

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My message is **"Happy New Year!"** I'm in NYC right now and I sent from my "HTC" on the "Now Network" from Sprint.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Following are the minutes of the 16 December 2010 meeting of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society. The meeting was opened at 7:30 P.M. by Vice President Tom Hawes, WA3PRC by leading the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Introductions were then made around the room. There were 16 members and two guests, Telleif A Nilsen, KB2AID and Bob Wagner, N8FTI of in attendance.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as recorded in the December newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: John Cerniglia, W4JAC, presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Mike Daly, K4MVD: Our last bank statement shows \$3,610.97 in our checking account, CD of \$2,799.60, totals \$6,410.57. Deposits for this month of \$653.88. Payments made this month for a total of \$142.58. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX, reported that Dr. John Combs, W4MD, was

unfortunately still in a coma in ICU at Peace River Regional Hospital. In addition,

Vic provided an update on Marty Henry, KE4UFS. Results of the latest scan revealed that cancer has returned to his spine area and he will resume treatments soon. Bill Stevens, W1MU, had back surgery in July, but he still has problems with his left leg. However, he seems to be getting around fairly well. Mrs. Mary Kerrigan (wife of Selwyn Kerrigan, WBICYM) recently had successful surgery and is exceeding expectations. Joe Riccio, W2ORP, is 92 young and seems to be doing well in assisted living.

Publicity: Vic Emmelkamp reported that "The Englewood Review" and the Englewood United Methodist Church bulletin announced our monthly meeting time and location. Frank Maren, W4VV, alerted us regarding an excellent spot on WCCF, Punta Gorda, AM 1580 radio promoting Amateur Radio.

DX: Tom Hawes reported he has had some activity on 9Q5ON in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Keith Kelly, KC5AS, has recently worked Antarctica.

Testing: Martin Horowitz, N4FA, reported that there were no VE exams administered.

Hamfest/ Field Day: Tom Hawes reported the following dates for the Regional 2011 Hamfests: 15 January – Fort Meyers, 29 January – Arcadia, and on 11, 12, & 13 February – Orlando HamCation. Tampa has a very nice Hamfest that is held on the first weekend of each month.

Old Business:

1) Please note the following Important Reminders:

* Renew EARS Dues and do so promptly to be listed in the EARS Directory

* Please submit Operator Profile to the Newsletter editor

* Check in with the weekly EARS Simplex net. 146.550 Mhz at 7:30 PM each Wednesday.

2) The EARS Annual Banquet will be held on January 29, 2011, at Rotonda Hills Golf and Country Club. Members are FREE and guests are \$22. RSVP with the dinner choice to Chairman John Cerniglia. The Annual Banquet is in lieu of the January meeting. Therefore, there will be NO meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2011.

3) ARES/RACES: Mel Rathbun, W9BSN, reported that will be no drills during the holidays. He informed us that the Englewood Community Hospital has authorized the purchase of a 2M /440 Yaesu 8800 R and a coax antenna which will be interfaced with the Hospital computer to the 2M transceiver. This integrated system is called "Digital Communication." The ARES/RACES Staff meeting will be held at Denny's on 4 January, 2011 at 7:30 A.M.

4) The EARS Scholarship Committee; Tom Hawes made a motion to discontinue the EARS Scholarship for economic reasons. The motion was seconded. After much discussion, the motion was defeated.

5) Nomination of Officers and Trustees.

The following slate was presented.

President – Matthew Henry
Vice President - Steve Churchill
Secretary – Gene Reilly and
(Ken Blackshaw –Summer only)
Treasurer – John Cerniglia
Trustees – Martin Horowitz, Tom Hawes, Pam Eggleton

Nominations for Officers and Trustees were closed until our annual meeting.

New Business: None.

