

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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December 8th, 2016

## Next Meeting

**Tuesday January 19th**

**7:00 pm**

**Coast Guard Auxiliary Station**

## 2016 Dues

If you haven't paid your 2016 dues, please do so soon. You can bring your check for \$15 (\$18 for family) to Tuesday breakfast, our next meeting, or mail to either the EARS PO Box, or to me at 99 W Wentworth, Englewood 34223. Thanks.

Mike K4MWD Treasurer

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

## EARS MEETING MINUTES



### EARS MEETING MINUTES

December 15, 2015

EARS meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Steve N9USZ, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 19 members present. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were accepted as written in the newsletter.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine: Pam is still not feeling well...we hope she recovers soon.

RACES: Mel W9BSM reports the Skywarn program has expanded; meeting in January. More info coming.

DX: Not much this month...should be increasing around the 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### Hamfests:

January 15,16 in Fort Myers.

January 23 in Arcadia.

February 12,13,14 in Orlando; HamCation at the Central Florida Fairgrounds.

Old Business: Information of rules/regulations are now available regarding our use of the CGA building. These will be in the newsletter.

Announcements: Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 19 at 7pm in the CGA building.**

New Business: Our annual Dinner is confirmed for **January 23, 2016 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Rotonda Elks Lodge, in their patio area.** Please see your Newsletter for more information.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm. All members present agreed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV  
Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Business Fundamentals Chk - 7105

Summary	Features
Available balance (as of today): <b>\$6,507.42</b> What does this include? Account balance history »	Payroll services by Intuit®: <a href="#">Enroll</a> Account management: <a href="#">Enroll</a> Direct payments: <a href="#">Enroll</a> More features »

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Date ↓	Description	Type	Status	\$Amount	\$Available Balance
Statement as of 12/01/2015 (view statements) »					
11/25/2015	CHECK ORDER00075 DES:FEE ID:01D11247 INDN:ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADI CO...			-21.00	6,507.42

Current account:  
income: \$0  
expenses: \$21 checks  
balance: \$6507.42  
Respectfully submitted  
Mike Daly – treasurer



## DX



Ray Magsby KK4LGF

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

Number 3 South Sandwich and number 8 South Georgia these most wanted countries are located in the southern Atlantic Ocean. The South Georgia island group is located some 807 miles east-southeast of the Falkland Islands There are no permanent population on South George Islands, however there are a couple of dozen people dispersed on Bird Island, KEP, and at Grytviken, an old whaling station.

The South Sandwich Islands, a group of some 11 volcanic islands are located some 338 miles farther southeast of South Georgia. Argentina had a Naval station on Thule but it was closed by the British during the Falkland Islands War. A multi-national group of 14 members will put a shore in January and February, first to the South Sandwich Islands around the 17th of January 2016 for 10 days (depending on weather). Plans call for ten days operations as VP8STI.

Then its on to S. Georgia, they should land and set up camp at Husvik Bay, South Georgia and commence operations on or about 1 February. Call Sign VP8IDX. While traveling on board ship, they will use VP8IDX/MM.

Activity will be on CW, SSB, and RTTY on 1.8- 50 MHz ( always listening split).

CW----1826.6;  
3523;5405;7023;10.105;14.023;18.079;21.023;24.894;28.023 and  
50.105kHz  
SSB----  
3790;5403.5;7082;14.185;18.130;21.285;24.944;28.485; and 50.105kHz  
RTTY---  
3580;7045;10.142;14.080;18.099;21.080;24.912;

and 28.080kHz

OTHER :

FT#X-Kerguelen Island.  
Nicolas' F4EGX for December 2015 and January 2016. QSL via F1ULQ

Palmyra Atoll is planed to become active with a special call KP5 for 14 days from 11 Jan.-26 Jan 2016. KH5 ( Palmyra and Jarvis rank number nine worldwide and number two in Europe on Club Log's Most Wanted List. They will have five stations on the air on 1.8-50MHz.

Check the KP5 website at palmyra2016.org and will have the latest news and details, including expected operating frequencies and a link to their online logs.

