

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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February 11, 2015

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

EARS

December 16, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Steve N9USV, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 16 members and 1 visitor present, Glenn Miller.

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

The Treasurer's report by Skip KAWDH was accepted as read. Our balance is \$6842.06.

There were no correspondence reports.

Committee reports:

Sunshine: nothing to report.

RACES: nothing to report.

DX: Tom WA3PRC reported some dx heard from Europe, East Asia, Marshall Islands.

Old Business: Dues are due by February....please pay or send to Skip Hayes.

The second reminder for nominations of officers for 2015 was announced. The third and last time including induction will be at our Yearly Party on January 24, 2015. This will be held at the Rotonda Hills Golf Clup from 6-9 pm. The price will be \$28.50 per person and the 3 main courses include Prime Rib, Chicken Picata, and Stuffed Flounder. Please send your selection choice and money to Mike Daly at 99 West Wentworth St., Englewood, 34223. Sounds like a nice outing for us all!! Hope to see you all there!!

New Business: nothing to report.

A motion to adjourn was made and accepted by all present at 7:37pm. Our next meeting will be included in our Yearly Party on Saturday, January 24, 2015 from 6-9 pm.....see you then!

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV
Secretary

Next Meeting

Tuesday February 17th

7:00 pm

Coast Guard Auxiliary Station

**Program is scheduled and
election of officers. Please come.**

Annual Party

19 members and guests attended the party this year. Pictures are courtesy of Matthew KE4VEM.







It was a fine meal and a good time. The only wish is that more had taken part.



Janurary 24th 2015

Local

Vic K4VHX is home again following another brief hospital visit to get his ticker working properly. If you see him, wish him well, but nothing stressful.

The Orlando Hamfest is this weekend. Our group will be represented at a table in the indoor area. Might be booth number W20. Look us up.

THE PRESSER: ARRL WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA SECTION NEWS

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By Darrell Davis KT4WX

ARRL West Central Florida Section Manager

(NOTE: This newsletter with hyperlinks included is located online at <http://www.arrl.org/Groups/view/west-central-florida>)

NEW ASSISTANT SECTION MANAGER APPOINTED – RANDY PAYNE K4EZM:

On Monday January 25th, Randy Payne K4EZM was appointed to be an

Assistant Section Manager for Administration for the West Central

Florida. Randy will be assisting me with Administrative duties of the

Section. For the full press release go to

<http://arrlwcf.org/news/2015/01/29/wcf-section-press-release-6-12615/>.

THE FIRST ANNUAL WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA SECTION TECHNICAL CONFERENCE:

The First Annual West Central Florida Section Technical Conference will

be held on Saturday April 4, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. at the

Bert J. Harris Jr. Agri-Civic Center, 4905 George Blvd, Sebring.

Welcome and last minute registration will begin at 8:15 A.M. If you

are planning on attending, please go to the WCF Section Technical

Conference Registration Page at

[http://arrlwcf.org/wcf-special-](http://arrlwcf.org/wcf-special-events/wcftechconference/)

[events/wcftechconference/](http://arrlwcf.org/wcf-special-events/wcftechconference/) and fill out

the online registration form. You will receive an online and email

confirmation of your successful registration. There you can also

download the conference flyer, and look WCF Section Technical

Conference Event Page on the WCF Section Events Calendar, which has a

Google Map showing the location of the Agri-Civic Center. The direct

link to the Section Calendar Event Page for the WCF Section Technical

Conference is at

<http://www.arrlwcf.org/event/first-annual-arrl-wcf-section-technical-conference/>.

We are still looking for more speakers. If you have an area of

expertise in any area of amateur radio or amateur radio related

technology consider being one of our speakers. Having a PowerPoint

slide show and or PDF handouts is a great addition but not required if

you wish to speak. We will have a section on our website for PDF

handouts and or PowerPoint presentations that will go live when the

conference begins, so those who attend the conference will be able to

view and or download these materials on their tables and or

smart-phones for viewing during the presentations.

The conference schedule will be finalized in mid March and the

conference schedule will be published on the Section website mid to

late March. We will have hourly door prizes and several door prizes at

the end of the day. You must be present to win one of the door prizes.

Also we will have a guest speaker for one of the conference slots from

ARRL Headquarters. Anyone from inside or outside of the Section is

welcome to attend or be a speaker at the conference.

WCF SECTION 15TH BIRTHDAY QSO PARTY:

The ARRL West Central Florida Section turned 15 years old on January 15, 2015. It seemed appropriate that we celebrate the 15th birthday of the Section. The WCF Section QSO Party will be held from April 1, 2015 until June 30, 2015. We will have the complete WCF Section QSO Party rules published during February on the Section website. All modes and frequencies, including repeaters will be allowed. This will allow many of our new hams who do not as of yet have HF privileges to get on and make contacts for the QSO Party. Also we are planning to have K4WCF portable operations at least once in each of ten counties of the WCF Section. If your club or group is interested in running K4WCF for a day in your county, please fill out the Contact Form on the Section website at <http://arrlwcf.org/contact-info/>.

