

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT



Steve Churchill N9USZ

Things have been very quiet down here in Englewood. I can report that on Tuesday October 2nd I went down to the EOC in Punta Gorda and did my training for the WIN link system for RACES. I am now certified and I will be practicing sending digital messages when we have our drills at Englewood hospital. I'm hoping all our members will take advantage of this program so they can be ready in case of emergencies. Victor and Pam have also been active in the program and they will be asked to train next. Training will be one one one.

73
Steve N9USZ

EARS meeting September 20, 2012

Steve N9USZ called the meeting to order at 7:35pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 12 members and no guests or visitors present.

The Secretary's report by Marcia KA1GCV was accepted as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report from Vic K4VHX was reported as a total of checking and savings of \$5,308.07. The report was accepted as given.

Correspondence was a few notices of payments due; which were forwarded and taken care of.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine report: There were no cards sent out since last meeting.

RACES: This Wednesday there will be a check-in on simplex at 7:30pm; at 8pm on 146.745, a check-in to RACES call-in net. On Thursday at 9:30am, West County check-in on open repeater; then Full County at 10am, followed by the digital portion at 10:30am. Charlie K1QNF holds the digital portion. There are still questions to be answered regarding how this is progressing. The digital portion is doing well with just EOC and hospitals, but others are requesting more stations be added, and that would overwhelm the digital portion and crash.

The badges now are shown as "Englewood/Fawcett Hospital" and "RACES". Do we need one badge named "Federal ID" in case some members are assigned to other hospitals or stations?

Publicity: Results of our part in the Pioneer Days parade show that we need to have more of everything that we gave out for next year. It was fun; the crowd liked the info given, and the kids loved the spinning tops.

Testing: Please see info at the end of this report.

DX: Please see Tom's report this month.

Hamfest: The Lambifest was very good; next are Odessa, Melbourne, Tampa, and Okeechobee. Miami is planning to again start with their Hamfest with new rules the first of February.

Other: There is no news yet about the Half Iron man race, which will combine Venice, Englewood, North Port, and Port Charlotte.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Vic K4VHX has found a radio for the club that can be used by anyone who needs to have one. He is working on it now.

Ken and Alice have sent us some "pennies from Heaven" for a charity that they have given to in the past. Thank you very much.

Adjournment: A motion was made and seconded by the group to adjourn. Adjournment was at 8:30pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV
Secretary

Next meeting November 15, 2012

7:30 PM

**Englewood United Methodist
Church**



Tom Hawes WA3PRC

DX REPORT

Propagation the past month has been up and down on all bands but 20m has had the most adverse effects. At time there was just no band reception. And other times it would just disappear during a QSO. Than at times while I was scanning and listening the band would open to hear a ongoing conversation,,

Even so I was able to listen in on and work several stations.. To list them all would take up to much space so I'll just mention a few of them

VP8LP (Falkland Isle) has been on quite a lot and is still a nice catch on 20M Than JX9JKA (Jan Mayen Isle) was spotted on 20m. VR2XMT (Hong Kong) came aborad but I only had an S1 copy on 15M Next in line a Z6OK (Kosovo) showed up and no copy here. JY4CI (Jordan) and I had a nice RTTY contact on 17M. Than of course the Conway Reef DX Epedtion,, I had no copy on 20m but was able to make contact on 12M SSB. 17M SSB, 10M CW and 15mCW and all with 100 Watts. now TT8TT (CHAD) is out there and I have made two contacts with him..Also another South Pacific station NH8S (Swain Isle) and contact with him was on 10m, 12m and 15m with 100Watts

And there are a lot more out there. Just turn the radio on and listen

73S Tom WA3PRC

LOCAL:

New Member

Mark Kennedy KV4FC of Englewood joined EARS at our last meeting. Mark and Bobbie live on North Street. Mark holds an advanced license and wants to help the club in Field Day and Special Events. You can email Mark at markkennedy@gmail.com. Welcome Mark!

Silent Key

A former EARS member is now a Silent Key. Joe Kato, KE4WVA passed away last week. There will be no memorial service that we know of at this time. Joe was a regular check in on the evening 40 Meter Sunshine Net.

From K4VHX

Ken and Alice Anderson say hello to all their Englewood friends. Both are well and chipper. We had a lovely lunch together October 1st at 'Charlie's' in Harrisonburg VA



Vic, Liz, Alice and Ken

New email address

Ron McCloud K1FTB has a new email address, K1FTB@Reagan.com

From Jim Grimes KD8OCW

I just returned from 2 weeks on Keuka Lake, but never got close to Rochester.



Too bad Jim, a great little city and you could get Kodak stock for 18-cents a share – editor

Last month

The breakfast guys were shown at a recent Tuesday morning Denny's meeting, Frank W4VV wound up on the cutting room floor. Sorry Frank. (Editor comment: except for the food it's a great time all should attend 6:45am)



Field day mascot



Thanks- Pam

From Ken Blackshaw W1NQT

Dear Mike - Thanks for the N/L. Regarding the 'common cents' - you might also like to post the first picture in the series of me receiving the 'common cents' from Ken Anderson, W4JQT, in August. I'm attaching that.

73's - Ken



W1NQT and W4JQT

HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

11/03/2012 | LARA Annual Hamfest/Tailgate

Location: Leesburg, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Lake Amateur Radio Association

11/03/2012 | South Florida Hamfest

Location: Delray Beach, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Boca Raton Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://www.southfloridahamfest.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

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 14.317 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.

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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 Put Editor in the subject line.



Members – Let me apologize for the delay in producing this newsletter I had just arrived in Florida for a month of fishing with an army buddy. We were busy getting steel off the windows and fishing. So I did what any fisherperson would do – pritorize my time. Sorry for the delay. Can't say it won't happen again. Hi hi

73,

Mike Daly K4MWD
Editor