the movie Mr Saltzman gave us a short talk on conditions at the recent flood in Kentucky, he was unable to show his slides on this flood because they were delayed in processing but he will show them at a later date. We wish to thank Mr. Saltzman for sharing his time and experiences with us, also the showing of the movie. It was very well received and the membership gave him a real nice applause.

After the program the chair called for a coffee break.

At 9:15 P.M. the meeting was called back to order so that the club could carry out the business part.

The minutes of the past meeting was not read due to the fact we do not have a Secretary and no minutes were written up. WE NEED A SECRETARY BAD - PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT-----

The treasurer was called on for a report on the club's financial standing along with the report on the HAMFEST which was very good. Dave Stocky K4KE requested that he be heard., his request was granted and this is what he had to say " I have an announcement and a nomination 1st Brian Felps is holding in his hand a paper showing he just passed the examine for his EXTRA CLASS license, - thats my announcement 2nd I hereby nominate Brian Felps to be our Station Trustee " immediately a tremendous applause by the membership --- Rex Cottrell - W4GPL, seconded the nomination. a hand vote was taken and it was unanimous. Brian Felps then accepted the Office of Station Trustee, (W4CAC) .

Happy to report that K4SQ Frank Woltemar has returned from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, he didnt have to much to say at this time but at a future meeting he would show some slides along with an account of his stay in that part of the world..

## SICK LIST

Jack Adams - W4NOK had a severe Heart Failure and was hospitalized at the St. Anthon's, and is now back home recuperating, luckily no great damage to his heart. We wish you well Jack, take good care of yourself, not only that "Fran needs you real bad.

Walt Wentworth - W4PWB is now back home recuperating after a couple of bouts at the hospital with a severe bleeding of the nose and had to undergo a difficult operation..

## SILENT KEYS

John E Gray - WB4MPF of St.Petersburg - William L.Love Jr. - WB4BHX of GulfPort,Fl. and Douglas Van Dryne - K4RL of Redington Beach, Fl.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 643 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS  
NEWINGTON CT APRIL 27 1977 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

As announced in an FCC report and order effective April 20, 1977, section 97.33 of the Commissions rules has been corrected to require a 30 day waiting period after failure of a code test before retaking the test. This was inadvertently omitted when rule changes under Docket 20282 were accepted on June 6, 1976. The waiting period is now the same after failure of either the code or written test, i.e., 30 days AR

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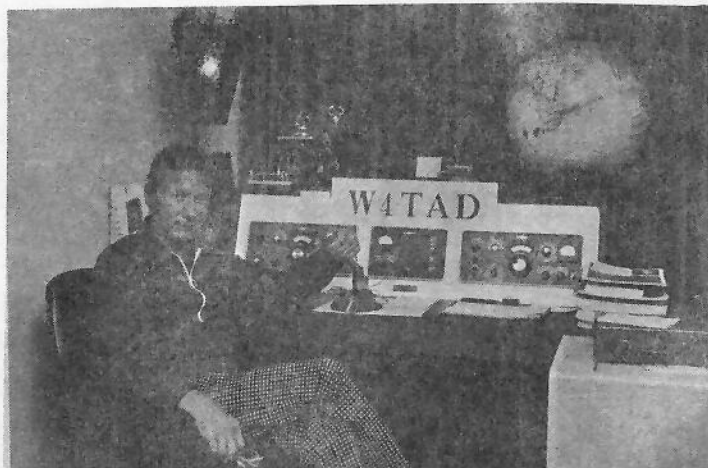
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WHEREAS, the role of the Florida Amateur Radio Operator is highly important in times of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Florida Amateur Radio Operators stand ready at all times to come to the aid of individuals and the public when emergency communications need arises; and

WHEREAS, the members of this talented and skilled group are constantly working, studying and operating so that they will always be prepared at the crucial moment when their communications expertise is called on; and

WHEREAS, the electronic impulses of their vitally important hobby carry their talks to fellow enthusiasts all over the world, thereby establishing an important people-to-people communications media that is extremely important in the improvement of the international relations of the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than frequently, it is the amateur radio operator who comes through in time of dire need of the isolated and lonely; and

WHEREAS, the Amateur Radio Operators engage in innumerable programs of assistance and rehabilitation of the handicapped in the development of radio as a hobby; and

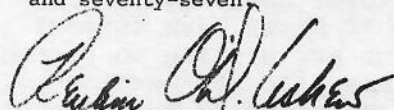
WHEREAS, the dramatics of radio communication become commonplace when the great number of mercy and convenience messages by the Amateur Radio Operators from the remote parts of the globe back home to America are considered in the light of their frequency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Reubin O'D. Askew, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim June 19 - 26, 1977 as

