

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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February 9th, 2016

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

EARS MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2016

The EARS meeting was called to order at 7:13 PM by Vic K4VHX who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 20 members present including our newest member George Kirickovitch W2JY (welcome!). The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted as written in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Pam is feeling better and present at this meeting!! Yay!

Races: Pam K1UEG states that the sites are not being staffed. LA Anger is not operable yet.

Hamfests: Please see our newsletter for dates and times of hamfest scheduled for January and February.

Old Business: There is no antenna purchase necessary for us as 6+ members have been checking out our present R7 and it is up and working well. Good job!

New Business: Our annual dinner is scheduled for this coming Saturday January 23, 2016 from 6-9PM at the Rotonda Elks patio area.

Vic K4VHX, our nomination chairman presented the nominations for EARS officers for 2016 and asked members for other nominations three times. There were no nominations heard. The group then agreed to nominate the selected officers and trustees as a group. This was accepted by all present. The new list follows:

EARS Officers for 2016

President:	Dave Trost W0RVR
Vice President:	Pam Eggleton K1UEG
Secretary:	Ken Blackshaw W1NQT
Treasurer:	Mike Daly K4MWD

EARS Trustees for 2016

Steve Churchill N9USZ
(Past President)
Mark Mull KJ4UXO
Ray Magsby KK4LGF

Congratulations and Good Luck to you All.... hope you have a Wonderful Year!

Announcements:

Gerry K4JWE explained the rules and regulations of our use of the building. Many of our questions were already governed by Homeland Security. IE the storage area is reserved for the flotilla and we cannot use the computer for security reasons. They plan to purchase a portable classroom with AC and a bathroom, so at that time we will be able to include that in our usage. More news will be coming as we work out space usage and security issues.

There will be a Sky Warn meeting at 2 pm on January 28 at the EOC. There is also also a monthly Sky Warn net every last Tuesday morning. Meet was adjourned at 8:05 PM all members agreed. See you on Saturday at the annual dinner. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 16th 2016 at the CGA building (Don't forget Valentines Day!!)

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV
Secretary

Next Meeting
Tuesday February 16th
7:00 pm
Coast Guard Auxiliary Station



TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Date	Description	Type	Status	\$Amount	\$Available Balance
Amount included in Available Balance					
02/08/2016	Check 1016: Venwood Awards		C	-16.05	6,068.64
02/04/2016	Check 1015: B Silverberg banquet refund		C	-30.00	6,084.69
Statement as of 01/30/2016 (view statements) »					
01/29/2016	Check 1013: Rotonda Elks		C	-75.00	6,114.69
01/29/2016	Check 1012: Rotonda Elks		C	-528.00	6,189.69
01/25/2016	Check 1014: Rotonda Elks		C	-372.00	6,717.69
01/25/2016	Check 1011: M Daly Corp filing fee		C	-61.25	7,089.69
01/25/2016	Check 1009: Venwood Awards		C	-130.01	7,150.94
01/25/2016	Deposit		C	161.00	7,280.95
01/21/2016	Check 1008: Premier Tee's		C	-159.97	7,119.95
01/19/2016	Deposit		C	364.00	7,279.92
01/19/2016	Deposit		C	408.50	6,915.92

Current account:
income: \$933.50
expenses: \$1372.28
balance: \$6068.64

Income was from membership dues as well as payment for annual banquet. Expenses for banquet included awards presented. Club Tee shirts and corporate annual filing fee.

Respectfully submitted
Mike Daly K4MWD
Treasurer

Elected: Mark, Mike Pam, Dave and Ken

DX



Ray Magsby KK4LGF

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

TZ4AM— from Mali capital city of Bamako – (TZ4AM) a semi-rare call from , Jeff Dorsey (K1MMB) from Central Africa should be operating CW on 12 thru 40 MHz and occasionally 80 meters. Listen for the CW calls from a new but old call sign.

ARRL DXCC desk announced the change of DXCC entity ZL9, Auckland and Campbell Islands, The new name will be NEW ZEALAND Subantarctic Islands and will include the Auckland Islands, and the Campbell Islands along with the Antipode Islands and the Bounty Island.

There has never been any Amateur Radio activity from these latter two.

During January and February, five(5) of the top 20 countries on the most wanted List are expected to be on the air, at various times and Dates during Jan and early Feb.

P5-North Korea is still in negotiations (for lack of a better word).

A-3- TONGA In the latter part of Feb. There is an international team headed for Tonga as A35T, Check the direct web site for updates at www.tonga2016.com ..

S-9- Sao Tome and Principe
Bruno Knuchel, HB9BEI Starting in late Feb. and ending in late March, and has requested the call S9BK, but will not know what his call sign will be until his arrival. QSL via his home call.

3X-GUINEA
Members of the Italian DX Team will be on DXpedition to the Los Islands (AF-051) 18 Feb thru March 4. Call sign of 3XY1T on 160 to 6 meters..

GOOD CHASING

RAY
KK4LGF

LOCAL

Annual Dinner Awards



Steve N9USZ outgoing President



Marcia KA1GCV outgoing Secretary



Mike K4MWD ongoing newsletter editor
 Laughing at the fact that I had paid for these awards
 the day before, without looking at them.

Reader photos



Ken N1NQT On the air.

Hamfests

HAMFEST/CONVENTION
02/12/2016 | ARRL National Convention (Orlando HamCation®)

Location: Orlando, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Orlando Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://hamcation.com>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION
02/27/2016 | 2nd Annual West Central Florida Section Technical Conference

Location: Tampa, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: ARRL West Central Florida Section

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

HAMFEST/CONVENTION
03/05/2016 | Hamfest on the River

Location: Punta Gorda, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Peace River Radio Association

Website: <http://PRRA.club>

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!
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

This month's newsletter contains input from several members. If you run into an article you'd like to see included, please email me at mike@mmdaly.com.

Gotta go, packing for Orlando Hamcation. See you there?