

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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April 2013

Lifetime EARS member Ken Anderson Silent Key at 90



Ken W4JQT

Kenneth Bruce Anderson, 90, peacefully fell asleep in the Lord on Monday morning, April 8, 2013, at Oak Lea at the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Center in Harrisonburg, Va.

He was born in Ladoga, Ind., on May 8, 1922, son of the late Clarence and Charlotte Smith Anderson.

Ken served in the 420th Signal Corps during World War II. He received numerous distinctions and

recognition for his service in the Rome-Arno and Balkan campaigns. After the war, he studied radio engineering at Valparaiso Technical Institute in Valparaiso, Ind. He joined AT&T shortly thereafter, and relocated to Vienna, Va. He resided there in Northern Virginia, in the D.C. area, working for AT&T as an engineer for 34 years. He then worked for eight years as a consultant before retiring to Englewood, Fla., in 1990, where he enjoyed the sunshine and the golf. In 2009, he returned to Virginia, residing in Harrisonburg to be closer to family.

Ken was a member of the Englewood Masonic Lodge, served as a Shriner, and was a member of the Englewood United Methodist Church. He loved being an amateur radio operator and first received his operating license in 1948. He was a lifetime member of the Vienna Wireless Society, operating under the call sign W4JQT. He was also a member of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society and the Massanutten Amateur Radio Association, among other regional radio clubs. Ken was a mentor to many in the field of radio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings, Eugene and Virgil Anderson, and Evelyn Maxine Bechtel.

A loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Ken is survived by his bride of 65 years, Alice Anderson; a son, Kenneth M. Anderson; a daughter, Kathleen McLaughlin and husband, Gregory; a brother, Richard Anderson and wife, Mary; sister-in-law, Maxine Anderson; grandchildren, Neil McLaughlin and his wife, Holly, Nathan McLaughlin and his wife, Paige, and Colleen McLaughlin and partner, Patrick McCarthy; great-grandchildren, Connor, Konstantina, Katerina, Regan and Alexander; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A service of remembrance will be held Friday, April 12, at 11:30 a.m. at the Bridgewater United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jim Tongue officiating. Masonic Rites will conclude the service. A private burial was held at Eastlawn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity close to your heart in his memory.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

EARS MEETING MARCH 21, 2013

Steve N9USZ called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 18 members and 4 visitors.

Deputy Cathy Duff of Venice Police Department gave a wonderful talk on Crime Prevention. She also distributed hand-outs on burglary, ID theft, and scams. There were many questions asked and answered. Everyone was very pleased by her easy ability to explain how these crimes are committed; and how we can recognize and act on them. There is a course given by the Citizens Law Enforcement Academy (CLEA) once weekly for 10 weeks. This includes a tour of the jail and courthouse, and activities such as riding on a patrol, conducting felony traffic stops and firearms training.. There are also sessions on law enforcement procedures, criminal investigations, K-9, SWAT and Forensics taught by subject matter experts. You can find more information on www.SarasotaSheriff.org and "Get Involved".

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

The Treasurer's report was given by Vic K4VHX. Debits: \$307.13 Credits: \$443.00 with a balance of \$5531.39. The report was accepted as given.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: We sent a get well card to Maryann Rathburn, who is slowly getting better . We also learned that Ken Anderson W4JQT had a stroke and was later transferred to Hospice. As of this weekend (April 7) we heard that he is now in a skilled nursing unit with a morphine drip; and he does not recognize anyone. He does need our prayers....and so does Alice, his wife.

RACES: Please see Charlie K1QNF's report in this newsletter.

Publicity: Vic K4VHX suggested that we should invite our friends/people we meet to our meetings.

DX: TomWA3PRC reports that most bands and not good. Please see his report.

Hamfest: At Lambifest, we sold an old radio for a small profit.

Other: The raspberry computer is \$45, complete. Remember the program on D star last month?? Mikey (and others) like it...should be more on this later!

New Business: Vic will order more T-shirts for the club...we have run out of some sizes.

Adjourn: The motion to adjourn was made and accepted by all present. We adjourned at 8:45 pm. Our next EARS meeting will be on April 18, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV, Secretary



Ken's antenna party July 2004

NOTICE

Next meeting April 18th

7:30 PM

Englewood United Methodist
Church

What I did do is make a list of some interesting DX calls that I seen on the DX clusters.