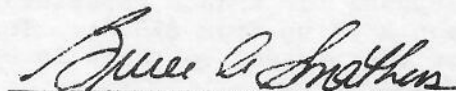
### AMATEUR RADIO WEEK

in Florida in tribute to the services rendered by these dedicated and talented Amateur Radio Operators.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 13th day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE



May 12, 1977

## SPARC Repeater News

We regret that K4FCW has found it necessary to resign as Secretary of the Repeater Team and as a Control Operator. We sincerely appreciate his loyal and dedicated performance in these functions from the initial inception of the Team. WA4KCR will take over the Secretary position upon his return from abroad. K4QCG has also resigned as a Control Operator. Thanks for your work in the past, Ken. Recently appointed new Control Operators are WB4KSJ, K5IHH and W4CSH. W4IRA continues to perform in an outstanding manner as Coordinator of Control Operators. Other Control Operators currently appointed are WA4CTM WA4FNY WA4FNY WA4GDM W4GPL K4ISS WA4KCR WA4KDL K4KE WA4LTE WB4LXH K4NAN W4NOK WA4RQQ K4RXO K4SCL K4TH WA4TJG and WB4ZPU. Without these dedicated people giving so generously of their time and care, the repeater could not operate. We owe them a great debt of gratitude.

Recently the Red Cross, South Pinellas Chapter, requested an up-date on Repeater Team members for use in the forthcoming revision of their Disaster Organization Manual. I gave them 116 names and addresses of Team members who had contributed 1977 dues by about April 20th. There are several other people that we feel would like to be Team members but have neglected to take care of their 1977 dues. They will probably miss being listed in the forthcoming roster. Sorry I have not been able to have up-to-date information on dues contributions and have not been able to contact all former members.

As most of you know, the 220 MHz band is getting quite active locally with perhaps 50 Amateurs using it. The Largo repeater, WR4AVI, on 223.34/224.94 is doing a fine job, but we need a little more positive coverage in down town St. Petersburg. Considerable planning has gone forward towards establishing a 220 repeater in southern Pinellas County. W4APV is heading up this project, assisted by W4CF, K4ISS and W4GPL. Several possible sites have been investigated -- none entirely satisfactory. W4APV has the basic repeater and duplexer in hand. Antenna and coax will be ordered as soon as we can settle on a site. A frequency assignment, 223.30/224.90, has been obtained from the Florida Repeater Council, Frequency Coordinator. Several local Amateurs have crystalized for this pair, as well as the club simplex frequency 223.66. AGL Electronics in Clearwater is stocking 220 MHz equipment, including crystals for frequencies in local use. At the last Team meeting a motion was passed that the "2 Meter Team support the 220 Repeater, if feasible." Many of us are willing to personally contribute whatever is necessary to make the 220 machine go, but it is felt that Team funds must be conserved to support our rather tight budget for the "2 Meter Team."

New rates for our telephone for WR4ALM repeater control has us paying \$23.36 per month -- up from \$18.81. The rate increase was not altogether unexpected, so there is enough in our budget to take care of it.

Recent installation of a new deviation control pot has enabled us to reset modulation back up to 5.0 KC on WR4ALM.

73 de K4SCL

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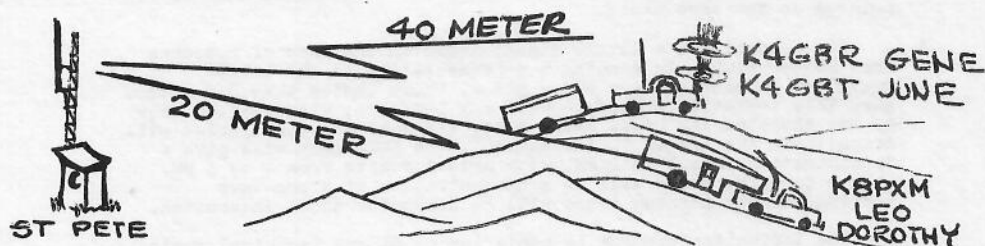
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## JUST LISTENING



Just because you are leaving St. Pete. for a few months, don't feel blue. Just pack up your low-band gear and keep in touch. Gene and June are on their way to Oregon, be back sometime in the fall. Leo and Dorothy, on their way to Mich. and plan to be back in Oct. Both families have kept in touch while traveling and will make regular contacts all summer.



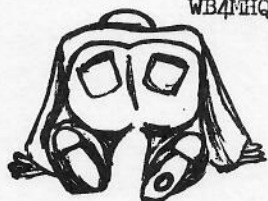
This has been a bad month physically for our friends on the repeater.

W4PWB, Walt had surgery on his nose. He'll be calling square dances soon.

K4 KXC, Ed broke a toe —must be an easier way to move a chair!!

WA4QGV, Bud mashed 3 fingers in the garage door —it took an emergency net of "GO - BUD GO" to get him to the hospital.

W4NOK, Jack took sick in the middle of the night and was hospitalized. He came home in a few days but was put on a severe diet.



