

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message

It has been my pleasure to serve as president of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society from 2006 through 2011. I am looking forward to the club getting a fresh perspective through its new leadership.

Please be sure you have paid your 2012 dues so you can help vote on your new officers other issues for the club beginning at the Thursday, January 19th meeting. Please make sure your contact information is current and correct for the EARS directory, as well.

I also to see many of you with your families and friends at Rotonda Golf and Country Club on Saturday, January 28th for our annual banquet.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



Secretary's Report-

Matthew opened the meeting with the pledge. We had 18 members present and no guests. A motion was made and seconded and voted onto except the Secretary's report.

Treasurer's report: Business checking account... \$2,727.33 available balance. No activity. Investment account...\$2,803.91 For a total of \$5,531.24 Report was respectfully submitted by acting Treasure Victor Emmelkamp. A motion was made, seconded and voted on to accept the Treasure's report.

Correspondence: Matthew received an E-mail form the Orlando Amateur Radio Club about their Hamcation on Feb. 10th 11th and 12th at the Central FL. Fairgrounds tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the gate. A thank you card was sent to Vic from group Taking Back America thanking him for the presentation he gave them on Amateur Radio.

Sunshine committee: A get well card was sent to Fred Gruell who was in the hospital.

RACES: Mel gave his report about the RACES nets going on in December. He explained now that they have expanded into digital communications, one net control will not be able to handle both voice and digital. He explained that now at the Englewood Hospital, he would be handling the audio and Charles will be taking care of digital. This is so they can be more efficient in how they handle traffic. There are still problems with the system. Charles explained that they were testing the system on Tuesday using the digipeater with a station in South Punta Gorda. He said they were having some problems making contact

on 70cms. He explained the steps they are taking to iron out the bugs.

Publicity: Matthew mentioned an article in The Englewood paper, but couldn't remember it. Perhaps next meeting.

Testing: Test is on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Venice Library first thing in the morning when they open.

Hamfest: Setting up a table at the Orlando Hamfest was mentioned. At this time it was decided not to set up a table.

Old Business: Victor brought out the new T-Shirts and Our youngest member modeled hers. T-shirts are available for \$10.00 for those who already have one. Victor mentioned about the Kenwood transceiver being repaired. It is going to cost \$295.00 to repair, but it will be like a new radio. Vic made the decision to get it fixed and the membership agreed. The Icom radio needs repair also. Motions were made, seconded and voted on to repair both radios.

New Business: Nominations for officers. Steven Churchill for President. John Cerniglia for Vice President. Marcia Fowler for Secretary. Treasure Victor Emmelkamp. For Trustees Matthew Henry, Pam Eggleton, Mike Daly and Tom Hawes. A motion was made, seconded and voted on to hold a regular meeting on January 19th to install officers.

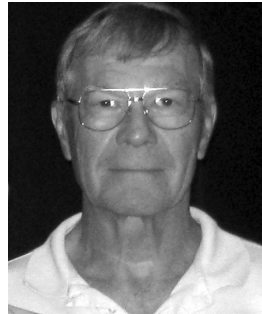
Announcements: Matthew announced that his younger brother and his wife are expecting a new baby, also his middle brother and his wife are also expecting a baby.

One of our members mentioned a bad fire this last summer in Minnesota and how Hams assisted the emergency responders.

Matthew adjourned at 8:20 pm

After the meeting, Victor gave an excellent demonstration of the NONBH website on Solar conditions and propagation. This website is also linked to solarham.com.

Respectfully submitted by Steven Churchill , Vice President



DX REPORT

DX REPORT,, IN DECEMBER THE COUNTRY OF INTEREST WAS SIERRA LEONE, 9L.. I DID WORK THEM THREE TIMES ON TWO BANDS AND THREE MODES,, THE OTHER DX ON WERE JUST THE NORMALS,, THEN I QUIT OPERATING BECAUSE MY WIFE WAS HOME FOR TWO WEEKS AND OF COURSE THE HOLIDAYS

THE PAST TWO WEEKS DX HAS PICKED UP AND THE INTERSTING ONES ARE.. C21 NAURU, NO CONTACT HERE,, DU1 PHILIPPINES,, AND THE PAST FEW DAYS THE PJ4C SEVERAL CONTACTS,, AND HK0 MALPELO ONE CONTACT ON 10M,, BUT SOON TO ARRIVE ON THE ISLAND WILL BE TEN OPERATORS,, THIS WILL BE A GOOD CATCH FOR THE DXER'S SO KEEP A WATCH ON THE DX CLUSTERS,, IF YOU SEE THEM ON BEAM ABOUT 182D

73S TOM WA3PRC

Next meeting January 19, 2012

7:30 PM

Englewood United Methodist
Church

**02/18/2012 | Highlands County ARC
Hamfest**

Location: Sebring, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Highlands County Amateur Radio Club

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

**03/10/2012 | Charlotte County
Hamfest**

Location: Punta Gorda, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Peace River Radio Association

Website: <http://www.w4dux.net>

LOCAL:

HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

**01/21/2012 | Southwest Florida Hamfest &
Computer Show**

Location: Fort Myers, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://FMARC.net>

**01/28/2012 | DeSoto Amateur Radio
Club Hamfest**

Location: Arcadia, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: DeSoto Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://desotoarc.org>

**02/10/2012 | Northern Florida Section
Convention (Orlando HamCation)**

Location: Orlando, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Orlando Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://hamcation.com>

02/18/2012 | Brooksville Hamfest

Location: Brooksville, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hernando County Amateur Radio
Association

Website: <http://hcara.org>

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

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.

TARC's website is at: <http://tamiamiarc.org/>

Silent Key – Al Wilde W8JZZ

**In Loving Memory of
*Albert S. Wilde***

July 26, 1917
December 29, 2011

As you hold me close in
Memory, even though we are
Apart, my spirit will live on
There within your heart...

When you lean on trusted
Friends and their caring hugs
Enfold you, within their loving
Arms. I'll be there to hold
you.....

And beyond the far horizon
when We'll finally be together,
where Love will be eternal and
life will Last forever.....

Author Unknown

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