

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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June 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message

If President Matthew had submitted input this month it would probably be to enjoy the season; remember those who gave to make our freedoms possible, and gear up for field day.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Steve N9USZ

The meeting was opened by Matthew at 7:30 pm with the Pledge. There were 14 members and 1 guest. Introductions were made.

A motion was made and seconded and voted on, to accept the secretary's report from last month.

A motion was made, seconded and voted on to accept the Treasurer's report.

Correspondence:

We received a letter from our Insurance company, Matthew will discuss in New business.

Sunshine Committee:

John W4JAC mentioned his wife is in rehab recovering from her broken hip, and it was mentioned that a card was sent to her.

Martin N4FA is still doing Chemo and is doing OK.

Matthew mentioned that his Dad is doing OK, also.

RACES:

Mel W9BSM gave a report about the Hurricane seminar last Sat at the Englewood Hospital and the status of the digital station at the hospital. Things there are progressing well.

Matthew also mentioned the Hurricane Expo on May 28th at 10:30 am AND 1:30 pm at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center on 75 Taylor St., Punta Gorda. Call in is on 146.745 or 444.975 pl 136.5 ½ hr before and after each seminar. Matthew has flyers.

Publicity:

Steve N9USZ gave a report explaining that he had contacted the paper and got the information on meetings and Field Day.

Testing:

Testing is on the 2nd Saturday at the Venice Library. It was also mentioned that testing in Port Charlotte is on the 3rd Wednesday at the Century Bldg on Rte 41 at 7PM.

Ham Fest:

Info is in News letter from last month.

Field Day:

We will be discussing preparation for Field Day on the 23rd of June at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Club Insurance was discussed.

New Business:

A motion was made to move to Hayes Insurance company. The motion was seconded and voted on, all in favor of the move. John will submit a check for \$200.00 and send a copy of the policy to Mike Daly.

The Pioneer Day Parade was discussed concerning if we wanted to put a float in. Mike Stopak was going get some info about it, but he has not been to any meetings lately. The Club will try to contact him. The next meeting will be on June 23rd in the same room. This is due to the Church holding Vacation Bible School.

The EARS party was discussed and it will be held on Sat. Jan 28th at the Rotunda Golf and Country Club, same as last year.

Announcements:

Matthew announced that he took the family to Busch Gardens and Sarah got to meet the Sesame St. Characters.

It was suggested that we do a Hurricane communications practice or demonstration at the Church for a program. A lively discussion followed about messaging and protocols, and the fact that Cell Phones will be useless, because the emergency

services will have priority on Cell Phones.

Matthew mentioned he would show how Echo link worked on his Cell Phone, for those interested after the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by Steve Churchill N9USZ

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John W4JAC

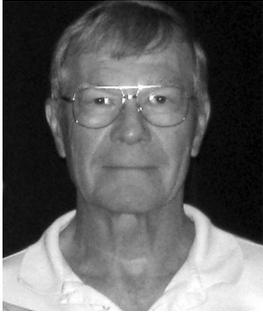
Our last bank statement shows \$3,713.47 in checking, CD of \$2801.68, (a gain of \$0.35 in interest), for a total of \$6,519.19

No payments made this month.

Mike K4MWD & Matthew KE4VEM each donated \$100.00 to the 2012 Lemon Bay Scholarship Fund which was deposited yesterday and did not show up on this report.

Respectfully submitted by John Cerlniglia W4JAC

DX REPORT:



Tom WA3PRC

No Report, Tom and George KA4JKY were representing EARS at the Dayton Hamvention.

RECENT HAPPENINGS

Lemon Bay High School Seniors received over \$165,000 in scholarships awarded by 132 local organizations. In the photo below Vic K4VHX is shown presenting the EARS award to John Adamson.



Pam K1UEG reports that her daughter Briana received a \$1650 scholarship from Englewood United Methodist Women; was recognized for National Honor Society, Senior Manta Mentor Award, AP Government Award, and Outstanding Achievement in Art. Congratulations Brianna!

Thanks for being there Vic and supporting the graduates for EARS.

Central Florida D-Star Group Offers D-Star Academy

The Central Florida D-Star Group will hold a one day D-Star Academy on July 30, 2011 at Lake Receptions in Mount Dora Florida.

This D-Starters educational experience is designed for beginners as well as more experienced D-Star users. The goals and objectives are to present D-Star definitions, equipment, DVAPs, Dongles, linking, HI and LO speed data, the ID-1, D-Rats and comprehensive training for programming the radios. There will also be presentations and demonstrations on advancements in D-Star high speed data communications and other emergency communications techniques using D-Star equipment. There will be time for "hands on" instructions how to program D-Star radios without a computer. Instruction will be provided by experts in the D-Star field such as Ray Novak, National Amateur Marketing Manager for Icom America, Robin Cutshaw, AA4RC who has developed the Dongle and DVAP. Paul Eakin, North Florida Section Manager and others will present high speed data and other advancements in communication using D-Star systems. The target audience for this session is emergency management, hospital administrators and the more advanced D-Star users.

No matter what your D-Star experience, if any, there will be a wealth of information provided so that the beginner can go home and put his/her equipment on the air and the more advanced operator can explore the new data transfer methods which will have Emergency Management application.

The cost for the D-Star Academy will be \$ 35.00 per person and that will include lunch and refreshments all during the day.

You may register for this course at our web site www.cfldsg.org . More detailed information about class schedule and instructors is also available at this site.

We encourage amateur radio clubs to make this information available to their members and include it in their news letters.

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New Insurance Information



PREMIUM QUOTATION

General Aggregate Limit:	\$2,000,000
Products – Completed Operations Aggregate Limit:	\$1,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury Limit:	\$1,000,000
Each Occurrence Limit:	\$1,000,000
Fire Damage Limit:	\$100,000 Any One Fire
Medical Expense Limit:	\$10,000 Any One Person
Terrorism:	Included

Premium: \$200.00

Members- please take a look at our website

At your earliest convenience please check in to the EARS web site and look it over. While you are there look for any changes, updates, or deletions that are needed and let Freeman Crosby W1NPR, know what you'd like done on the site.

Freeman's email is: mail@crosby.com

EARS web site is: earsradioclub.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/>

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>

**Next EARS Meeting
June 23, 2011
7:30 PM
EUMC Conference Room**

EDITORIAL



Please take another look at the scholarship article. One hundred and thirty two organizations participated in this year's event. We should reconsider our vote to not continue supporting the community that we promise to assist in the event of a disaster. Wouldn't it be a disaster if one kid failed to get a better education for lack of our donation? Those who argue that \$500 doesn't buy anything these days, must also agree that \$500 doesn't get us much if we keep it.

mike

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

Editor
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