WB4MHQ, Rob usually has trouble removing his contact lense but when he was over visiting WB4LXH, he rubbed his eye and the lense popped out. Lucky K4TH was visiting because he got down on his hands and knees and found the lense.

## HOUSEHOLD HINT

by WB4UFO (Lynne)

—if suffering with TVI and the OM is deaf to cries of help, plug in the ol' MIX MASTER when he's using his ham gear.

WB4PNV, Rowal also known as bicycle 4—carries his hand-held and has an antenna on his handlebars.

Did you ever wonder who the first and last were to use the repeater each day? K5IHH (Bob) at 6:15 A.M. going to first shift and WB4TJG (Mark) at 10:45 P.M. going to third shift.

UNCLE BURT

SPARC GAP

April 21, 1977

John Merada, WB4LWB; President,  
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REF:- Florida Gulf Coast A.R.C. Meeting, April 20, 1977

1. This meeting was held at the Tarpon Springs First Federal Savings & Loan in Holiday, Florida. The minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report were read and accepted.
2. The Committee reports were pro-forma, and the C.B. liaison reported that there were material on hand from the A.R.R.L., aimed at transition from CB to Amateur radio, and that it was being well accepted at C.B. meetings. The Clearwater A.R.S. has reported that the tickets, for the Convention, will be procured on the same basis as last year. The QCWA Luncheon tickets will also be printed on the same basis.
3. The Council was a little disappointed in the lack of response from member clubs, in sending a representative to the Ladies Auxillary to coordinate program plans. Those ladies that did attend have this tentative program:- Saturday Luncheon, with Fashion Show by the Sheraton Inn Dress Shop. Also, the resident caricaturist will demonstrate the art of "Quick Sketch". The AVON Lady will give a demonstration from 1 to 2 PM, with Arts & Crafts from 2 to 3 PM. From 3 to 4 PM, there will be a demonstration of Micro-wave cooking. Sunday morning there will be Bingo for those interested.
4. The Convention program is centering on DX and Technical topics. Noel Eaton, President of I.A.R.U., VE3GJ, is the tentative speaker, for the Banquet Saturday evening. Bob and Ellen White from Headquarters will be coming, and Doug DeMaw is also being sought. Advertising, of the Convention will start in July and August, with increasing coverage until November. More on the program, as things become certain and confirmed.

Respectfully submitted;

*George W. Rae*  
George W. Rae, K4TH  
SPARC Rep. FGCARC.

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NEWINGTON CT MAY 5 1977 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

The very first running of the International Amateur Radio Union Radiosport Championship is scheduled for the weekend of July 9 and 10. IARU is composed of over 90 national societies around the world, with ARRL serving as headquarters. This unique operating event will focus attention on amateur radio worldwide, with a view toward furthering amateur radio solidarity as we approach the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference. For full details on this International QSO Party, check page 85 of the May issue of QST. Send for your entry forms with an s.a.s.e. now. AR

OFFICIAL BULLETIN NR 645 FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS  
NEWINGTON CT MAY 12 1977 TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS BT

The following scores represent claims by W amateurs in the single operator all band category during the 1977 ARRL International DX Competition. Phone, W3WJD 3,555,846, W3RJ 2,902,725, W2HMH 2,702,592, W4QCW 2,190,459, W1ABW 2,095,902, K4VX 2,085,525, W4WXY 2,024,880, K5LWL 1,927,740, W2GXD 1,876,800, W3BGN 1,858,245. CW, W3LPL 2,451,060, W1ZA 2,229,210, W2GXD 2,120,040, W1ZM 2,099,820, W6PAA 2,078,622, W1STN 2,070,900, N6AA 2,031,885, W7RM 2,030,730, K4GSU 2,003,757, W3RJ 1,985,676. The full list of high claimed scores in all categories will appear in the July issue of QST. AR

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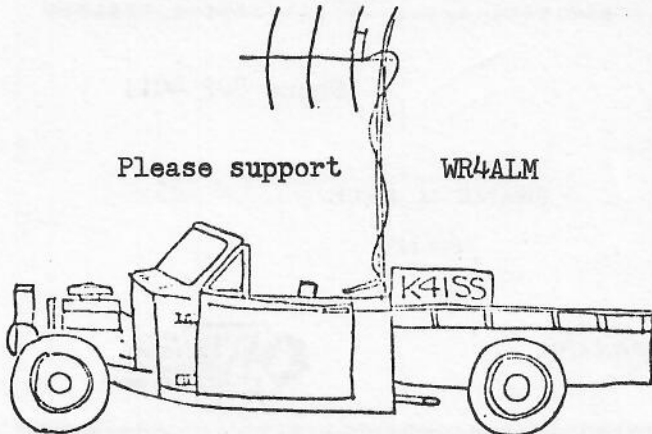


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