Announcements:

- 1) John Cernigila indicated that he had hoped to have an EchoLink demonstration for this meeting. However, due to circumstances beyond his control, it wasn't possible to put it together for this evening, but it will be ready for the February meeting.
- 2) Martin Horowitz submitted the new FRC Coordination for 146.700 repeater.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:35 PM

Gene Reilly - KI4FJJ Secretary

Treasurer's Report



EARS Treasurer's Report
Dec. 16th, 2010

Our last bank statement shows 3610.97 in our checking account, CD of 2,799.60, total \$6410.57

Deposits this month \$653.88
11/4 \$164 Dues less stamp money
11/9 \$ 14 Dues

11/17 \$231.38 Kenwood sale
11/23 \$244.50 11/18 meeting dues & ARRL

Payments made this month total \$142.58

ARRL Dues – Fowler 37.00
Tom Hawes – field day tent 85.59
Sweetbay – gift basket 19.99

Mike Daly K4MWD
Treasurer

OPERATOR PROFILE



John A. Cerniglia – W4JAC

First License (N9SFE) Grafton,Wi in 1992. The Ozaukee Radio Club had the classes and tests available thru the club. Later I upgraded to General with code at that time.

My good friend and hunting partner Bill Berndt (WD9ITJ) who lives in Sussex,Wi . He got me interested in Ham Radio so we could use it for deer hunting.

Equipment: Kenwood TS-50, Icom IC-2200H 2m, and a Kenwood TH-28 HT. I have a Ken Anderson J-pole, a multi-band 10-160 line, and an Eagle-1 vertical antenna. We just put up a 40 ft. tower with a Yaesu G-800 DXA Rotator, a Mosley TA-33 M Tri-band Beam, a 40 meter beam, and a 4 element 2 meter beam. All is working well.

I talk daily on the Milwaukee-Florida net (14.290) 7:00-9:00 am. Also on South-Cars net (7.251) 7:00-10:00am, and sometimes with Ken Anderson and the group on the SnowbirdNet (7233) Also I make many contacts on Echo-Link with ham friends and Hams around the world.

I am currently the associate treasurer for the club. I am also working on upgrading to the Extra Class.

Local Happenings:

VE Exam Sessions: The exams are given at 10:00 A.M. the 2nd Saturday of each month in the conference room of the Venice public library, 300 South Nokomis Avenue, Venice, FL. The exam cost is \$15.00. Contact Jack Sproat-W4JS, w4js@juno.com, 475-1929.

RACES: Communications Training Nets are held on the last Wednesday and Thursday of each month. The Wednesday night Emergency Communications Information Net begins at 8 PM on 146.745.(-)MHZ with a PL of 136.5

On Thursday the Englewood EOC will conduct their Tactical Net beginning at 9:30 a.m. on 146.865(-) MHZ. The countywide tactical net begins at 10:00AM on 146.745(-) PL 136.5

QCWA Chapter 53 Meeting: 11:30 A.M., 1st Wednesday of each month at Denny's on Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota, October through May, and the Panda Pavilion in Venice June through September.

Snowbird Net: Net is twice daily; first on 14.293 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.233+- MHz at 7:00 P.M.

Connecticut Connection Net: Net is twice daily at 8:00 A.M. on 14.343+- MHz and at 6:40 P.M. on 7.184+- MHz.

Two Meter Nets

EARS	146.550	- Wednesday	7:30 p.m.
NPARC	147.120	Tuesday	8:00 p.m.
CARS	146.745	- Daily	8:30 a.m.
TARC	146.580	- Tuesday	7:30 p.m.
TARC	146.805	- Thursday	7:30 p.m.
PRRA	146.255	- Sunday	8:00 p.m.
NICE	146.430	- Daily	8:30 p.m.

RADIOS FOR SALE:

YAESU FT-2000D \$2200.00

FOR MORE INFO CONTACTOM – WA3PRC AT
941-627-4644

ICOM 27H MOBILE - \$75.00 obo

KENWOOD R2000 RECEIVER - \$300.00 obo

Call: VIC EMMELKAMP FOR DETAILS.
473-5560

Check out this on the Internet:

Submitted by Ken Blackshaw –WINQT.

This note is for beginning hams, or perhaps seasoned hams who no longer have their fancy rigs - Software defined radio!

Now – you must at least have a computer that has a high-speed internet connection. Okay? Got one of those? Then keep reading.

