

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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March 2013

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

EARS meeting February 28, 2013

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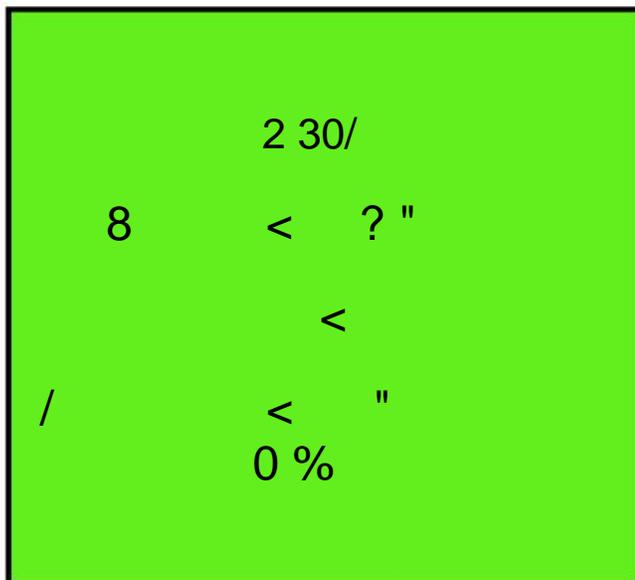
| INCOME            | 2012-ACTUAL | 2013-ESTIMATE |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------|
| CLUB TABLE        | \$1,263.00  | \$500.00      |
| DUES              | \$794.00    | \$700.00      |
| TOTAL             | \$2,057.00  | \$1,200.00    |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>   |             |               |
| BADGES            | \$98.00     | \$29.00       |
| CLUB SHIRTS       | \$0.00      | \$100.00      |
| EDUCATION         | \$0.00      | \$0.00        |
| BANK FEES         | \$78.00     | \$21.00       |
| FOOD & DINNING    | \$385.00    | \$300.00      |
| GIFTS & DONATIONS | \$550.00    | \$600.00      |
| MISCELLEOUS       | \$44.00     | \$50.00       |
| POSTAGE           | \$73.00     | \$100.00      |
| TOTAL             | \$1,228.00  | \$1,200.00    |
| GAIN OR LOSS:     | \$829.00    | \$0.00        |

2013 EARS Budget Detail

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**February Antenna Party K1UEG**



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## Orlando Hamfest



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## February Meeting



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## HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

### 03/16/2013 | Gulf Coast ARC's 17th Annual Hamfest

Location: Hudson, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club

### 04/20/2013 | TARCfest

Location: Tampa, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tampa Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.hamclub.org>

#### VE Exam Sessions:

7:00 p.m. on the Third Wednesday of the month at the Century Link Building at the corner of Harbor and S Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL.

Bring 2 forms of ID, your current license if upgrading and \$15

Contact Gino at 941-629-7933 for more info.

Click here for the next scheduled session.

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**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., 1<sup>st</sup> 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 14.317 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 444.100 – Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

TARC 146.805 - Thursday 7:30 p.m.

TARC 146.805 – Wednesday 8:00 p.m. DX net

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

PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.

NICE 146.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m.

Letters to the editor should be emailed to:

[K4MWD@arrl.net](mailto:K4MWD@arrl.net) Put Editor in the subject line.



I got a lot out of the D-STAR presentation at the last meeting, but it didn't involve D-STAR. One of the computers that George Jones' son Ron was using was a \$35 linux computer called Raspberry Pi <http://www.raspberrypi.org/>

their web site states:

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(The Raspberry Pi Foundation is a UK registered charity )



I read somewhere that the PI stands for something like “python intensive” Python being one of the leading programming languages in Linux.

Well, I'm hooked! My order is in and I hope the wait is only the 6-weeks they warned about. Reading their monthly newsletters I saw an article about using the little computer as a controller for home automation. A free program let the author study the signals from a wireless receiver to learn the bit stream to activate the controllers. Sounds like fun.

<http://www.themagpi.com/en/issue/8>

Next month we'll be back to a more conventional format with an extended article on DX.

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Editor