



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



## Presidents Message

Hi all,

I hope everyone has been having a good summer and a great 4th of July. Keith and I have traveled over 8,000 miles since the middle of June. Did anyone track us on APRS? You should have seen some interesting information if you did.

Since I am writing this on the road, I do not have a report on Field Day yet, but I did see all the pictures from Field Day on the web site. It looks like Field Day was a success and a good time was had by all. A big THANK YOU to all who put together our Field Day weekend!

Keith has the Echolink up and running. It does produce a lot of activity and works well. It is on 146.540 simplex. We have had QSO's with Australia, New Zealand, Germany, and just about any other place you can name. There is almost too much activity. You can not have a QSO with everyone who checks in or you would never put the mike down. The link is up 24 hrs. A day when we are in town as long as the power does not go down and shut down the computer temporarily. Monitor the frequency and have fun. Keith said he will answer any questions at the July meeting or call him any time. See you at the meeting July 19th!

73 Gay-KL0LV

## June 21 EARS Meeting Minutes

Vice-President Howard Kuhlman-N4MLJ, opened the meeting promptly at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 23 members and guests at the meeting including a new YL to the area, Michele Metzler, N9MY.

A motion by Free Crosby W1NPR, to accept the minutes of last month's meeting as printed in the newsletter was seconded by Don Dold KD9SJ, and carried.

Bruce, K2OY, gave the Treasurer's report, showing an ending balance of \$4,501.85 after paying our ARRL insurance bill. A motion for acceptance of the report was made by Gene Fowler,

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## CLUB MEETING

Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. Meeting location is at the Englewood United Methodist Church 700 E. Dearborn St. (near Pine St. & River Road). Contact one of the officers for directions to the meeting room. **Next meeting: Friday July 19. The program for after business meeting will be presented by Ken-W1NQT, our club secretary, on Amateur Radio field day exercises.**

KA1GCU, seconded by Vic Emmelkamp, KE4VHX, and carried. Bruce also read a letter from Uncle John Johnson, K1RSC's, daughters and sons. He just turned 92.

### **Announcements**

- ▶ Ken-W1NQT passed around a matted and framed set of postage stamps commemorating our ham radio hobby. These are in the five cent denomination and have been passed along to Ken-W4JQT, by John-W1JF.
- ▶ An operating roster for the Field Day was also passed around so that people could express their desire to operate during a particular time frame.
- ▶ Jim Hanushek, N4JBZ, reported on another numismatic happening. On September 21, the Post Office is issuing a special 'Spay/Neuter' stamp at the Suncoast Humane Society, first day cover, etc. Check [www.humane.org](http://www.humane.org) for details on the stamp.
- ▶ Al Wilde commented that Don Spencer was celebrating his 61st wedding anniversary tonight "and he was at the meeting!"

### **Correspondence**

No correspondence was mentioned this meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

*Sunshine* - Gene-KA1GCU commented on a birthday card for Uncle John, and also noted the passing of Dick Dean,

*Races* - No RACES Report

*Publicity* - Ken-W1NQT, reported that both the Sun and the Herald have been contacted about our Field Day and would be on site on Saturday, picking up information.

*Testing* - No Testing.

*DX* - Bruce-K2OY passed around the bulletin from the DX Summit and also the ARRL 'entity' list, available for \$3.00. He also mentioned the P5 who is on from North Korea. Five hams are operating YA5G, Afghanistan, all from the World Health Organization.

Ken-W1NQT passed along a story about a new ham's experience working Reunion Island, off the East Coast of Africa. He had a very hard time getting the info through on CW. He ran upstairs to tell his wife what he'd done and she said "why didn't you just send him an e-mail??" Some people will never get IT!

### **Old Business**

*Field Day* - Ken-W1NQT reported on set up for Field Day. The tent is set up. Three antennas will be available; two for HF and one six meter antenna. Two HF stations will be operational, one CW, one Sideband and one six meter station for SSB. Six meter conditions look favorable. Operation starts at 1400 tomorrow and ends with the picnic on Sunday. Howard-KD4MMU, commented he needed help with generator set up tomorrow. Also that Frank, W4VV, is cooking and singing for us on Sunday. Howard is engineering all the food.

### **New Business**

No new business.

The meeting was adjourned prior to the program at 7:56 p.m. There were 20 members present.

### **Program**

Bruce-K2OY gave the program on DX QSLing. He covered such things as QSL design, QSL Bureaus, etc. He also discussed ARRL's QSL service which is free for members.

Bruce showed us his own card and commented on the inclusion of info like county and grid square on the card which is important for some amateurs who are chasing certain awards.

Then he showed us a card from Qatar in the Persian Gulf. He made the contact in 1997 and just received it even though he included a self-addressed envelope and IRCs. The concept of IRCs was discussed.

It was a very informative program and should help us all to successfully get those difficult return QSLs.

## Weekly Ham Operator Breakfasts

### “Come and acquaint yourself with other hams!”

Each week on Tuesday mornings area ham operators gather at two restaurants here in Englewood. The first to meet are the ones that “rise and shine” early for breakfast at Tiffany’s when they open at 7 AM. Tiffany’s restaurant is in Tiffany Square at the intersection of San Casa and SR 776.

The second to meet are the ones that like to sleep in a little later and the meet at the Hungry Hound around 8 AM. The Hungry Hound restaurant is Palm Plaza shopping center at the Intersection of SR 776 & 775(Placida Road).

