



# ZAARC

**Zephyrhills Area Amateur Radio Club  
P.O. Box 1534, Zephyrhills, FL.33539**

**"Club Call"**

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## **CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS...**

President	Ron Russell	N8VFE
Vice President	Roger Brown	KA1IIP
Secretary	Joan Brown	N1KGQ
Treasurer	Kay Russell	N8WMP
Board Members:	Horace Jones	VE3BWH
	Joe Staples	VE3GSL
	Robert Walstrom	WB0GVM
	Leonard Lizotte	N1XCH
Rep.Trustee/Licensee	Ron Russell	N8VFE
Mailing	Karen Hewitt	N8VWN
	Gerald Hewitt	WB8GKY



**Ham of the year (2003) was  
John Shields VE3EGP**

## **ZAARC Club Nets**

### 2 Meter net

Monday at 7:00PM. On 147.135+

**Net Controls for February are as Follows**

March 1, Horace VE3BWH

March 8, Bud W8BUD

March 15, Peter VE3JDN

March 22, Joe VE3GSL

March 29, Duane K8NEA

### 10 Meter Round Table

Wednesday at 8:00PM. On 28.330khz.USB

Let's remember to check in to our nets!

## **Breakfast Fellowship**

Thursday Mornings at 8:00A.M. All welcome,  
this is a club function.

See you all at B J'S Country Kitchen, on  
C. R. 54 east

Most interesting coffee in town. SEE YA!

John VE3EGP received this call in 1956 while in North Bay, ON. and has been active in various modes and frequencies since that time. His first rig was a war surplus # 19 set and has built and operated many rigs since that time. He has been a member of ZAARC since 1990 and served as a director of the club for about eight years. He is also a director of the London Seniors Amateur Radio Club in London, ON. His favorite mode of operation is CW. He recently got back on HF mobile again and is having a great time working DX from the van. John is very appreciative to the members of ZAARC for the honor of being voted Ham of the year for 2003.

## **Thank You**

I want to thank all of you wonderful people in the radio club for your help during the Founders Day Parade this year. It is so great to have people like you to depend on each year. I am looking forward to working with you again. The following people were

there early and stayed faithfully through the whole parade.

John Shields-VE3EGP  
Roger Jaquette-KG4JDP  
Jerry Hewitt - WB8GKY  
Lloyd Hewitt - K8AYC  
Menze Bos - Helping  
Ernie Vanselow - KD4VRV  
Bill Vanselow - KD4LKE  
Leonard Lizotte - NIXCH  
Peter Taylor - VE3JDN  
Jerry Spooner - VE3DQL  
Gene Reetz - WA8RJL  
Duane Ashbaucher - K8NEA (who is always there on the platform to back up our mistakes).  
And a special thanks to my other half, Bob Walstrom - WA0GVM

Jeri Walstrom - KF4QOZ - Thanks a million

## IDEMS FOR SALE

Kenwood Power supply PS53 23 amp. \$80.00  
Please contact Von & Bess Grandmason  
KD4MNE or KD4SEK (788-6550)

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Yaesu FT990 with PS/Tuner/Mike/SSB narrow  
Filter. Mint \$850

Yaesu Dynamic Mic MD1 \$60

Yaesu Dynamic Mic 100 \$75

Yaesu YH 55 earphones \$20

Three excellent CW keys

Alinco DR 110T 2 meter \$80

Realistic Htx 202 2 meter hand held  
2 Batteries/charger case \$60

Monitor 17" CRT \$20

Monitor 19" CRT \$30

Power Supply 13.8 volts DC 12 Amps constant  
\$20

HP 5100 Scanner \$25

Roger 788-3407

## Wanted

Name of good Ham Radio repair shops in 50 mile radius. Contact Gerald Hewitt WB8GKY

## Morse Code Users Get E-Mail Sign. 'Commercial at' First Change since 1930's. The Associated Press NEW YORK

Dot. Dash. Dash. Dot. Dash. Dot.

By summer, that will be the international symbol for the @ sign used in e-mail address, under the quaint but rarely used Morse code system.

A working group of the U.N. International Telecommunication Union in January recommended the first change to the code since at least the 1930s. Approval is expected this spring, spokesman Gary Fowlie said.

Morse code, whose origins date back to Samuel Morse's invention of the electromagnetic telegraph in the 1830s, has diminished in use through the decades, replaced by voice and computer bits.

Even its primary users, ham radio and other amateur operators, tend to communicate via voice, said David Summer, secretary of the International Amateur Radio Union.

"Many of us just prefer to use Morse code," he said. "It's more fun than talking".

And many amateur operators like to carry to the internet conversations they started over the airwaves. And hence the need for an @ sign to exchange e-mail addresses.

"Up till now, it's done by leaving a big space, sending 'a' and 't' and then leaving another big space," Sumner said. "But it's appropriate to have an internationally recognized signal. This eliminates ambiguity."

The ITU, which keeps the official Morse code list as part of its regulation of radio frequencies, began considering the change during its World Radio Conference last summer.

The sign, designated "commercial at, ' joins the multiplication symbol and others Morse punctuation marks. It essentially combines the codes for "a" and "c" – think of the symbol as an "a" enclosed within "c".



## FEBRUARY 26, 2004 – ZAARC MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Russell at 7:40 PM with the pledge to the flag. Members and guests introduced themselves. There were 28 present.

The minutes from the January meeting were accepted as printed in the newsletter. Motion by Roger Jaquette KG4JDP, seconded by Earl Bull KB2SEL. Carried.

The treasurer's report was given by Kay Russell N8WMP. We have a balance of \$3090.21. Motion to accept by Leonard Lizotte N1XCH, seconded by Duane Ashbaucher K8NEA. Carried.

### Committee Reports:

John Shields VE3EGP reported that Net Controls for the next month are taken care of.

Nominating committee - Peter VE3JDN, chairman, presented the following officers for the 2004-2005 season: Pres.- Ron Russell – N8VFE; Vice-Pres. – Roger Brown – KA1IIP; Sec'y. – Joan Brown – N1KGQ; Treasurer – Kay Russell – N8WMP. Board members – Horace Jones – VE3BWH; Bob Walstrom – WB0GVM; Joe Staples – VE3GSL; and Leonard Lizotte – N1XCH.

There were no nominations from the floor. Jim Coleman KF4VKO made a motion to close the nominations and have the secretary cast a white ballot for the slate of officers. Seconded by John Duarte KG4UMK. Carried.

Installation of officers will be at the March meeting.

It was reported that John Hargraves W9MFS is not doing well. Also a note from Maggie Brawn (wife of Silent Key Orrin N1BUJ) to say hello and that she is doing well.

### Business:

After a short speech, Ron N8VFE, made the presentation of the "Ham of the Year" award to John Shields VE3EGP. Congratulations to John were given.

Parking for Maine Day at the Lion's Den. 4 or 5 will be on hand to assist with this.

Ron reported that he has forms for renewing licenses and explained renewal procedures.

Founders Day Parade – March 6<sup>th</sup>. – Jeri Walstrom KF4QOZ reported that she has 9 workers. Those working will receive a T-shirt to be worn for the Parade.

50/50 drawing was won by Earl Bull KB2SLE with Earl receiving \$12.00 and \$12.00 to the repeater fund.

Motion to adjourn by Karen Hewitt N8VWN, seconded by Bud Martin W8BUD. Carried. Adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Bess Grandmason KD4SEK, Sec'y.

