

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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November 25th, 2015

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

## EARS MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2015

EARS meeting was called to order at 7:09pm by Matt KE4VEM who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 14 members present. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted as written in the newsletter.

### Committee Reports:

Sunshine: All are well this month.

RACES: Vic K4VHX reported that he attended the 10 county RACES meeting of west central Florida, who are incorporating into tax exempt organization.

They will be able to accept donations from the 10 counties. This is a major event and was attended by 20-25 people. There was a good presentation regarding amateur radio operations especially during the "Charlie" hurricane.

Testing: Please see information in the newsletter.

DX: Please see information in the newsletter. Info was discussed at length.

### Hamfests:

1. December 5 in Ocala with vendor setup on Dec. 4, 10am-5pm, rain or shine at FL National Guard Armory, 900 SW 20th St., Ocala.
2. December 12 in Tampa; Plant City.
3. January 15, 16 in Fort Myers.
4. January 23 in Arcadia.
5. February 12,13,14 in Orlando; HamCation at the Central Florida Fairgrounds.

### Old Business:

Dave W0RUR and Ray KK4LGF have confirmed our annual dinner for January 23, 2016 at 6-9pm at the Rotonda Elks Lodge in their patio area. Choice of entrees are not yet decided, but price will be \$15-20 per person. More information will be forthcoming.

Vic K4VHX announced the present EARS shirts left are: 6 small; 5 medium; 1 large; 0 extra large. If members want a shirt, get in touch with Vic and if more are needed, he will order them.

Vic also stated that the CG Auxiliary has received a grant and plan to repair the air system in their building.

The purchase of a new antenna was discussed and Tom WA3PRC made a motion to purchase a Hustler antenna; seconded by Ray KK4LGF, and agreed by all present. Vic will take our old antenna to sell in Orlando as agreed.

### New Business:

Vic shared that Jack Landis WA8GRO is selling his home. He is donating equipment, tower, and a 4 element beam to EARS.

Vic K4VHX agreed to chair the nominating committee for this coming year. Please think about who you would like to see as our leaders and let him know.

There was also a discussion regarding changes in our meeting schedule to a possible October to May monthly meeting, which would also include planning and working the June Field Day. This will probably require a change in our bylaws. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

We also want to hear what the members are interested in learning/doing at our meetings. How would making a J-pole at one meeting be? That sounds like fun. What else would you like to do/learn? Make a list and we will find someone to keep us up to par.

A motion for adjournment was made by Ray KK4LGF, seconded by Tom WA3PRC at 8pm. All members present agreed.

Next meeting is Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 7pm at the CGA building.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Marcia Fowler KA1GCV  
 Secretary

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday December 15th**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Coast Guard Auxiliary Station**

## TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

### Current account:

Summary		Features
Available balance (as of today):	<b>\$6,528.42</b>	Payroll services by Intuit®: <a href="#">Enroll</a>
What does this include?		Account management: <a href="#">Enroll</a>
Account balance history >		Direct payments: <a href="#">Enroll</a>
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Date	Description	Type	Status	\$Amount	\$Available Balance
Amount included in Available Balance					
11/13/2015	Counter Credit		C	90.00	6,528.42
11/04/2015	Check 1006: Orlando Hamcation table		C	-55.00	6,438.42

income: \$0

expenses: \$0

balance: \$6528.42

Respectfully submitted  
 Mike Daly – treasurer

### DX



Ray Magsby KK4LGF

<http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxod.html>

## LOCAL

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## Hamfests

### 12/11/2015 | West Central Florida Section Convention (Tampa Bay Hamfest)

Location: Plant City, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council

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

### 01/09/2016 | TARCfest

Location: Tampa, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tampa Amateur Radio Club

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

### 01/15/2016 | Southern Florida Section Convention

Location: Fort Myers, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://swflhamfest.info>

Location: Arcadia, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: DeSoto Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://desotoarc.org>

### 01/23/2016 | DeSoto County Hamfest



## 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

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas, see you in January.