

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message

Well, a year has come and gone since Nicole and I made the stop at Field Day last year on the way home from Sarah's birth at the hospital in Sarasota. Time has flown and our little girl is growing fast. This year Sarah came out to help daddy work the radio Saturday afternoon and, also, for the wonderful picnic on Sunday. Our club's engineers and technical guys met the challenge of putting together the tents without instructions, and operations for the Field Day weekend proceeded. The Englewood Sun gave us some nice media coverage as well. Thanks to all who participated in Field Day planning, setup, operations, clean-up, and picnic. Especially, thanks to Steve Churchill for chairing and organizing the event this year. Thanks to Tom Hawes for getting the food and

thanks to Frank Maren for cooking the burgers and hot dogs. Thanks to Ken Blackshaw for submitting our results to the ARRL. We also appreciate John Cerniglia's attempts to get new tents prior to the event. I am grateful to Fred [and his feathered companion, Chico] for staying with me and the equipment for the duration of the night.

It is sad news to hear the club's founding member, Don Spencer WA4IWL, passed away this month. Don, 94, was enthusiastic about amateur radio. Don enriched the hobby through formation of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society and his promotion of ham radio activities. Don Spencer will be greatly missed.

As food for thought, please consider how active you wish for our club to be in the community. Remember, you members are the club. Whether our club will make an appearance in the Pioneer Day Parade this year, or possibly have a booth, is an issue to be discussed at the July meeting. We need to know how many members are willing to come out and participate, if we sign up, so please check your calendar for September 5, 2011.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM

Editor's Message



With summer upon us it's obvious that I've been slow in producing this month's newsletter. I've been rebuilding a 1986 Hobie Cat sailboat I got on my birthday and almost everything has slipped as a result. Boat is done and sailing is fine, so here is the newsletter.

Mike

Silent Keys

Jim Lawlor KB2NZ May 23rd

*Jim Lawlor KB2NZ has passed away. He spent the last 4 months in hospital and rehab for various conditions and problems. I will pass on other information when I go to see the family.
Pam K1UEG*

Don Spencer WA4IWL June 23rd

I wanted to let the people that my grandfather affected in his life know that WA4IWL passed away last evening around 2:30 a.m. At the ripe young age of 94. He is survived by his two daughters, six grandsons, and 12 grandchildren. He joins Edna, who passed away in the early spring (I think I could hear her say "hurry up Donald") in a happier place. Some of my fondest memories are of his visits where he would set up his massive "portable" antennas that he took out of his yellow Firebird at my parents home and we would talk to people from all over the world. Your radio club is a lasting memory to a simple(but extremely talented) picture framer who loved the HAM radio community his entire adult life.

- David Spencer Moffat

Joe Riccio W2ORP July 10th

Here is some sad news to report. Joe Riccio passed away yesterday, July 10th. Joe recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He was a member of the Denney's breakfast group for several years. He will be missed by all his friends. At this time arrangements are still being made.

Vic K4VHX

Field Day





Looks like a great time was had by all.



Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

Band/Mode	CW		Digital		QSOs
	QSOs	Pwr (W)	QSOs	Pwr (W)	
Phone					
Pwr (W)					
160m					
80m					
40m	21	100			
20m	66	100	17	100	49
100					
15m	21	100			46
100					
10m	6	100			
6m					109
100					
2m					
1.25					
Other					
Satellite					
GOTA					
TOTAL	114		17		204



LOCAL AREA HAMFESTS

Hamfest/Convention
08/20/2011 | TARCfest
Location: Tampa, FL
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Tampa Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.hamclub.org>

LOCAL:

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

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.

TARC's website is at: <http://tamiamiarc.org/>

LETTERS

Editor,
Re: Your article in June EARS Newsletter. I'm with you – the scholarship is the best outside activity the club can do. Here is (a check) for my share, add it to the others.
Sincerely,
Dave Witt WD9W

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Next issue will be early August. Still time to submit an Operator's Profile or send photos of your activities.

Editor
Mike Daly K4MWD