20 Meters is still open to the Caribbean Islands and Central and South America. Keep listening for a SSB signal 3Z9D out of North Korea in January or February (maybe). This is short but with information we can look forward to using, especially N. Korea. Happy DXing. Ray

## LOCAL



Hi Ham Friends,

I wanted to bring to your attention a 40 meter net that has been on the air daily for the past 52 years. It's the Waterway Radio & Cruising Club (WRCC) Net on

7.268 at 0745 hours daily. It's an interesting place to listen to boats at anchor and underway from Nova Scotia in the Summers, to the Caribbean. I was recently honored to become the Commodore and Net Manager of the club, and I'm hoping to recruit more members, especially those of us who enjoy boating.

Eddie and I are anchored in Lake Sylvania, Ft Lauderdale, enjoying friends during the holidays. You can find me everyday on 7.268 at 0730 and I monitor the net daily, and broadcast the Offshore Weather on Fridays. I hope to hear from some of you guys from time to time, and please take a look at our website, <http://www.waterwayradio.net>

I'm attaching a PDF of our latest Scuttlebutt bulletin for you to check out, and a membership application if you would like to join our club. The club has a lot of fun, and a long history of aiding amateurs on boats.

You are welcome to share this to other hams who I might have left out, like the Pickled Hams who I don't have their e-mail addresses.

Happy New Year

Glenn Tuttle  
K9TUT

**Join ARRL**  
*or Renew your Membership*



Let's go!

## 2016 Nominating committee Report

Editor:

Please post this list of officers nominees for 2016 in the newsletter. Also remind the members we will be meeting on Tuesday January, 19th for our business meeting, and election of officers, then meeting on Saturday January 23 for the annual party.

Nominations for EARS Officers 2016

President:	Dave Trost	W0RVR
Vice President:	Pam Eggleton	K1UEG
Secretary:	Ken Blackshaw	W1NQT
Treasurer:	Mike Daly	K4MWD
Trustees:	Steve Churchill (Past President)	N9USZ
	Mark Mull	KJ4UXQ
	Ray Magsby	KK4LGF

Other nominations can be made from the floor, prior to the election of officers.

Vic Emmelkamp K4VHX  
Nomination Chairman

## Great bit of history from today's Writer's Almanac!

On this day in 1906, Canadian electrician and chemist Reginald Fessenden transmitted the first radio broadcast. Fessenden had originally moved to the United States in 1886 to work for his idol, inventor Thomas Edison. He wrote to Edison, "Do not know anything about electricity, but can learn pretty quick." Edison replied, "Have enough men now who do

not know about electricity."

Nevertheless, Fessenden persevered and was soon hired by Edison Machine Works, laying underground electrical mains in New York City. By 1899, he was working for Westinghouse, experimenting with wireless telephones; a year later, he had a wireless communication system set up between Pittsburgh and Allegheny City.

In the late 1800s, radio communication consisted of Morse code, with operators decoding the "dots and dashes" into messages. Fessenden was convinced he could transmit speech without the aid of wires, as was his contemporary, Enrico Marconi. Fessenden got there first. In 1900, he became the first person to transmit the sound of the human voice when he spoke a simple message to his co-worker: "One, two, three, four. Is it snowing where you are, Mr. Thiessen? If it is, telegraph back and let me know." His voice was carried wirelessly between two 50-foot towers on Cobb Island, located in the Potomac River.

Six years later, he gathered with a technician, his wife, Helen, and his secretary, Miss Bent, at a 400-foot tower in Brant Rock, Massachusetts, on Christmas Eve (1906). At 9:00 p.m., he said into the microphone, "CQ, CQ, CQ," which was a general call to all stations within range. He gave a brief speech and then played "Ombra mai fu" (Largo) by Handel on his violin. He followed that by singing "O Holy Night" and "Adore and Be Still." Fessenden passed the Bible to his wife and secretary so they could recite passages, but the microphone was hot and frightened them, so Fessenden read, instead, reciting from the Gospel of Luke, 2:14. He concluded by wishing listeners, "A Merry Christmas."

The first radio broadcast was heard hundreds of miles away. Crews on the United Fruit Company ship, languishing out in the Atlantic Ocean, listened in astonishment. His combination of a transmitter (alternator) and a voice signal produced the composite AM radio signal we still use today.

73's - Ken



## 2015 EARS SURVEY

Thanks to all who responded to last month's survey here are the results.

