

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



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As I was not at the July meeting, I don't have much to say about the meeting. Members should read the minutes in the newsletter to learn the details about the August Lighthouse Weekend at the Boca Grande Lighthouse and the September Pioneer Days parade. Thanks to the aid of Andrew Durette's course, I was able to pass the test for my Extra Class Licence Exam this month. We enjoyed our trip Connecticut and Maryland to visit Nicole's relatives. I've attached a picture showing Sarah indulging in some blackberries after we picked a whole lot of raspberries.

73,  
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



## ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Minutes of the Meeting

July 21, 2011

Vice President Steven Churchill, N9USZ, opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had 13 members and no guests present for this meeting.

It appears we skipped acknowledgment of the Secretary's report on the minutes from the last meeting.

John Cernaglia, W4JAC, read the Treasurer's report and reported a net worth balance of \$ 5,979.27.

A motion to approve this report was made by Mel Rathburn, W9BSM, and seconded by Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX, and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: No new correspondence.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 2) Sunshine – Marcia Fowler reported – Don Spencer (one of our founding members) and Joe Riccio passed away and cards were sent.

- 3) 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. Hospital to EOC communications. 70 cm does not work. Two Meters is fine. Passed around pictures of EARS people working the equipment at the hospital.
- 4) Publicity – Steve reported a nice article with pictures on FD in the Englewood Sun. Caused some visitors to show up and see what we were doing.
- 5) Testing – John Cerniglia reported that Matthew Henry, our President, upgraded to Extra Class. There were a total of four candidates, three upgraded to Extra and one got his Technician Class license. Sessions are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month up in Venice.
- 6) DX – Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, JX – Jan Maren I. – was on for seven days. We are awaiting South Sudan coming on line when they assign a prefix. Several groups are arranging to head for South Sudan as soon as logistics can be figured out. Also mentioned N4S in North Miami, a Space Shuttle commemorative station. JR mentioned good Six Meter openings.
- 7) Hamfest/FD – Discussed upcoming hamfests. Ken Blackshaw, WINQT, reported a successful FD. Nice six meter activity. The Field Day report was in the last newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussed Pioneer Days Parade, and Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX, says he will be available with his truck so we can have a presence in the parade. We will **not** set up anything as a permanent display, like a tent or booth. It costs \$35 for a space in the parade. Vic volunteered to coordinate all Pioneer Day Parade activity. John Cerniglia moved to make all this happen with funds. Ken Blackshaw seconded and it passed unanimously. We have lots of QSL cards to hand out.

NEW BUSINESS:

Comment was made about the Methodist Church having a pavilion built for next year's Field Day activity and we are on the list to use it. So we won't need a tent. We contributed \$100 to the church as a thank you for using the site.

Much discussion of computers for use for next year's FD. Instead of buying equipment we decided it would be better to solicit that members might donate computers that could be used for logging. Mike Daly will put something in the Newsletter about this. Need three working computers. John C. commented we also need another wire antenna. We also need someone to make sure the logging software is loaded on all the computers and it WORKS. It was emphasized that we need to make FD planning and preparation a year 'round activity.

Lighthouse Weekend – Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, commented it will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> full weekend in August. Tom says he will be available to operate for this year. He will coordinate with the people at the Boca Lighthouse. Planning to operate both days of the weekend. Boca Lighthouse is #910. There is also island credit that some people seek as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Vic, K4VHX, reported that Frank Maren, W4VV, Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, and Vic Emmelkamp attended Joe Riccio's funeral service.

PROGRAM: We had no program this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Ken Blackshaw  
Acting Secretary



## LOCAL:

### ***FOR SALE BY KIUEG***

Kenwood TS-930S HF Transceiver w/SP-930 Speaker and MC-60 microphone (manual on paper and CD) \$400

AEA Pakratt 232 Model PK-232MBX (no cables) (manual included) \$40

MFJ-653 Speech Articulator (manual included) \$50

CDE CD-45-11 Rotor System w/mounting hardware and manual \$50

Lafayette HE-10 Receiver w/ HE-14 speaker \$50

Icom IC-215 2m Transceiver w/microphone \$25

Astatic T-UG9 Microphone \$20

Kenwood TR-7400A 2m Transceiver w/microphone & mounting bracket \$20

2m mobile antenna (glass mount) FREE

Micronta 21-525B Field Strength/SWR Tester FREE

Icom 728 Original Manual w/attached schematics FREE

Call Pam for more info. 475-9727

**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](mailto: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

### **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 14.293 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.

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Next issue will be early Septembert. Still time to submit an Operator's Profile or send photos of your activities.

Editor  
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