STATION APPOINTEES PLEASE REAPPLY:

To those of you who have re-applied for your various ARRL Station Appointments, thank you very much. If you have been serving as an ARRL Station Appointee (Emergency Coordinator, Official Relay Station, Net Manager, Official Emergency Station, Official Observer, Local Government Liaison, Technical Specialist) and have not reapplied, please go to our newly redesigned Section website and reapply on the Online Station Appointment Form at <http://www.arrlwcf.org/wcf-section-programs-2/station-appointee-application-form/> in the Section Program tab to continue your appointment. This allows us to know who is interested in continuing to serve as an ARRL Station Appointee and who is no longer active. Please be sure to do so by the end of this month.

STATION APPOINTEE MONTHLY REPORTS:

Also if you are serving in one of these appointments, please be sure to file a monthly report by the 5th day of the month following the month being reported. For example for the month of January, your report would be due by February 5th. This can be simply an email to the Cabinet member that is the coordinator over your Station Appointment or myself, telling us what you did last month or anything you feel is worth including. No particular format is necessary. Even if you were not active for that month, simply put something like, "No activity for this month to report". Regular reporting is an ARRL requirement to hold an ARRL Station Appointment.

ARRL Emergency Coordinators you now a report form for you to use on the Section website at <http://arrlwcf.org/section-forms/emergency-coordinators-monthly-report-form/>.

We will have online Report forms for the other Station Appointees by the end of the month available for your reports. Time was not available to finish the forms for the other Station Appointees.

SECTION CALENDAR – CALL FOR YOUR CLUB MEETING, RADIO NETS, AND REPEATER INFORMATION:

To those who have already sent us their club meeting information, thank you for sending in that information. If you are contact for your radio club or group, please help us getting out your club meeting, radio net, and repeater information in the right places on our Section website by filling out a Contact Form at <http://arrlwcf.org/contact-info/>. You will receive an online and email confirmation of what you submitted.

Then we can compile this information and put it on the Section website in the appropriate places.

UPCOMING HAMFESTS IN THE SECTION-FORMS

We have the following hamfest coming up in the Section for the month of February:

Saturday February 13-15: Orlando Hamcation: Central Florida Fairgrounds, Orlando.

Saturday February 21: Highlands County Hamfest: Lake Josephine Baptist Church, between Sebring and Lake Placid.

For more information on hamfests and events in the Section, please visit our website Section Calendar at <http://www.arrlwcf.org/events> for more information.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

January was a busy month for your Section Manager and staff. On

Saturday January 10th, the first quarterly WCF Section Cabinet and WCF

Section ARES meeting was held in the morning and afternoon respectively

at the Highlands County EOC. On Saturday January 17th, I attended

TARCFest #32 at the Tampa Amateur Radio Clubhouse on the north side of

Tampa, and Dee Turner N4GD (ASM) attended the Ft. Myers Hamfest to

represent the West Central Florida Section. The Tampa Amateur Radio

Club is blessed with a nice clubhouse and club station. On Saturday

January 24, Ben Henley KI4IGX (ASM and SEC), Randy Payne K4EZM (ASM and

ASEC) and I attended the Desoto County Hamfest, then paid a visit two

SPAR Winter Field Day sites. One of these was with the Sarasota

Amateur Radio Association held at a Baptist Church on Palmer Blvd in

Sarasota, and the other was put on by the Manatee County ARES near Lakewood Ranch. On Friday January 30th and Saturday January 31st, Ben Henley KI4IGX and I carpoled together to the Miami Hamboree at the Dade County Youth Fairgrounds in West Miami, to represent the West Central Florida Section. Jeff Beals WA4AW (SM SFL) and his team made us feel welcome and right at home.

SECTION TRAFFIC REPORT:

Starting in the next issue of THE PRESSER we will include the monthly Section Traffic report. Doug N2DW always does a great job with generating these monthly reports and is changing the format so it can be included in THE PRESSER. Thanks Doug for your dedicated labor.

SECTION MANAGERS CONTACT INFORMATION:

Here is my contact information. Much of this is listed now on Page 16 of QST.

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Website: <http://www.kt4wx.org>.

That is all for this issue of THE PRESSER. See you all here next month.

Hopefully I will get to see many of you at a meeting, hamfest, or talk to you on the air.

73 de Darrell KT4WX

ARRL West Central Florida Section
Section Manager: Darrell Davis, KT4WX
kt4wx@arrl.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

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

Location: Venice Public Library Conference Room

300 Nokomis Ave S

Reservations Appreciated!

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HAMFEST/CONVENTION

02/13/2015 | [Southeastern Division Convention \(Orlando HamCation®\)](#)

Location: Orlando, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Orlando Amateur Radio Club (OARC)

Website: <http://hamcation.com>

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.

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 qand 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

HAMFESTS

11/08/2014 | SPARCFEST

Location: Pinellas Park, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.sparc-club.org>

FROM THE EDITOR



Mike K4MWD

Pack your long undies if you're heading to Orlando. Tonight's forecast predicted 40-degrees on Saturday morning. Happy Valentines Day.

73,
mike

Letters to the editor should be emailed to:

99wentworth@gmail.com Put Editor in the subject line.