

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



March's meeting was a little lengthy due to some important discussion and numerous topics to address. Please read over the minutes to make sure you remain current on the happenings in the Englewood Amateur Radio Society. I believe most members will agree that the guest speaker who started off our meeting made it well worth pushing back the business portion of the meeting.

Don Baughman, K7MX, presented an excellent explanation on the workings of Software Defined Radio. Don had everyone in attendance at the March meeting infatuated with the demonstration of his Flex-3000 software defined radio. The capabilities of SDR seemed endless but included monitoring a broad range of frequencies for QSO's all at once while narrowing your desired contact frequency range using as large or as small

of a filter as you want. Plus, he mentioned some convenient features for CW operation; however, most contesters would consider some of those features cheating. The radio combined with a laptop lets you operate any mode 160m-6m, including even digital modes since you connect to laptop or desktop computer over a single Firewire cable.

If you communicate with any of our guest speakers, please let them know how much we appreciate their time and effort. Further, please thank Vic, K4VHX, for graciously lining up guest speakers and other programming to add more value to our regular meetings.

On a personal note, I have been hired as a new Hearing Officer in the 20th Judicial Circuit. As I will be frequently presiding over child support enforcement hearings in Fort Myers and Naples, I may be a little more difficult to reach now. In addition to learning the ropes of my new job, I will continue to be very busy because I am still taking my classes for becoming certified as a professional teacher, substitute teaching in Charlotte County when possible, preparing our home and ourselves for our baby girl, assisting my parents as they deal with my dad's poor health, and doing numerous other tasks that simply must be done.

In light of my schedule and the great number of responsibilities already born by my fellow officers, I again ask our members to take a more active role in operating the club. Please volunteer for positions as they are needed. Currently, we need a member to plan next year's holiday party/annual banquet and ensure reservations are made. Additionally, I am having difficulty making it to the ARES/RACES officer meetings (even when they try to schedule around my activities). In fairness to the rest of the ARES/RACES staff, I would be thrilled if someone in our club would take on this responsibility for me whether they care to have the title of Deputy or not. Thank you all for your patience.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Gene Reilly – K14FJJ

Following are the minutes of the 18 March, 2010 meeting of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society.

The meeting was opened at 7:35 PM by President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, with the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Introductions were made around the room. The following guests were recognized: Walt Kline, WB8WNF, Midland, MI. Ship Hayes, K4WDH, Harwick, MA, Bob Mueller, K8RGM, Milford, MI. Jim Sanford, K8ZZU, Clarkson, MI. Don Baughman, K7MX, North Port, FL.

There were twenty-four members and five guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as recorded in the March newsletter.

Program: Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX, who was instrumental in securing our program, presented our guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Don Baughman brings an impressive background to tonight's program "Software Defined Radio." He's a Navy veteran, an electrical engineer and his career evolved into a world- wide sales and marketing executive career. Don did an excellent job of introducing us to the latest cutting edge technology and perhaps Amateur Radio's future.

For more information refer to the Flexradio.com site.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Daly, K4MWD presented the treasure's report. Mike reported as of 26 February, 2010, our checking account was \$3,432.76 and the savings account was \$2,789.15 for a total of \$6,221.91. Total deposits and other credits for January were \$440.00.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Amateur Radio World requesting that the club renew its CQ Magazine subscription– there was no interest.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Marcia, Fowler, KA1GCU, indicated that on 22 February an Encouragement Card was sent Jim O'Rourke, N1KKE. In March a "Thank You" note and a club "T" Shirt was sent to Don Spencer, WA4IWL. Also in March, "Get Well" cards were sent to Pam Eggleton, K1UEG, and Liz Emmelkamp.

RACES: Charles Utz, K1QNF, and Mel Rathbun, W9BSM, reported the SET was to be held on 10 April. It's has been decided that the emergency situation would be a Hurricane located just north of Englewood. The annual RACES meeting will be held on 30 March 7:00 PM at the Murdock Circle location. Mel reminded us that our equipment and our office are secured under lock and key.

Publicity: None

DX: JR House, K9HUY, reported that ARRL had their contests on CW and SSB, and he worked 52 CW stations. Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, reported that a gentleman named Pierre would be stationed on Marian Island for this forthcoming year.

Testing: Marty Horowitz, N4FA reported that there is a special testing course being held at the Pineview School and Sarasota Military Academy. Congratulations to our guest Walt Kline, WB8WNF, for successfully passing his Extra Test in Sarasota.

Hamfest: Charlotte County Hamfest seem to be successful with a good crowd on AM Saturday.

Keith Kelly, KC5AS had the good fortune to win a brand new 2m Radio door prize. Tom Hawes who manned the club table indicated that everything was sold.

Old Business: 1) Reminder that Financial Audit Committee needed to meet ASAP. Keith Kelly, KC5AS, indicated that he would take responsibility to get the said Committee to set a meeting date.

- 2) The EARS Scholarship Committee has just about completed its selection process for the 2010 recipient.
- 3) Tom Hawes delivered 5,000 brand new and very attractive Light House QSL cards.
- 4) There are 7 Club Shirts remaining to be picked up.
- 5) JR House was congratulated for the fine job he has done the last two weeks as Net Control for the EARS Simplex Net.
- 6) RE: the forthcoming Field Day. We need to review the recent changes in the Church outdoor facilities in lieu our preparation and make adjustments accordingly. Ken Anderson, WAJQT, stated that the Church leadership is more than willing to work with us.

