

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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**November 2012**

## Silent Key



**John Cerniglia W4JAC**

Our EARS Vice President W4JAC is now a silent key. Our hearts and prayers go out to his wife Shirley and his family.

Cerniglia, John Anthony  
Mar. 1, 1944 - Oct. 23, 2012  
John Anthony Cerniglia, 68, of Rotonda West, FL, formerly of Cedarburg, WI, died on Oct. 23, 2012. Funeral arrangements by: Englewood Community Funeral Home, Inc. with Private Crematory.

## **PRESIDENT**



**Steve Churchill N9USZ**

Greetings fellow EARS members

We continue to train and practice digital and voice drills and have had several people sign up and qualify. This training is available for free at the EOC center on Airport Rd. in Punta Gorda. I urge all members to take advantage of this.

Last Sunday I was asked to do a demonstration and seminar on Ham radio and field operations by a group of prepared people. There was no power available in the park so I ran the HF and 2 meter station on battery power. I used a home made 2meter ground plane and a G5RV type antenna 20' off the ground. Contacts on 20 meter were made into AZ and IL. The folks were very appreciative and asked many questions. One gentleman who professed to being an inactive Advanced license holder told me "that my demonstration had convinced him to become active again."

We also had a very nice and social cookout with the children enjoying the playground equipment.

See you the meeting

73

Steve  
N9USZ



**Marcia Fowler KA1GCV**

## **Secretary's Report**

EARS meeting October 18, 2012

Steve N9USZ called the meeting to order at 7:35pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 16 members and no guest or visitors present. We do have a new member:

Mark Kenady KV4FC  
221 North St.  
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941-237-0055  
markkenady@gmail.com  
wife: Bobbi

The Secretary's report by Marcia KA1GCV was accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report from Vic K4VHX showed checking as \$2574.90 and the savings as \$2805.08 for a total of \$5379.98. Vic also reported receiving \$200 for the ICOM sold to Scotty in Arcadia; and spending \$70 for a battery for the club handheld. This report was accepted by all.

No correspondence this month.

Committee reports:

Sunshine: John Cerniglia W4JAC is now a silent key....he died 10/23/12. There are no services planned at this time. I sent a sympathy card to his wife and family.

I also sent a get-well card to George Shreve KA4JKY who had knee surgery.

RACES:

Mel W9BSM reports that Ruskin wants to do drills on 146.185 as Skywarn Emergency Only calls are on 146.745.

There will be an SET in January 2013 including Lee to Sarasota counties. The "emergency" will be "a tornado starts in Fort Myers and travels up the corridor for about 4 hours". All should participate. The hospital people all have their ID's as "Englewood/Fawcett", which should be accepted in all hospitals.

Charlie K1QNF reports that there are now 13 certified in digital, including Pam K1UEG for the drill at the end of the month.

No Publicity.

Testing: Please see info at the end of this newsletter. Punta Gorda will not hold their testing this week because of the holiday.

DX: Tom WA3PRC reports 20 meters is terrible; he only had 4 contacts with Conway Reef. Please see his full report in this newsletter.

Hamfests: Del Ray Beach, Leesburg, Melbourne, Florida Convention in November.

Old Business: The Triathlon is scheduled for October 28. Although they were interested in having amateur radios for contact ability, they had to have their corporation agree. We have not heard anything from the corporation, so we will not be a part of the race.

New Business: 1. Our CD at Wells Fargo needs to be updated with new officers. A motion was made and seconded unanimously. There was discussion whether or not we really need this account or if we should add it to the checking account when it comes due. It was decided to combine the two accounts at that time. This motion was unanimously carried.

2. Mike Daly generously offered to look into our annual banquet plans which were scheduled last year.

3. We have been asked to present our colors in the annual Rotonda Christmas parade. Sounds like fun....we need to find out the particulars and plan soon.

4. We would like to set up a table and tent at next year's Aviation Day at Buchan Field.

5. Our equipment is stored in various homes. Can we consider a storage compartment?

This will be tabled till our next meeting.

Discussion: Reminders. We open nominations in November; we continue accepting nominations in December; we have elections of officers in January. The audit is usually done early in the New Year.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn the meeting was made and accepted by all. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV  
Secretary



**Tom Hawes WA3PRC**

## **DX REPORT**

Since my last report propagation hasn't changed all the much. 20m has been open and closed and noisy. 10m,15m and 12m have been the active bands the past three weeks,, So follows what I think interesting contacts.

Chad ( TT8TT ) was on and I made two contacts on SSB, 20M and 17M. Than a few days later Tanzania ( 5H2DK ) came on the air and my contact was on 10M SSB. And than a contact with Iceland ( TT8MSN ) on 12M SSB. And another contact with West Kiribati. The Gilbert Islands. T30PY ON 15M. Than a 10M contact with Spain and Germany.. I called up the German station to let him know that he had a very loud signal into Florida but he had a loud hum on his signal. He thanked me and we chatted for a few minutes than he QRTd to see what was up with the hum. Than on the same day I contacted Pico Island in the Azores ( CU6AY ) on 10M. 10M was open at that time so I called a station in Portugal and got a comeback ( CT7ACG ).. I was on a roll that day and shortly after the CT contact I worked the T30 again but long pass on 17M.. And while "Sandy" was moving North I worked a group on Sable Island ( WA4DAN/CY0 ) on 10M and 15M,, they told me that they were ready to shut down due to the storm coming,, also a station in Bermuda ( N1SU/VP9 ), this contact was on 20M and they too were QRTing and getting out of harms way,, This brings us up to the end of October and from than on I have been inactive

One interesting contact I made was not DX but a High School in Oklahoma,, It was a school project and

**Next meeting December 21st, 2012**

**7:30 PM**

**Englewood United Methodist  
Church**

Save this date

## **Annual EARS Holiday Party**

January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Rotunda Hills Golf & Country Club  
100 Rotunda Circle

Social Hour 6:00PM Dinner 7:00PM

I listened to them on and off for two days and all the operators were very good at handling the pile up,, kudo's to the their H.S. teacher Elmer in the background. I look for this type of operation just so I can call in and make their day.

OH! I did see Albania and New Zealand on but no copy here...

Turn on the radios and listen. Also if anyone needs the dx listings please e mail me and I will send you the info.

73s And Good DX Wa3PRC Tom

## LOCAL:

### New Member

Ray Magsby-KK4LGF joined EARS at the November meeting. Ray and his wife Mary live at 9362 Melody Circle, Port Charlotte. Ray holds a General license and is interested in helping on field days. [diligaf2u@webtv.net](mailto:diligaf2u@webtv.net)  
Welcome Ray

Mark Kenady receives EARS name tag and "T" shirt from Steve Churchill.



Steve N9USZ and Mark KV4FC

## HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

### 12/01/2012 | [West Central Florida Section Convention \(Tampa Bay Hamfest\)](#)

Location: Palmetto, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council

Website: <http://www.fgcarc.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.

[http://www.arrl.org/exam\\_sessions/port-charlotte-fl-33952-9999-18](http://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/port-charlotte-fl-33952-9999-18)

**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.



New Year Party 2012

Members – Let me apologize AGAIN for the delay in producing this newsletter Sorry for the delay. Happy Thanksgiving.

73,

Mike Daly K4MWD  
Editor



February 2010



Orlando 2010