

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Matthew Henry, KE4VEM

Nicole and I would like to again thank EARS for the nice card and gift for our newest addition to the Henry family and newest EARS member, Sarah. We have been very busy responding to our little princess's every demand. I'm not sure at what point we, as parents, get to set the schedule. ;-)

On a less positive note, we received the sad news that Jim O'Rourke became a silent key on Monday, July 19, 2010. Jim's cheerful smiles will be missed.

We are glad to hear that Field Day 2010 was a huge success, via a report given by Ken Blackshaw in which touted the awesome

number of contacts the club made. Additionally, we are very pleased with the wonderful coverage of the event by the Englewood Sun, including daily announcements, in advance, inviting the public to attend. It sounded like the rain might have gotten some things a little on the damp side (per reported issues with a logging laptop and such).

If anyone who helped clean up or took things home from Field Day can help locate Pam Eggleton's binder of newspaper clipping and EARS history, it would be greatly appreciated. Pam has been diligent about keeping track of the club's history and publicity and it is a very nice keepsake for EARS.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT

Minutes of the Meeting

July 15, 2010

President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, opened the meeting at 7:36 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had 18 members and 3 guests present for this meeting.

A motion by Freeman Crosby, W1NPR, to accept the minutes of last month's meeting as printed in the newsletter was seconded by Howard Kuhlman, N4MLJ, and carried.

John Cernaglia, W4JAC, read the report for our Treasurer, Mike Daly and reported a net worth balance of \$ 5,812.85.

A motion to approve this report was made by Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT, and seconded by Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you note was read from Ken Anderson, thanking the group for the nice going away party.

A nice card was received from Wesley Dickerson thanking the group for the generous scholarship that our club funded. He also included a copy of his "Florida Gator" ID card.

We got one QSL card in the mail from our Field Day activity- a CW contact on ten meters.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Sunshine** – Joe Riccio is in the hospital undergoing treatment. Bill Stevens is still ill with his back problem and is going to have surgery.
- **RACES** – Mel Rathbun, W9BSM, reported on the nets, Wednesday at 8 on 146.745 and Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m., the WCTN on 146.865 and then at 10:00 on 146.745. There was some discussion of ARES requiring driver's license info from participants for insurance purposes. Also mentioned that the EC-001 Basic Communications Course was to be offered.
- **Publicity** – Nice article on Field Day in the Englewood Sun.

- **Testing** – 4 VEs were present but no candidates showed up.
- **DX** – Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, reported activity from ZS8 – Marian I., also Zaire and the Congo.
- **Field Day Results**– Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT, reported a very successful Field Day. We scored over 1700 points. Nice ten meter and six meter activity. Comment was made if the Methodist Church is not available next year that the Masonic Lodge could host the group.

EARS is now out of the Hamfest business. Peace River has taken over the effort.

- **Christmas Party** – John Cernaglia, W4JAC, reported the party would take place in January of 2011.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS: Lighthouse Weekend – Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, commented he did not plan any activity for this event for 2010.

John Cernaglia, W4JAC, discussed potential activity helping the Boy Scouts with the amateur radio merit badge. One of the scoutmasters mentioned this to him when we were taking down a tower and moving it to John's place.

There was some discussion relating to frequency conflicts with our Simplex Net on 146.55 MHz on Wednesday evenings. It was observed that since this is a simplex activity, anyone is welcome to join in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements

PROGRAM: We had no program this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Ken Blackshaw
Secretary

Treasurer's Report



Mike Daly - K4MWD

July 15, 2010

Our last bank statement shows 3,019.12 in our checking account, CD of 2,793.73, total \$5812.85.

Deposits this month \$20.00 from new member Steve Chrurchill and \$5 club table sales.

Payments made this month total \$413.21
Ken Anderson field day stuff 85.53
Club Insurance 327.68

Submitted 7/15/2010

Mike Daly K4MWD
Treasurer

Member Profile:



Name: Tom Hawes

Call Sign: *WA3PRC* Previous: *KN3DKS*

What year and state/county did you obtain your Amateur Radio license? :

1957 & 1969; Pennsylvania

Equipment - current/previous/favorite:

*Icom 756 Pro 3; Icom 775 DSP; Kenwood 540; Atlas 210; Swan Twins
Icom 775 DSP is my favorite.*

Where did your interest in Amateur Radio come from (job, family, friend):

From a Friend

Are any other family members radio operators?

NO

Did you ever use Amateur Radio in any job that you held? *NO*

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

20 Meters, Apache, USA

Most interesting/favorite radio contact?

USS Ticonderoga, Apollo 17 lunar recovery ship.

Do you operate CW, Voice, Packet, etc.

CW,SSB, RTTY

Do you enjoy local radio contacts, DX, emergency communications, etc:

Local rag chew and chasing DX.

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 PM on 146.745(-)MHZ with a PL of 136.5

On Thursday the Englewood EOC will conduct their Tactical Net beginning at 9:30 a.m. on 146.865(-) MHZ. The countywide tactical net begins at 10:00AM on 146.745(-) PL 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 14.293 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	7:30 p.m.
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.

LOCAL AREA HAMFESTS- MAY & JUNE

None Scheduled until October in WCF

You can go to the ARRL web site below for details regarding all hamfests.

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

Check out these sites on the Internet:

www.AC6V.com

Summer reading: ham related books.

www.n4kc.com

www.nlwilliamswriter.com

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

OBITUARY:

James Thomas O'Rourke

Formerly of Wilmington; Member K of C,
Aleppo Shriners

ENGLEWOOD, FL - James Thomas O'Rourke, 77, of Englewood, Florida lost his battle with ALS on July 19, 2010 in Glen Allen, VA surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Joan (Graham), four children; Thomas of Spring Hope, NC, Sandra Strohman (Nile) of Glen Allen, VA, Michael (Wendy) of Chichester, NH and Jay (Melissa) of Haverhill, MA, one sister Frances Riley of Billerica, MA, 7 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Lawrence and Helen (Damon), brothers Charles and Lawrence, and sisters Helen Herman and Louise Doran.

He retired from Wilmington, MA to Englewood, FL in 1996. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, #7052 in Venice, FL, Englewood Amateur Radio Society, Overbrook Gardens Assoc., and Aleppo Temple Shriners.

A funeral mass will be celebrated on July 30, 2010 at St Thomas of Villanova Catholic Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, MA at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to ALS Assoc DC/MD/VA Chapter, 7507 Standish Place, Rockville, MD 20855.



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