### Member Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale

John Fogle, W1JF has decided to dispose of his amateur radio station. The following is a list of his equipment for sale:

Yaesu FT 1000MP HF transceiver, manual, two narrow ssb filters, and an MH31B Mike, 100 watts output	\$1,200
Kenwood TS530 HF transceiver with Mike & Manual, 100 watts output.	\$275
Yaesu FT2500M 2 meter FM mobile transceiver & manual, 50 watts output	\$125
Yaesu FT8100R 2 meter/70 cm FM transceiver & manual, 50/35 watts output	\$275
Tucker T3000 roller inductor antenna tuner & Manual, 2KW SSB, cross needle watt/swr meter, 6 position antenna switch, built in 4:1 balun, gear driven turns counter	\$190
Heil HM-10 dual element microphone with boom	\$120
Heil HC5 headset with mike and two headphones with new ear pads	\$50
Kenwood HC10 world clock	\$25
Alpha Delta D2 two position antenna switch	\$30
Alpha Delta D4 four position antenna switch	\$45
Yaesu MD100 desk microphone	\$80
Drake TV42LP 100 watt low pass filter	\$10
Drake TV3300 1000 watt low pass filter	\$15
Landliner speaker/phone patch	\$25
Alpha Delta lightning surge protectors (Qty-2)	\$20 each
Mosley Pro 57B HF beam antenna,- 5 Bands: 10, 12, 15, 17, 20 Meters	\$200
Hy Gain HG52SS 52 Ft. 3 section crank up tower	\$400

Hy Gain HG-TB thrust bearing, for up to 2 3/16" mast	\$50
RG213/G coax cable, 100 Ft., New Connectors	\$20
RG213/G coax cable, 50 Ft., New Connectors	\$10
Belden 8214 coax cable, 75 Ft., New Connectors	\$10
Tool Chest with three easy slide drawers	\$20
Weller soldering station	\$25
Shop Vacuum with all attachments	\$25
Titan 2100 weed whacker, gas engine	\$35
PB1000 electric blower	\$15

### COMPUTER ITEMS

HP 6200C Scan Jet flat bed scanner	\$50
HP 4P Laser Jet printer (needs cartridge)	\$35

All items are believed to be in good working condition. Items are ready for sale now and can be seen at the home of Ken Anderson. For further information and purchase, contact Ken Anderson 475-3172, Frank Maren 697-8584, or J.R. House 475-3005

### EARS Field Day 2002

The EARS 2002 Field Day was held in the unpaved parking area of the Englewood United Methodist Church, 700 East Dearborn St., Englewood, Florida.

The antenna setup crew arrived early Friday morning June 21, and soon had a 125 foot wire dipole strung up between two trees. The next antenna to go up was the Cushcraft R7000 vertical. A 6 meter 5 element beam on a 30 foot push up pole was set up Saturday morning, just before a severe thunderstorm brought lots of rain. Our tent, which had been set up the day before by the church youth group survived the storm and kept us mostly dry. The antenna setup crew consisted of Vic-KF4VHX, Howard-KD4MMY, Tom-WA3PRC, Pam-KG4EDF, and Colin-KG4EDG, Don-WA4IWL, Ken-W1NQT, Frank-W4VV, and Ken-W4JQT.

Transceivers, power supplies, and antennas were provided by JR-K9HUY, Tom-WA3PRC, Vince-KG4AIV, and Ken-W4JQT. John-W1JF provided an 8 foot ground rod, and three rolls of coax cable.

Ken-W1NQT arranged for logging computers and programs, handled publicity with the newspapers, and copied the ARRL CW Bulletin. He also agreed to submit

the field day scores. There was an excellent story and pictures in the Sun Herald on the front page.

Howard-KD4MMY made arrangements for the site, rental and installation of the tent, tables and chairs, generators and gasoline, extension cables, and set up his fifth wheel trailer for back up shelter. Howard also tended the generators during the 24 hour field day period, and managed the overall operation as Field Day Chairman.

Don-WA4IWL made arrangements for the bath rooms in church fellowship hall to be open during the field day period and notified the Sheriff of our activity.

Vic-KF4VHX kept enough operators on site to keep the stations going. Operators for the CW station were JR-K9HUY, Vincent-KG4AIV, Ken-W1NQT, Dan-K4OU, and Jack-WA4GRO.

Operators for the phone stations were Tom-WA3PRC, Bobby-KF4YOW, Howard-KD4MMY, Ken-W4JQT, Vic-KF4VHX, Pam-KG4EDF, Colin-KG4EDG, Bryce-KG4EDE, Matthew-KE4VEM, Howard-N4MLJ, Don-WA4IWL, and Mark-KE4UFT.

The 6 meter station activity was occasional with a contact now and then until about 10 am Sunday morning when the band opened up. With JR-K9HUY operating and Ken-W4JQT logging. Over 200 contacts were made in about two hours.

Connie White handled the picnic after field day operations shut down, and a wonderful picnic it was. Frank-W4VV kept things going on the grill. The weather cooperated very nicely

for the picnic.

Matthew-KE4VEM, Mark-KE4UFT, and Michael-KF4KDI and friends arranged to be home from school this weekend, and brought a computer to be used for logging. They also helped clean up and put things away, and did some operating.

All on hand helped take down and load equipment and put things away. Jerry-K4JWE was not able to be at field day, but was there to help take down antennas and get things loaded up.

We had a very good Field Day with lots of participation and I think it was enjoyed by all who came. The picnic was a wonderful wrap up of a fine week end. I apologize for any names I may have missed, and express my thanks for all who pitched in and helped. Be careful about missing future meetings - You may get elected chairman next year, as I did this year.

Ken-W4JQT  
Co-Chairman  
Field Day 2002

**Follow Freeman-W1NPR** on his vacation this summer viewing his APRS position reports at:  
<http://www.findu.com/cgi-bin/find.cgi?call=W1NPR>

**Congratulations to Vic-KF4VHX** for passing his Amateur Extra Class Exam on June 26th! He made it just under the deadline before the new Extra question pool began on July 1.