### E.A.R.S. SURVEY RESULTS - 2015

		%
TOTAL MEMBERS IN CLUB	43	100
TOTAL RESPONDENTS	26	60
TOTAL RESIDENTS	29	67
TOTAL SEASONAL	11	26
TOTAL ACTIVE	26	60
TOTAL INACTIVE	17	40

### SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. *Would you be in favor of having just 8 or 9 monthly meetings October thru May with Field Day being a June meeting?*

A. 26 IN FAVOR -- 0 OPPOSED

2. *Do you think our club is still viable or should we disband?*

A. 3 NOT VIABLE--14 VIABLE--9 NOT SURE

3. *Do you expect the Club to have a program at each meeting?*

A. 22 NO -- 4 YES

4. *Do you plan to attend the EARS annual party this year? (January 23, 2016)*

A. 4 NO--22 YES--2 NOT SURE

5. *Would you be willing to serve as an Officer or Trustee this coming year?*

A. 13 NO--13 YES

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS REGARDING EARS ACCESS TO CGA BUILDING

How much advanced notice is required to have access to the building?

A. 24 hours, if possible. The main requirement is to contact someone in authority prior to accessing the building for other than monthly meetings.

Other than contacting the CGA Commandant who should EARS call?

A. First contact the Commandant: Dane Hahn 460-8979; Alternate: Gerry Mechanberg 473-4734

Can an EARS member access the building by themselves?

A. Not at this time. The building contains Classified Coastguard material governed by the Dept. of

Homeland Security. We are only suppose to access the building for group events.

Can EARS use the TV / Computer for internet access?

A. EARS can use the TV but not the computer.

Is there an Attachment A to the MOU?

A. There is no Attachment A to our MOU at this time.

Ken W1NQT received the following email from Ten-Ten and wondered if anyone else was affected.

**From:** David Smith - K6RDK

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 30, 2015 6:12 PM

**To:** Renewals1 List

**Subject:** [Renewal] Ten-Ten Electronic Membership Final Reminder

Greetings 10-10 Member,

This letter is being sent to you using the 10-10 database approximately four weeks prior to your membership expiration date. If you have sent in your renewal, please disregard this notice and thank you for your renewal.

In order not to miss any 10-10 activities, QSO Parties, Awards or any issue of the 10-10 NEWS, I want to encourage you to renew your 10-10 membership at this time. Maintaining your membership will keep you abreast of all the recent additions, changes, activities and general happenings in the world of 10-10. All 10-10 Awards are free to current members. Your membership expiration date, as well as your 10-10 number, can be found on the first line of the mailing address label.

You can renew your membership on-line using Ten-Ten's Shopping Cart. Go to the web site, [www.ten-ten.org](http://www.ten-ten.org). On the top bar click 'Membership' and then select 'Renewal'. Fill out the form and press 'Send'. You will be directed into the Shopping Cart. Select the renewal term option, i.e., 1 Year, 3 Years or Life and the payment option. Pay by PayPal account or

your own credit card. It is that easy and always safe and secure.

10-10 continues with its very successful 10-10 Scholarship Program, awarding four \$1500 Scholarships annually. 10-10 Scholarships are available to all members regardless of their country of residence. The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., (FAR), is the administrator for all scholarships. Please refer to this web site for more information, [www.amateurradio-far.org](http://www.amateurradio-far.org). Along with your dues renewal, I would like you to consider a donation in any amount. It is only through your generosity that 10-10 is able to continue to offer Scholarships each year. Your donation is tax deductible.

10-10 dues are \$10.00 per year or 3 years for \$25.00 for electronic delivery of the NEWS. Please take advantage of the three year membership renewal rate, a savings of \$5.00 to both you and 10-10. Through the shopping cart 10-10 will also accept VISA, MasterCard, AMEX or Discover Card as a payment option.

Thanking you in advance for your continued interest and support of 10-10.

73's  
David Smith, K6RDK #65812  
Data Manager  
Ten-Ten International Net, Inc.

## Hamfests

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

### **01/15/2016 |Southern Florida Section Convention**

Location:Fort Myers, FL

Type:ARRL Convention

Sponsor:Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club

Website:<http://swflhamfest.info>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

### **01/23/2016 |DeSoto County Hamfest**

Location:Arcadia, FL

Type:ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor:DeSoto Amateur Radio Club

Website:<http://desotoarc.org>

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!

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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 10:00 AM 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 -9:00 A.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](mailto:mike@mmdaly.com).

Happiness is being back in Englewood.