

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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August 16, 2015

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

## EARS MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Steve N9USZ, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 10 members present. The Secretary's report was accepted as written in the newsletter, as was the Treasurer's report.

Correspondence: none

Sunshine: All are well.

RACES: Charlie K1QNF reports that manpower is needed for both LA Angier and the High School.

Publicity: We had some pictures of Field Day in the newspapers. Everyone looks happy.

Testing: Please see info in our newsletter.

DX: Ray KK4LGF reported Kuwait was "popping" by remote; also Sydney and Melbourne, Australia; and Puerto Rico on 20 meters.

Hamfests: TARCfest #34 at TARC clubhouse in Tampa on Sat. August 22; and Lambifest at Tropical Gulf Acres clubhouse in Punta Gorda on Sat., Sept. 12.

Old Business: Field Day reports were sent to Mike K4MWD and can be seen in our newsletter for July.

New Business: Pam K1UEG stated that the vertical is not working well and needs to be assessed or replaced. This was discussed at length and suggestions were agreed upon to test the antenna, and then get a repeater, working HF, or a 2 meter. We have permission to leave the antenna up at this location so that it can be used for practice as well as for emergencies. This was presented as a motion, but needs to be investigated before any voting is done.

Adjournment: It was made and accepted by all present to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 18 at 7pm at the CGA building on 776.

\*\*\*Because the Founding of the Town of Englewood was on August 17, 1896, we will celebrate Englewood's 119th birthday!!!\*\* I'll bring the cake if someone will bring the coffee. See you then!!

Respectfully submitted  
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV, Secretary

**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday August 18th**

**7:00 pm**

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Station**

## TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Current account:

Date ↓	Description	Type	Status	\$Amount	\$Available Balance
Amount included in Available Balance					
07/15/2015	Check 1005		C	-23.65	6,493.42
Statement as of 07/01/2015 (view statements) >					
06/17/2015	Counter Credit		C	30.00	6,517.07
06/02/2015	Deposit		C	35.00	6,487.07
Statement as of 05/30/2015 (view statements) >					

income: 00

expenses: \$23.65 Field Day fuel

balance: \$65493.42

Respectfully submitted

Mike Daly – treasurer

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## Hamfests

### 08/22/2015 | TARCFEST XXXIV

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

**Location:** Tampa, FL

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Tampa Amateur Radio Club

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

### 09/12/2015 | LAMBIEFEST

**Location:** Punta Gorda, FL

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** North Port Amateur Radio Club

**Website:** <http://www.w4npt.org>

## Testing

Please email the contact to confirm dates and times.

Sponsor: SCARE

Date: Third Monday of each month

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Gino J. Ferranti

(941) 629-7933

Email: [ke4tjo@arrl.net](mailto:ke4tjo@arrl.net)

Location: Edgewater Methodist Church, 19190

Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL.

Sponsor: Tamiami ARC

Date: Second Saturday each month

Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: John R. Sproat

(941) 475-1929

Email: [w4js@juno.com](mailto:w4js@juno.com)

Location: Venice Public Library Conference Room

300 Nokomis Ave S

Reservations Appreciated!

[tamiamiarc.org](http://tamiamiarc.org)

Venice FL 34285-2416

**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:

Chapter 53 now has its summer lunches the first Wednesday of each month, June through September, around 11:15 AM at the Hibachi Grill Buffet in the Bird Bay Plaza shopping center on US 41 Bypass, Venice.

**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.

**PA/Florida Connection Net:** Net is twice daily at 8:00 -9:00A.M. on 14.340 MHz and at 6:30-7:00 P.M. on 7.233 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's website is at: <http://tamiamiarc.org/>

PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.  
NI4CE 145.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m WCF ARRL Traffic net

## **LOCAL REPEATERS**

MHz (-) Tone

145.130 (-) N4SER Laurel/SERC  
145.430 100 NI4CE Verna/Big Stick  
146.570 N4XJQ Punta Gorda  
146.5900 W0AC 136.5 North Port  
**146.700 77 N4EAR Englewood/EARS**  
146.730 100 N4SER Sarasota/SERC  
146.745 136.5 WX4E Charlotte County/ARC  
146.775 77 K0DGF Englewood  
146.805 100T W4AC Venice/TARC  
**146.865 K8ONV Port Charlotte/EARS.**  
146.910 W4IE Sarasota/ARA (A)  
146.925 N4ZNU Port Charlotte  
147.015 KS4ST Port Charlotte  
147.120 136.5 K4NPT North Port/NPARC  
147.255 136.5 W4DUX Port Charlotte/PRRA  
442.050 100 KB2WVY Placida/Stewart  
442.100. 136.5 KA9RIX North Port  
442.700 136.5 N4FOB Port Charlotte  
442.925 136.5 W4DUX Port Charlotte/PRRA  
442.950 100 K4WCF Big Stick  
444.625 77T K0DGF Englewood  
444.975 136.5 KS4ST Punta Gorda/CARS

## **Miscellaneous Charlotte County Amateur Radio Activity**

All local repeaters use PL Tone of 136.5 Mhz Except

the Englewood 146.865 Mhz or the Gator 147.015 Mhz Repeaters

Sunshine Net Everyday at 8:30 Am on 146.745 Mhz and 444.975 Mhz.

SW Florida Traffic Net Everyday except Sunday at 10:00 AM on 147.345 Mhz and 146.685 Mhz.  
PRRA Sunday Night Net Sunday at 8:00 PM on 147.255 MHz and 442.925 Mhz

North Port Net Tuesday at 8:00 PM on 147.120 Mhz.

Sky Warn Net Tuesday 9:00 PM Big Stick (NI4CE repeater sys) 145.430 PL 100 and 442.950 PL 100

Voip and Tech Net (Naples) Tues 7:30 PM Naples 146.670 PL136.5, Arcdia 147.180 PL 100 and Venice 442.050 PL 100. also on Echolink at nodes 451949, 389568, 213895, and 205293

Windmill Net Sunday at 9:00 Pm on 28.475 Mhz SSB

75 Meter Vintage Equip Net Tuesday at 5:00 PM on 3.810 Mhz

EARS Simplex Net Wed at 7:30 on 146.550 Mhz

## **Food and Fellowship**

Punta Gorda ELKS lodge, Shore Drive in Punta Gorda, 11:00 AM Every Friday.

Denny's Restaurant, corner of RT 41 and RT 776 in Murdock, 7:30 AM Every Saturday

IHOP Punta Gorda, diagonally across RT 41 from the Police and Fire Station and directly across Grace St. from the Golden Corral. 1145 Am Wednesday.

Denny's – Englewood, SR 776 and Placida Rd (next to Bay Harbor Ford) : 7:00 AM every Tuesday

## FROM THE EDITOR



**Mike K4MWD**

August has been a good month for my sailboat inventory, I sold 2 boats and only bought one. Gone are a Cape Dory 18-footer and a Hobie Cat 16, and new is a 1994 Lightning named firefly. Wish there were more steady winds.

Enjoy all...



- Design: Sparkman & Stephens, 1938
- Over 15000 built
- More than 500 fleets worldwide
- Length: 19'0" (5.8m)
- Beam: 6'6" (2m)
- Displacement: 700 lb (318 kg)
- Draft (board down): 4'11" (151.3cm)
- (board up): 5" (12.8cm)
- Mast height: 26'2" (7.9m)
- Sail area (main & jib): 177 sq.ft.
- (spinnaker): 300 sq.ft.
- Crew (racing): 3

[Where Can I Sail](#)

[ILCA Lightning flyer suitable for posting on your fleet or club bulletin boards.](#)

**The International Lightning**