

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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**Marcia Fowler KA1GCV**

**January 2013**

## **PRESIDENT**



**Steve Churchill N9USZ**

## **Secretary's Report**

EARS meeting December 20, 2012

Steve N9USZ called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 18 members including 2 new members: Alicia Watts and Bob Watts of Rotonda West.

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

The Treasurer's report was given by Vic K4VHX. We have a balance of \$5654.54. This was accepted as presented.

Correspondence: none.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine: We sent a get well card to Keith Kelly KC5AS, who is receiving chemotherapy.

Vic visited Shirley Cerniglia, wife of John (SK), our recent Vice President. She is now residing at River Oaks Retirement, unit B5. Vic reports that she looks good and healthy; she would like to have us stop and visit whenever we can.

RACES: Mel W9BSM reports that on January 9, at 1 pm, there will be a Skywarn spotting class at EOC, at Airport Road. Contact 941-833-4000. On January 31, a SET is scheduled for all hospitals and tactical

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places; both audio and digital.

Publicity: none.

Testing: Scheduled every second Saturday at Venice library, and every third Saturday in Port Charlotte. Please see more info at the end of this newsletter.

DX: no report.

Hamfest: The Southwest Florida Hamfest and South Florida Section Convention 2013 have a new location: Southwest Florida Public Service Academy, 4312 Michigan Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33905. It will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2013 from 8am to 3pm. Set-up will be on Friday, 4pm to 9pm and Saturday, 6am to 8am. General admission is \$5.00; talk-in repeater: 147.345 (no tone).

Orlando HamCation will be at the central Florida Fairgrounds on February 8, 9, 10, 2013.

Other: none.

Old Business: Nametags and shirts were awarded to new members Ray Magsby and John Espisito.

New Business: 1. Announcements of the second set of nominations revealed no additional suggestions for Officers, but Mike Daly was nominated for Director of Trustees; Matthew Henry and Tom Hawes for Trustees.

So the slate is as follows:

For President: Steve Churchill N9UXZ

For Vice President: Pam Eggleton K1UEG

For Treasurer: Vic Emmelkamp K4VHX

For Secretary: Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

For Director of Trustees: Mike Daly K4MWD

For Trustees: Matthew Henry DE4USF and  
Tom Hawes WA3PRC

At the next meeting on January 17th, you will have a third chance to nominate any other members for election for any other office. After that, we will have the election. So THINK HARD AND NOMINATE BRAVELY !!!!

2. Our Holiday party will be held on Sunday, January 27, 2013, at Rotonda Golf+Country Club. Social

hour will be at 6pm, with dinner at 7pm. The cost is \$20 per person; the entrees are a choice of prime rib, chicken Oscar, or shrimp scampi. Please send your choice of entrée and payment for number of people to Vic Emmelkamp K4VHX at 1181 Manor Road, Englewood, FL 34223 as soon as possible.

3. At our last meeting, we asked about the possibility of inviting widows of our SK's to join our Holiday party on us. It was put to a vote and passed. At this writing, 7 widows have consented with a possibility of 1 more. We are more than pleased of their interest.

Announcements: 1. Steve N9USZ told us about the work that he helped with both putting up and taking down the Vietnam Wall which was presented on Dearborn Street. He stated that there were about 6 thousand visitors to the Wall and the monuments that filled the park over that one weekend!! Thanks, Steve...it was an awesome and solemn presentation.

2. Pam K1UEG thanked the club members for the gift we gave to her son, Bryce. He has just graduated from the University of Central Florida.

3. Matt KE4VEM reported that he checked a message from a satellite with Morse Code. He plans to explain in our newsletter.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made and accepted by the group. We adjourned at 8 pm. See you all at our next meeting/Holiday party on **Sunday, January 27, 2013.**

Respectfully submitted by Marcia Fowler KA1GCV, Secretary.

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**Tom Hawes WA3PRC**

## DX REPORT

NO DX REPORT.. I HAVENT BEEN ON THE RADIO DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS AND TRAVELING

SEE YOU SOON, TOM

## LOCAL

## HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

### **01/19/2013 | [Southern Florida Section Convention](#)**

Location: Fort Myers, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://fmarc.net>

### **01/26/2013 | [DeSoto County Hamfest](#)**

Location: Arcadia, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: DeSoto Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://desotoarc.org/>

### **02/08/2013 | [Southeastern Division Convention \(Orlando HamCation®\)](#)**

Location: Orlando, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Orlando Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.hamcation.com>

### **VE Exam Sessions:**

7:00 p.m. on the Third Wednesday of the month at the Century Link Building at the corner of Harbor and S Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL.

Bring 2 forms of ID, your current license if upgrading and \$15

Contact Gino at 941-629-7933 for more info.

Click here for the next scheduled session.

[http://www.arrl.org/exam\\_sessions/port-charlotte-fl-33952-9999-18](http://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/port-charlotte-fl-33952-9999-18)

**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., 1<sup>st</sup> 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 14.317 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 444.100 – Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

TARC 146.805 - Thursday 7:30 p.m.

TARC 146.805 – Wednesday 8:00 p.m. DX net

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

PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.

NICE 146.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m.

Letters to the editor should be emailed to:  
[K4MWD@arrl.net](mailto:K4MWD@arrl.net) Put Editor in the subject line.



Mike Daly K4MWD  
Editor

**If you haven't already noticed, there's been a change of plans. We are having a January meeting before the Holiday Party so we won't have any club business to interrupt the festivities. If you're not there to vote on officers, you may just become one!**

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