

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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## **PRESIDENT**



**Steve Churchill N9USZ**

Greetings fellow EARS members. First off I would like to thank you all who came to our postponed picnic at the church on the 22nd of July. The weather cooperated and all the food was good. Thank you Frank for grilling and Tom for picking up the supplies; also thanks to all those who brought a dish to pass. I want especially thank all who stuck around and helped on cleanup!

Moving on. We are registered for the Labor Day parade and I hope as many as possible will come out and support the club. This year the theme will be "Hats Off To Englewood." Vic has once again offered the use of his truck and we will have a mobile Hf station, as well as Ham Radio Test on line hand outs. They also donated an Extra Class license kit that we

can use for a door prize.

See you all at our next meeting, and God Bless.

73

Steve N9USZ



## **EARS meeting July 19, 2012**

Steve N9USZ called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 13 members and no visitors present.

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

The Treasurer's report was given by Vic K4VHX: as of 7/17/2012 the EARS checking account had a balance of: \$2813.55

Savings account balance: 2804.73

For a total of.....: \$5618.28

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as given.

We received a very nice thank-you note from our scholarship recipient, Rebecca Montgomery that was posted in last month's newsletter.

### **Committee Reports:**

Sunshine: John Cerniglia is back in Englewood Hospital for leg problems: possible cellulitis and inadvertent drug reaction. A second get-well card will be sent out to him tomorrow.

A get-well card was sent out on July 25 to Mary Lou House (J.R's wife) who has been in the hospital with a wound infection.

We are all hoping that they both get well quickly so

they can enjoy the summer.

**RACES:** Mel W9BSM and Charlie K1QNF co-reported that the hazmat SET went well; Englewood/Fawcett/and Peace River Hospitals digitally. Next Wednesday, Vic will be in for the County; then Sunshine at 8:30; then West County check-in; then County will; then to digital on 70 centimeters. A staff meeting a week ago presented many changes: people coming into hospitals, schools, and churches will have to wear photo ID's for tactical duties. Next Thursday at 10 or 10:30, Steve and Vic are scheduled to be there. Another church is being added, but we need more people to help out. And, NO handhelds will be allowed in the hospitals...too dangerous.

**Publicity:** There were 2 articles in the newspaper regarding Field Day. One regarding EARS; the other regarding Peace River and Fawcett clubs' plans.

**Testing:** Tests are offered at Venice library on the second Saturdays of each month.

**DX:** There has been no change since last month... please see Tom's full report.

**Hamfest:** Tampa Bay is coming up soon.

**Old Business:**

Vic has generously offered his truck for the Pioneer Day parade on Labor Day. The deadline for entering is August 20; the theme this year is "Hats off to Englewood!"

**New Business:**

Pam has offered a new idea which was discussed, but was tabled till next month's meeting when more members will be attending. She proposes that all club officers and even all members should have a 2 meter radio/handheld and J-pole for emergencies.

A motion was made and seconded by the group. The meeting was adjourned at 8: 15 pm.  
Our next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV  
Secretary

P.S. Thank you very much for thinking of me and

sending a get-well card after my surgery. You are all very thoughtful. Marcia



**Tom Hawes WA3PRC**

**DX REPORT**

There has been very little dx activity that interested me this past month. There has been several solar showers that interrupted ham communication around the world and not only dx but has caused problems with my daily net. Sometimes the signals are strong and the next minute one can hardly hear my friends up North..

The only station that I logged was 7/27/12.. CY9M. I worked them on 20M with a 5/5 signal and 15M with a 5/9 signal.

Hopefully I will have more to report next month

73s Tom

Next meeting August 16, 2012  
7:30 PM  
Englewood United Methodist  
Church

## LOCAL:

From Vic K4VHX

Here are a couple of props that are ready to go for the parade. The top hat, of course, will sit on top of the truck cab and the sign will be taped to the truck tail gate.

Hope you can all attend.



## Members in the news...

This article ran recently in the Englewood Sun.

## Crew spruces up volunteers' home

By SUSAN ERWIN

ASSISTANT ENGLEWOOD EDITOR



GULF COVE — Mel and Maryann Rathbun are longtime volunteers in the Englewood community. Maryann has been a volunteer at Englewood Community Hospital for the past 11 years. She is there at least four hours every week to comfort family and friends of patients in the Intensive Care Unit. Mel is a volunteer officer for the Charlotte County Department of Emergency Management. He, along with a team, ensures the lines of communication are kept open during emergencies and other natural disasters.

On Saturday, the Rathbuns received an early Christmas gift from about a dozen volunteers.

Organized by Sue and Larry McNamara, the 14th annual Christmas in July event took place at the Rathbuns' home.

Employees of Doctor's Choice Home Care, Englewood Health and Rehab and other friends gathered to power wash and paint the home, wash windows and -7 landscape the yard. OF Mel and Maryann watched the team work together from their living room window.

“This is so wonderful — how can we say thank you

for something like this?" Mel said. "It really needed to be done, but it's hard for us to get around, and I just can't do that kind of work anymore."

Maryann said when Sue first approached her about this idea, she was reluctant to agree to it.

"I thought no, there are others that need the help more than we do," Maryann said.

After several hours of hard work, the home had a fresh coat of peach paint, new shrubs lined the front of the house, and the windows were sparkling clean.

Sue, a nurse and community liaison for Doctor's Choice Home Care, said she came up with the idea years ago because she thought it would be a nice way to thank hospital volunteers.

"Every year, I speak with the hospital volunteer program leaders and I get names and ideas from them," Sue said. "Then I go out and evaluate the home and see who needs the help the most."

Sue's husband Larry, owner of Mac Lawn Services, provided lawn maintenance Saturday, as well as donating some shrubs and a tree.

"We have always enjoyed helping others, but this is just amazing," Mel said. "We are so appreciative, and we are so blessed."



**Mel and Maryann**

## HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

**08/18/2012 | [TARCFest XXVIII](#)**

**Location:** Tampa, FL

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Tampa Amateur Radio Club

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

**09/15/2012 | [5th Annual N4XJO LAMBIEFEST](#)**

**Location:** Punta Gorda, FL

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Peace River Radio Association

**Website:** <http://www.w4dux.net>

### **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](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., 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 14.317 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.

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.

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