

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Comments relayed by President Matthew Henry KE4VEM:

Thanks to all the officers and newsletter editor for their great jobs last year.

Welcome to the newly elected officers and newsletter editor, let's make it another great year.

We had a wonderful banquet; thanks to John W4JAC for organizing the dinner and to all the members and guests who spent their evening with us. Congratulations to Tom WA3PRC for earning the ham of the year awards for his tireless efforts for the club.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Following are the minutes of the 29 January 2011 Annual Meeting of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society. The meeting was opened at 7:55 P.M. by President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as recorded in the December 2010 Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Daly, K4MWD emailed treasure's report earlier in the month. Our last bank statement shows \$3,939.47 in our checking account, and a CD of \$2,799.94, for a total of \$6739.41. Deposits for this month were \$328.50 for dues and the Christmas Party. No Payments were made this month. Submitted 12/16/2010. The Treasure's report was accepted as submitted.

Old Business:

- Please renew your membership if you have not already done so.
- RACES update – there is a concerted effort by the Englewood Community hospital to digitalize their emergency communication system with their partners.

New Business:

- Re: the nominations of the Officer's and Trustees for 2011 – President Henry called for any additional

nominations from the floor. Being none, the call for additional nominations to be closed was approved.

- The following Officers and Trustees were nominated and elected at the Annual Meeting on 29 January, 2011 of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society:

President – Matthew Henry, KE4VEM

Vice President – Steve Churchill, N9USZ

Secretary – Eugene Reilly, KI4FJJ and Summer Secretary, Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT

Treasurer - John Cerniglia, W4JAC

Trustees –Martin Horowitz, NAFA, Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, Pam Eggleton, K1UEG

- John Cerniglia made a motion to make Ken and Alice Anderson “Life Time EARS Members.” The motion was endorsed with great enthusiasm.
- Mike Daly announced that the Officer’s and members of the club have voted to recognize outstanding service and dedication by one of our members for countless hours of unselfish service and tenacious hard work on behalf of the EARS club. We would like to honor Tom Hawes WA3PRC as a member of special standing. Tom was presented with a plaque that was so impressive and unique that it was beyond description.
- Frank Maren reported that the 146.865 Repeater will be down for a while due to a slight audio problem.
- Marty Horowitz reported that the 146.700 Repeater will be closed permanently. Verizon will be putting up a cell tower. Therefore, we need to find another location for our Repeater. Furthermore, until then, we will need storage for the cans or try to sell the cans at the Orlando Hamfest. After further discussion, it was decided to store the cans until a final decision could be made.

Annual Party

Saturday the 29th of January over 30 members and spouses attended the dinner and annual meeting previously held in December. The date change allowed several of our seasonal members to take part. Dinner choices were chicken, beef and fish; all looked good and I heard no negative comments. Appetizers included shrimp, stuffed mushrooms and cheese and crackers. Ummm!

Here are a few photos.



Meeting Adjourned - 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted, Gene Reilly KI4FJ



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

02/19/2011 | [HCARC Hamfest](#)

Location: Sebring, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Highlands County ARC

Website: <http://www.strato.net/~hamradio/>



Tom WA3PRC accepting "Ham of the Year Award" that I forgot to bring to the dinner.

Message from the editor



Visit our website
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If you are not yet an ARRL
member add your
support and join **now**.



In my first issue of this newsletter I'd like to start a "letters to the editor" section where issues can be discussed that might help the club understand members opinions better.

I know that there are many discussions held at club meetings that never reach those members who are not present.

One question I have as a relative new comer is this: With about 60 dues paying members why is it that most club functions are planned and carried out and attended by such a small number of members?

If you can't remember the last project you took part in then answer me this. Why?

Maybe it a scheduling problem, maybe there are personality conflicts, or maybe you are just to tired or bored to join in. Why aren't you more active? What would you like your club to be?

Send me an email at K4MWD@arrl.net Put **Editor** in the subject line. Please observe common rules of civility in your comments.

Editor
Mike Daly K4MWD

**Next meeting is
February 17 at the
EUMC at 7:30 pm.**

**Got extra equipment? Consider
donating it to the club.**