New Business: 1) Tom Hawes made a motion to rescind the 2010 EARS Scholarship \$500.00 grant. He stated that the membership needs to rethink the allocation of the club's funds. In recent years, the club has realized significant income as a result the sale of equipment bequeathed to the club. After discussion, Tom withdrew his motion with understanding it needs to be discussed prior to adoption of the 2011 budget.

2) Marty Horowitz raised the issue of who was willing to take the leadership for next years Club's Christmas Party? The lack of club participation for the dinner was very disappointing. No response. Therefore it was tabled for the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned - 9: 15 PM

Ken Anderson W4JQT and Gene Reilly KI4FJJ
Secretaries for the month of March

Treasurer's Report



Mike Daly - K4MWD

Summary of Accounts:

NON-PROFIT CHECKING	3,432.76
TIME DEPOSIT 12 MONTHS	2,789.15
Total	\$6,221.91

Deposits and Other Credits:

2/09 45.00 DEPOSIT 3 Dues
2/16 395.05 DEPOSIT Orlando Club Table, 1 dues

Total \$440.00

Checks:

#1240 77.04 2/17 Venwood Awards
#1285 15.00 2/17 Michael Fox Name Tags
Total \$92.04

Submitted 03/19/10

Mike Daly K4MWD, Treasurer

EARS OPERATOR PROFILE

A chance to get to know your fellow EARS members better.



Name: **Konrad Owens**

Call Sign: **WA3RRS**

Previous Call Sign: **KN8HVI**

Q. What year and state/country did you obtain your Amateur Radio license?

A. **1957 ; OHIO**

Equipment - current/previous/favorite.

A. **YAESU 990 ; R 5 VERTICAL**

YAESU M2800; Ken Anderson 'J' Pole

Q. Where did your interest in Amateur Radio come from (job, family, friend?)

A. **Listening to the short wave bands on the family radio.**

Q. Are any other family members' radio operators?

A. **No**

Q. Did you ever use Amateur Radio in any job that you held?

A. **No**

Q. What band/rig/country was your very first radio contact?

A. **Goble Chief 90 540 B; Coldwater, MI__ Real DX from Northern OH!**

Q. Most interesting/favorite radio contact.

A. **Weekly schedule to a friend in Winnipeg, Canada**

Q. Do you operate CW, Voice, Packet, etc

A. **I operate SSB and digital modes.**

Q. Do you enjoy local radio contacts, DX, emergency communications, etc?

A. **I enjoy the weekly 2M net and occasional digital and HF SSB contacts.**

Any/Other information you would like to share.

A. **My interest over the years include: Contesting, CW, RTTY, Navy MARS Radio (15 yrs.) and collecting AM gear from the 40's and 50's.**

Local Happenings:

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 p.m. on 146.745.

On Thursday the West County Englewood EOC will conduct their Tactical Net beginning at 9:30 a.m. on 146.865. On Thursday morning at 10 a.m. the Charlotte County EOC will call a tactical net for all RACES members on 146.745.

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 7:30pm
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.

Weekly Area Amateur Breakfasts:

- Tuesday, 7 A.M. at Denny’s in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Good Times in Englewood
- Tuesday, 7:45 A.M. at Peach’s in Venice
- Friday, 7:45 A.M. at Peach’s in Venice

LOCAL AREA HAMFESTS- APR. & MAY

17 Apr 2010	+	TARCFest XXIII Tampa Amateur Radio Club http://www.hamclub.org Talk-In: 147.105 (PL 146.2) Contact: William Bode, N4WEB 14302 Capitol Drive Tampa, FL 33613 Phone: 813-382-9262 Fax: 813-878-4020 Email: N4WEB@hamclub.org	Tampa, FL TARC Clubhouse 7801 North 22nd Street Div: Southeastern Sect: West Central Florida
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2 May 2010	+	Saint Petersburg ARC http://www.sparc-club.org/lkmag.htm Talk-In: 147.060+ (no PL tone) Contact: Tom Villanova, KI4RVU 1045 Yale Street North Saint Petersburg, FL 33713 Phone: 813-376-0027 Fax: 727-322-3708 (Call 813-376-0027 before faxing) Email: thomas_v9@yahoo.com	Saint Petersburg, FL Lake Maggiore Park Martin Luther King Street South (9th St. South & 38th Ave. South
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29 May 2010	+	WormFest 2010 The Glorious Society of the Wormhole http://www.TheWormholeSociety.org Talk-In: 146.85+ (PL 146.2)	Pinellas Park, FL Freedom Lake Park 100 46th Street North
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You can go to the ARRL web site below for details regarding all hamfests.

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>

Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club Swap Shop

On the Second and last Saturdays of the month (Next scheduled for April 10th) beginning at noon the Fort Myers club holds a —Swap Shop - providing an opportunity for some tailgating, trades, purchases and Ham fellowship (Coffees and donuts available)

Although sponsored by the Fort Myers club, the swap shop is held at a former club hangout in Waterway Park, North Fort Myers.

Directions:

From Punta Gorda head south on US 41 to Hancock Bridge Parkway (about 18 miles) - it is a big intersection, the last before going over the bridge. Turn right on the Parkway—proceed to Orange Grove Blvd (second light). At the Orange Grove and Parkway intersection is a gas station on the right and a drug store on the left. Turn Left on Orange to St. Claire Ave. (short distance, past a convenience store). Turn Right on St. Claire to Poetry Lane—left on Poetry Lane - (road is slightly curvy) to the park. There are several signs (small brown ones indicating Waterway Park) after Orange Grove Blvd.

Check out these sites on the Internet:

<http://flex-radio.com/>

<http://cq-amateur-radio.com/>

<http://hamvention.org/>

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/07/29/10990>



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