

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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**March 13, 2014**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



**Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV**

### February 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

7 Pm by Vic

15 Members

3 Guests

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SECRETARY'S REPORT – MARCIA

Not provided due to Marcia being hospitalized

TREASURER'S REPORT - Skip

Vic provided some information on financial, but Skip

was not in attendance so information was limited

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE – MARCIA

Not provided due to Marcia being hospitalized

RACES – CHARLIE/MEL

Mel reported on Races location in hospital, with issue still not resolved as to new location. Space that is currently being offered is not acceptable for radio communications.

PUBLICITY

None

DX – TOM

Tom will send information to Mike

HAMFESTS

Charlotte County Hamfest March 8, 6AM-2PM at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 2300 Luther Road, PG

OLD BUSINESS

Vic provided information on 146.865 repeater repairs. Discussion followed. Continuing to follow up.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion from Vic on potential new meeting locations. Possible new site would be Lemon Bay Coast Guard Auxiliary in Englewood. Will bring up for discussion in March meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting Minutes taken by Dave W0RVR

**Next Meeting**

**Monday February 17th**

**7:00 pm**

**Englewood United Methodist Church**

**Outdoor Pavilion**

## LOCAL

### NOTICE

This is your last newsletter unless your dues have been paid. Beginning next month the newsletters and 2014 directories will be sent only to paid members.

#### EARS Members:

We have an opportunity to move to a new meeting location if the membership concurs.

The local Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 87 has moved into a building on SR 776 just South of Overbrook Drive and North of Englewood Isles Pkwy. It is located on the East side of SR 776 at 1949 Englewood Rd. Gerry Meckenberg, K4JWE, is a member of the flotilla and a director of Lemon Bay Boaters Inc. who owns the building. They would be willing to let us hold our monthly meetings in their facility for a nominal yearly amount (to be determined) to cover the costs of utilities.

The meeting room would accommodate our group easily and the surrounding grounds could be use for field day.

Take a look at the building if you are driving in the area.

Look for the flashing yellow light before Overbrook Road, on the right side two buildings before the flashing light.

<https://www.google.com/maps/@27.0029603,-82.3785742,17z?hl=en>

To be discussed at our March meeting.

73,  
Vic

To All ARES/RACES Members:

Hello All,

Some members of our group said that they wanted to have Charlotte County FL ARES/RACES shirts. Peg Gutman, KC8HZV, volunteered to handle the project and with the help of the members present at the last staff meeting, came up with the following:

The shirts will be Jerzees 436P 50/50 Pocket Sport Shirt with SpotShield in Safety Green. They come in men's sizes small to 5X. The shirt will have a Charlotte County Logo with these words under the logo:

Radio Operator  
Emergency Management

The cost will be around \$20 and \$22 for sizes 2X and larger. It will include tax and a portion for setup (around \$2 each).

We are going to forego putting each person's call sign on the shirts as it would cause a scheduling issue and added cost. More detailed information about the shirt is available at:

[https://www.blankapparel.com/Jerzees\\_436P.htm](https://www.blankapparel.com/Jerzees_436P.htm)

Please send an e-mail to Peg Gutmann at [msgutmann@aol.com](mailto:msgutmann@aol.com) giving her your name, call letters, and shirt size, and tell her that you want to order one of the shirts. She will then compile all the orders and obtain the exact price which will probably be less than that quoted above. She will then inform you of the exact price, collect the money, and get the order in to the supplier.

Thanks for all your great help!

73,  
Bob Speck, W4MPJ  
Deputy Administrative Manager  
Charlotte County FL ARES/RACES

## SHOE By Gary Brookins & Suslo



### Testing

Please email the contact to confirm dates and times.

Sponsor: SCARE

Date: Third Wednesday of each month

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Gino J. Ferranti

(941) 629-7933

Email: ke4tjo@arrl.net

Location: North Port VFW Post

Corner of Pan American Blvd

and Trott Circle

North Port FL 34287-9999

Sponsor: Tamiami ARC

Date: Second Saturday each month

Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: John R. Sproat

(941) 475-1929

Email: w4js@juno.com

Location: Venice Public Library Conference Room

300 Nokomis Ave S

Reservations Appreciated!

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### HAMFEST/CONVENTION

#### **03/15/2014 | Gulf Coast ARC's 18th Annual Hamfest**

Location: Hudson, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://gulfcoastarc.org>

#### **04/19/2014 | TARCFest XXXI**

Location: Tampa, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tampa Amateur Radio Club

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

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

PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.  
NICE 146.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m.

## LOCAL REPEATERS

MHz (-) Tone

145.130 (-) N4SER Laurel/SERC  
145.430 100 NI4CE Verna/Big Stick  
146.570 N4XJQ Punta Gorda  
146.5900 W0AC 136.5 North Port  
**146.700 77 N4EAR Englewood/EARS**  
146.730 100 N4SER Sarasota/SERC  
146.745 136.5 WX4E Charlotte County/ARC  
146.775 77 K0DGF Englewood  
146.805 100T W4AC Venice/TARC  
**146.865 K8ONV Port Charlotte/EARS.**  
146.910 W4IE Sarasota/ARA (A)  
146.925 N4ZNU Port Charlotte  
147.015 KS4ST Port Charlotte  
147.120 136.5 K4NPT North Port/NPARC  
147.255 136.5 W4DUX Port Charlotte/PRRA  
442.050 100 KB2WVY Placida/Stewart  
442.100. 136.5 KA9RIX North Port  
442.700 136.5 N4FOB Port Charlotte  
442.925 136.5 W4DUX Port Charlotte/PRRA  
442.950 100 K4WCF Big Stick  
444.625 77T K0DGF Englewood  
444.975 136.5 KS4ST Punta Gorda/CARS

### Miscellaneous Charlotte County Amateur Radio Activity

All local repeaters use PL Tone of 136.5 Mhz Except the Englewood 146.865 Mhz or the Gator 147.015 Mhz Repeaters

Sunshine Net Everyday at 8:30 Am on 146.745 Mhz and 444.975 Mhz.

SW Florida Traffic Net Everyday except Sunday at 10:00 AM on 147.345 Mhz and 146.685 Mhz.

PRRA Sunday Night Net Sunday at 8:00 PM on 147.255 MHz and 442.925 Mhz

North Port Net Tuesday at 8:00 PM on 147.120 Mhz.

Sky Warn Net Tuesday 9:00 PM Big Stick (NI4CE repeater sys) 145.430 PL 100 and 442.950 PL 100

Voip and Tech Net (Naples) Tues 7:30 PM Naples 146.670 PL136.5, Arcdia 147.180 PL 100 and Venice 442.050 PL 100. also on Echolink at nodes 451949, 389568, 213895, and 205293

Windmill Net Sunday at 9:00 Pm on 28.475 Mhz SSB

75 Meter Vintage Equip Net Tuesday at 5:00 PM on 3.810 Mhz

EARS Simplex Net Wed at 7:30 on 146.550 Mhz

### Food and Fellowship

Punta Gorda ELKS lodge, Shore Drive in Punta Gorda, 11:00 AM Every Friday.

Denny's Restaurant, corner of RT 41 and RT 776 in Murdock, 7:30 AM Every Saturday

IHOP Punta Gorda, diagonally across RT 41 from the Police and Fire Station and directly across Grace St. from the Golden Corral. 1145 Am Wednesday.

Denny's – Englewood, SR 776 and Placida Rd (next to Bay Harbor Ford) : 7:00 AM every Tuesday

## FROM THE EDITOR



Mike K4MWD

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