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SECRETARY'S REPORT



Ken Blackshaw W1NQT

EARS Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2016

Opening. The Englewood Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order by President, Dave Trost, on December 20, 2016 at 7 PM at the Englewood Area Chamber of Commerce building. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The attendance roster shows seven members and two guests (George from Placida, FL and Les from Low Hauxley, UK / South Orkney Islands) were present.

Secretary's Report. The Secretary's Report was unanimously accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted as published in the newsletter.

Correspondence. Flyer for Orlando Hamcation February 10, 11, 12. The rest was junk mail. Pam currently is in possession of the post office box key.

Sunshine. It was reported Fred may possibly going to Baltimore for hip surgery. It was stated that Skip is doing better and was going to come to the meeting if he could get a ride.

ARES/RACES. No report.

Publicity. Jim Nelson reported that we may be able to get a free spot in the Englewood Sun community calendar. He may also check into relisting our meeting in the Englewood Review community events announcements and maybe the Herald Tribune. Jim suggested EARS may have more better success in attracting interest in ham radio with cub scouts and brownies than older scouts. Jim Nelson announced he is stepping down as Publicity Chair but he will still help.

Testing. Testing info is printed in the newsletter. Rumor is that Gino may be starting a new [Tech] class, so contact him if you or someone you know is interested.

Hamfests. EARS sold some stuff (PAKRAT, analyzer, little stuff here and there) in Tampa; it was a nice, OK hamfest per Tom. Fort Myers Hamfest is coming up January 20. January 14 is the TARC Hamfest in Tampa. January 28 is Arcadia's hamfest. March 11 is Charlotte. Some think the Punta Gorda one might be March 4.

DX. Tom worked Switzerland and Croatia recently (about 9:05 AM on 20M), but operating less lately. Tom says the bands are bad, the bands open and close in bursts. Europe is open but the rest is closed. Ray reported working Panama (8AM 20M), Honduras, Guatemala, Chile, scattered Central America but says it shuts down quickly. Spiderweb Net 14.347; Central America 7.xxx around 2AM.

Old Business. We had initially intended to repeat last year's annual banquet at the Rotonda Elks toward the end of January. Per Dave, the Rotonda Elks informed him that their insurance policy restricts serving alcohol to members only. It appears that they are cracking down on enforcement of the policy, even though it did not seem to be an issue last year. Other possible venues for a banquet to explore is the Englewood Elks (where Vic is a member) or the the VFW (where Steve is a member).

New Business. We will have an EARS business meeting at the regularly scheduled date on the third Tuesday of the month because our annual banquet date and location is up-in-the-air at the moment. A slate of officers and trustees have been nominated. Nominations remain open. Questions were raised as to scheduling of the Chamber of Commerce meeting room dates in 2017, who has that responsibility, and who is responsible for picking up the meeting room key. (Pam picked up the key for the December meeting and Matthew is returning it, but do we have someone who can do it regularly or can see to it that someone gets it each time?)

Field Day. Field Day discussions were raised in the new business portion of the meeting. Ray will check on using the South Gulf Cove Pavilion again for Field Day 2017, as membership was very happy with the facilities for last year's field day activities. There was mention that there may have been some new improvements to the pavilion enclosure.

Announcements. Matthew inquired as to the House's new address. It was suggested he look in recent newsletters.

Adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Program. No program was held at the December meeting. It was reported that Jon P. was in El Salvador for work, so was unavailable to present on micro-controllers and the Internet of Things. Perhaps, we will be fortunate enough to have that program rescheduled for a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Henry KE4VEM,
Acting Secretary



Next Meeting
Tuesday January 17th
Englewood CofC
7:00 PM
601 S Indiana Ave

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Current account:

Date ↓	Description	Type	Status	\$Amount	\$Available Balance
Amount included in Available Balance					
01/09/2017	Check 1020			-55.00	6,138.63
01/09/2017	Deposit			183.00	6,193.63

Deposit:

01/09 Dues \$ 183.00

Expenses:

01/09 Hamcation table to Vic 55.00

Balance:

01/14 \$6138.63

Dues are arriving every few days so far 15 have renewed. Please get yours in soon if you haven't already. \$15 individual, \$18 family.

Respectfully submitted
Mike Daly K4MWD
Treasurer

LOCAL:

Hamfests

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

01/20/2017 | Southwest Florida Regional Hamfest

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://fmarc.net/hamfest>

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•HAMFEST/CONVENTION

01/28/2017 | DeSoto County Hamfest

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: DeSoto Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://desotoarc.org>

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•HAMFEST/CONVENTION

02/03/2017 | Southern Florida Section Convention (Tropical Hamboree's 50th Anniversary)

, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Dade Radio Club of Miami, Inc.

Website: <http://hamboree.org>

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•HAMFEST/CONVENTION

02/10/2017 | Southeastern Division Convention (Orlando HamCation®)

Location: Orlando, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Orlando Amateur Radio Club

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

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: Jacaranda Public Library, 4143

Woodmere Park Blvd, Venice

Reservations Appreciated!

<http://tamiamiarc.org/ve-exam-sessions>

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:

QCWA Suncoast Chapter 53 meets year round. From October through May, we meet at 11:15 AM the first Wednesday of every month at Denny's, 3701 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota. From June through September, we have informal lunches at the Hibatchi Grill Buffet. FYI, there are no chapter dues, all are welcome, and we have pretty good programs at our Sarasota lunch/meetings.

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 444.100 +5MHZ PL 100 Tuesday 7:30 pm.

TARC 146.805 - PL 100 Thursday 7:30 pm.

PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.

NI4CE 145.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m WCF ARRL Traffic net

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. 11:45 AM Wednesday.

Denny's - Englewood, SR 776 and Placida Rd (next to Bay Harbor Ford) : 7:00 AM every Tuesday

LOCAL REPEATERS

Please look on the last page for repeater tables.

FROM THE EDITOR



Mike K4MWD

Great to be back with all of you. Don't forget the meeting on Tuesday the 17th.

If you run into an article you'd like to see included, please email me at mike@mmdaly.com.

New repeaters for the list...

WENG Radio 145.250 T100

K0DGF 146.775 T77

K0DGF 444.625 T77

Thanks Pam and George, now I have to figure out how to edit the lists.

LOCAL REPEATERS

27 repeaters found within 50 MILES of 34223 26.9779941, -82.3560389.

● = On-Air ● = Off-Air ● = Testing ○ = Unknown

Click on the frequency for additional details.
Click on a header to sort.

VOIP Legend: A=AllStar; E=EchoLink; I=IRLP; W=WIRES

Frequency	Offset	Tone	Call	Location	ST/PR	Use	VOIP	Mi	Dir	
145.1700	-0.6 MHz	136.5	KG4VDS	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
145.2100	-0.6 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Lake Placid, Lake Placid	FL	OPEN		64.8	E	●
145.3300	-0.6 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Avon Park, National Guard Armory	FL	OPEN		66.8	NE	●
145.3900	-0.6 MHz	136.5	K4QCW	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
145.4300	-0.6 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Varina, Cox radio tower	FL	OPEN		28.8	N	●
145.4700	-0.6 MHz	97.4	WA4PAM	LaBelle, EOC	FL	OPEN		55.5	SE	●
146.6250	-0.6 MHz	127.3	N4EMH	Wauchula	FL	OPEN		51.6	NE	●
146.6850	-0.6 MHz	136.5	KF4QWC	Punta Gorda	FL	OPEN		19.4	ESE	●
146.7300	-0.6 MHz	100.0	N4SER	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
146.7450	-0.6 MHz	136.5	WX4E	Punta Gorda	FL	OPEN		19.4	ESE	●
146.7600	-0.6 MHz	136.5	W4KR	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
146.7750	-0.6 MHz		K0DGF	Englewood, Florida	FL	OPEN		1.1	S	●
146.8200	-0.6 MHz	100.0	K4GG	Bradenton	FL	OPEN		38.4	NNW	●
146.8650	-0.6 MHz	136.5	K8ONV	Port Charlotte, Charlotte County Sports Complex	FL	OPEN		16.3	ESE	●
146.8800	-0.6 MHz	136.5	KI4PTZ	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
146.9100	-0.6 MHz	100.0	W4IE	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
146.9550	-0.6 MHz	100.0	K4BRC	Bradenton	FL	OPEN		38.4	NNW	●
147.0750	+0.6 MHz	100.0	W4MIN	Arcadia	FL	OPEN		34.7	E	●
147.1200	+0.6 MHz	136.5	K4NPT	North Port	FL	OPEN		8.7	E	●
147.1800	+0.6 MHz	100.0	W4MIN	Arcadia	FL	OPEN E		34.7	E	●
147.1950	+0.6 MHz	103.5	KF4MBN	Bradenton	FL	OPEN		38.3	NNW	●
147.2700	+0.6 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Sebring, Highlands County EOC	FL	OPEN		65.6	E	●
147.2850	+0.6 MHz	136.5	W1RP	Lehigh Acres, Lehigh Medical Center	FL	OPEN		50.2	SE	●
147.3000	+0.6 MHz	141.3	KD4MZM	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.8	NNW	●
147.3450	+0.6 MHz	136.5	WG4K	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
147.3750	+0.6 MHz	123.0	N2FSU	Lehigh Acres	FL	OPEN E		51.3	SE	●
147.3900	+0.6 MHz	100.0	N4SER	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		25.4	NNW	●

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442.3500	+5 MHz	100.0	W4HCA	Avon Park	FL	OPEN		67.4	NE	●
442.9500	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Verna	FL	OPEN		30.6	NNE	●
444.1000	+5 MHz	CC1 100.0	W4AC	Englewood	FL	OPEN		1.1	S	●
443.9500	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Lake Placid, Happiness Tower	FL	OPEN		64.8	E	●
444.4500	+5 MHz	77.0	WB4FOW	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
442.4500	+5 MHz	136.5	WB2FAU	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
444.9750	+5 MHz	136.5	WX4E	Punta Gorda	FL	OPEN		19.4	ESE	●
443.2750	+5 MHz		AC4FL	Naples, Wiggins State Park	FL	OPEN		58.1	SE	●
444.5500	+5 MHz	141.3	KD4MZM	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
444.9250	+5 MHz	CSQ	W4IE	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
444.8000	+5 MHz	100.0	N1DP	Hancock	FL	OPEN		35.2	SE	●
444.2000	+5 MHz		W4MIN	Arcadia	FL	OPEN		34.7	E	●
444.8250	+5 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Avon Park, Bombing Range	FL	OPEN		77.6	NE	●
443.8750	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4MX	Lakewood Ranch	FL	OPEN		30.3	N	●
444.8750	+5 MHz		K4TAP	Bradenton, Mixons Fruit Farm	FL	OPEN		38.4	NNW	●
442.1500	+5 MHz	94.8	KA2LAL	North Port	FL	OPEN		8.7	E	●
444.7000	+5 MHz	CC1	N4SER	Laurel	FL	OPEN		12.1	NNW	●