JX9.. Jan Mayen Island, worked on 12m
9U4U..Burundi,, no copy
VP8.. Falkland Islands, worked on 12m
PY0F/PP1CZ.. ST. Peter/St. Paul Rocks Island,, copy
but did not work
XT2,, Brkina Faso,, worked on 10n and 15m
JT1.. Mongolia,, copy but did not work
T7.. San Marino,, worked on 17m and 20mFT5/MM..
Crozet Island,, weak copy
5W.. American Samoa,, worked 15m VP8cmh/MM..
South Sandwich Islands,, weak copy
Vk0.. Cocos-Keeling Island,, worked on 15m TX5..
Clipperton Island,, worked on 20m
7T.. Algeria,, worked on 17m
S21.. Bangladesh,, weak copy
XW8.. Laos,, no copy
Z81.. South Sudan,, weak copy
H4.. Solomon Islands,, weak copy
XR0.. Chile,,I mention this because of the prefix
T2.. Tuvalu,, no copy
T5.. Turkey,, weak copy

That,s it for now.. Try this web site for a DX Cluster..
www.dxscape.com or this one to get the yearly
planned DX Expeditions

www.ng3k.comm/misc/adxo.html

Lets turn the radios on and see what you hear

73S Tom wa3prc



The past three months I have given a short verbal DX Report at the club meetings.. The reason for this is that I have not been operating as much as in the past but I do listen.. Could I have filled my log with normal DX. Sure, but I have logs filled with European and South American calls so I listen for the DX Expeditions and those hams that come on from unusual areas... Also the bands have not been very good. I have monitored 20M and heard nothing but weak signals as true with other bands. The past few months all of my ham friends have been complaining about over the horizon radar sweeps and other interferences through out the ham bands.



Ken and Alice Sept 2008



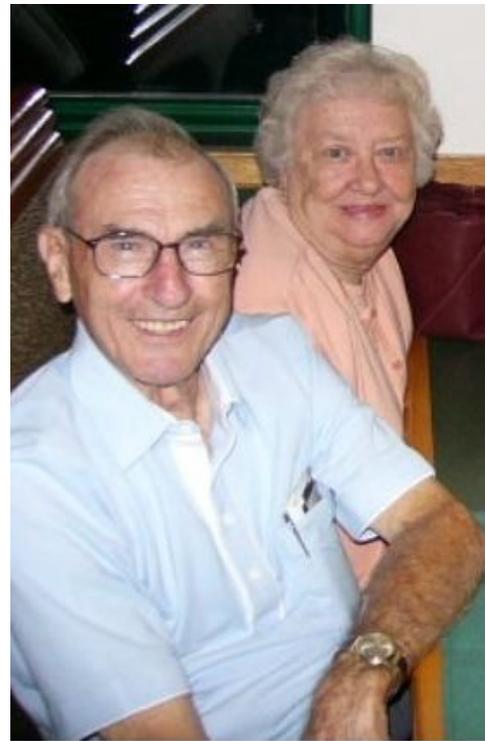
March 2010



August 2012



July 2010



August 2012



July 2010



October 2012

Orlando 2010

From the Editor



August 2012



Okeechobee



Ken, W4JustQuitTalkin, was my first contact as an amateur in Florida in 2005. I had just completed an elecraft K2 kit and couldn't make it work. Found Ken on the 800 repeater and asked for help. He introduced me to Frank W4VV who invited me to Tuesday breakfast and the rest is history. Ken sold me his antenna and tower which the group dug up for me while I rested at the lake (photo on page 2). He explained antenna theory over and over. Rescued Mary and me when my honda's battery died while at a garage sale, I had just enough power left to reach him on 2-meters. I think his 2-meter was on his whole waking day. He spent several hours sending me code. Didn't take full power to go from Wentworth to Foxwood.

At Tuesday breakfast a week or two before he passed no less than four of us there mentioned that we were Ears members because of Ken. I hope that in some way each of us was able to be as important to him as he is to us.

Alice, all of our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Mike k4mwd

Please feel free to send your thoughts of Ken for future newsletters.

Letters to the editor should be emailed to:
99wentworth@gmail.com Put Editor in the subject line.

HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

04/20/2013 | AES Tailgate

Location: Orlando, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Amateur Electronic Supply

Website: <http://aesham.com>

04/20/2013 | TARCfest

Location: Tampa, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tampa Amateur Radio Club

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

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.

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.