Ham Radio is a wonderful hobby – so many people who like to solve problems and then share their solutions. In this case, we have folks that have first class stations, good antennas, and some computer skills. YOU can listen in to their receivers.

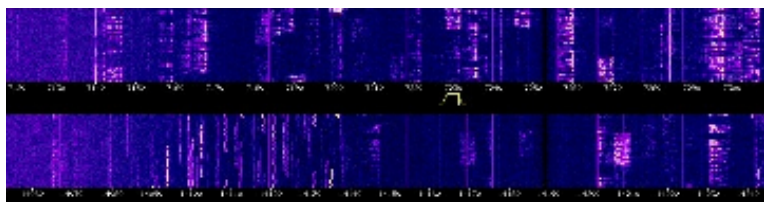
But it gets better, you don't have to just listen to what they are listening to, you can tune around the bands on their radios.

The first thing you do is bring up your web browser and go to: <http://websdr.org/>

This is your starter page. It shows you 15 different stations waiting for you to use – all around the world. There's a map at the bottom showing you where they are. You can see the frequency ranges that they cover. Since I want to listen into the Snowbird Net on 7230 KHz, I pick the third one down – W4MQ in Reston, VA.

Now – one other thing you need – Java! But, Ken, you say, I already had my coffee. Wrong Java! This is the one you need to make your waterfall. This is the point where I want you to just go along with me. Go to <http://www.java.com/en/download/> and download and install Java. It's free and is the heart of this radio system you are about to use.

If you have Java on your computer, you'll see blue bars that look like this on your screen. The squiggles move upwards. I guess the waterfall works up instead of down.



You can see the frequency displayed along below the bars. I have clicked my mouse at 7230 – see the little yellow sine wave? I'm listening at 7230 KHz on W4MQ's receiver in Virginia. My speaker is playing whatever comes in on his radio.

Experiment with this. You can listen in from all over the world, right at your computer. My friend, K2LEK on Nantucket, transmitted a CW carrier and was able to hear it coming in on YO3GGX's receiver in Romania!

All for now – give this a try and enjoy – 73's from Ken – W1 Never Quits Talking!

LOCAL AREA HAMFESTS

- **01/15/2011 | [Southern Florida Section Convention](#)**

Location: Fort Myers, FL
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Fort Myers ARC
Website: <http://fmarc.net>

- **01/22/2011 | [TARCFest XXIV.V](#)**

Location: Tampa, FL
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Tampa Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.hamclub.org>

- **01/29/2011 | [Hamfest in Arcadia](#)**

Location: Arcadia , FL
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: DeSoto Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.desotoarc.org>

- **02/11/2011 | [Southeastern Division Convention \(Orlando HamCation\)](#)**

Location: Orlando, FL
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Orlando Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.hamcation.com>

You can go to the ARRL web site below for details regarding all hamfests.

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>

FINALLY – DON'T FORGET!!!!!!!!!!!!

EARS Christmas Party:

**Place: Rotonda Golf and Country Club
Restaurant
100 Rotonda Circle Rotonda West, FL 33947**

Time: 6 PM Social Hour; 7 PM Dinner

Date: January 29, 2011

**Appetizers: Coconut Shrimp
Cheese and Crackers
Stuffed Mushrooms**

Entrée: Choice of:

- 1. Prime Rib**
- 2. Chicken Cordon Bleu**
- 3. Stuffed Grouper**

All entrees come with carrots and red potatoes and cheesecake for desert. Tea or coffee, your choice.

It was voted on and past at the November meeting that the cost of the meal would be free for members and \$22.00 per person for guests. (i.e. spouses) Please make your reservations and send your check made out to "EARS" to:

**John Cerniglia, W4JAC
195 Mark Twain Lane
Rotonda West, FL 33947
828-7462**

We moved the date to January to accommodate more members who come back after Holidays and usually December is a busy month for all of us. So let us have a good showing and have a good time with our Ham Buddies for the Holidays.



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If you are not yet an ARRL member add your support and join **now.**

