



The WA4IWL Newsletter



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Hi all.

The summer is sure flying by. I hope everyone had a great 4th of July.

Field Day is now history. I do not have much to report yet because I was on vacation but I do know we held a Field Day event and pictures are available on the web site. Thank you to all our members who helped put on this event.

Now is the time for us to be thinking about the 2004 Hamfest. We still need a chairman and committee members to help. This is our year to be the lead club for the next Hamfest. Our friends in the Peace River club put in many hard hours to make our last hamfest the success it was. We need to get started now if we want to participate. If we do not get any volunteers to step forward from our club by the August meeting it will be my recommendation that we turn over the Hamfest entirely to the Peace River Club. I know this seems like a hard line but if we are not willing to hold up our end of the bargain we don't deserve any of the proceeds. Please keep this issue at the top of our priority list and contact me with any suggestions, questions or comments. Have a great July! Next meeting July 18th.

73 Keith-KL7CKY

June 20 Meeting Minutes

! **Call to Order** - President Keith-WL7CKY called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests in attendance were Bobbie Myers, Mike Swiader-KA9WIE, Martin Lee-K4TDB, and Dan Senkpiel-N4LJW. Keith welcomed the visitors and then asked for introductions around the room.

! **Secretary's Report** - Free-W1NPR moved that the minutes of the May meeting be accepted as printed in the newsletter. Seconded by Don-KD9SJ and passed.

! **Treasurer's Report** - Bruce-K2OY was absent and Vic-K4VHX reported we had two bills totaling \$467.00 to pay. Jerry-K4JWE made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Vic-K4VHX and the motion passed.

CLUB MEETING

Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3rd 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.

After Meeting Program Providers

July: Pam-KG4EDF August: Vic-K4VHX, September: Ted-KB8UXK, October: Freeman-W1NPR, November: George-KA4JKY

Committee Reports

Sunshine - Frank Schwab-W8OK passed away May 30th in Dayton, Ohio. Frank gave the program at our March meeting on the Elecraft K2 Transceiver. Cards may be sent to the Family of Frank Schwab, 7711 Dog Leg Road, Dayton, Ohio 45411. John Kelly's wife Ann had a mild stroke recently.

Training - Ken-W4JQT and Bill-W1AMU conducted a Technician Class starting March 1, and completed May 17. Martin Horowitz-KA1DCD upgraded from Novice to General. Courtney and Robert Rauch passed their Tech. Robert is KI4AMA, and Courtney is KI4AMB. Keith thanked the training committee for getting his kids through the training and testing. Martin-KA1DCD also expressed his appreciation.

RACES - Frank-W4VV reported the RACES equipment has been removed from the San Casa EOC and stored. Until further notice, RACES drills will be conducted from home.

Publicity - Jerry-K4JWE plans some newspaper publicity for the upcoming field day activities.

Testing - Ken-W4JQT reported there will be testing in Englewood on Saturday at 9:00 am.

Old Business

Action on the 2003 budget was deferred until the next meeting.

New Business

Vice President Jim-KB2NZ has resigned. Jim was also Field Day Chairman. Keith asked for nominations from the floor for Vice President. There were no nominations. Keith asked for nominations for Field Day Chairman. There were no nominations.

Field Day

Ken-W4JQT circulated a sign up sheet for Field Day and reviewed the various items of equipment and tasks needed for field day operation. There was good response from members at the meeting and the main items and tasks appear to be covered. Howard-N4MLJ made a motion to authorize \$150.00 for field day. Second by

Martin-KA1DCD and carried. Howard-N4MLJ made another motion to spend \$100.00 for the picnic to be held at the end of field day. Second by Bill-W1AMU and carried.

Announcements

- ! Vic-K4VHX announced there will be a ham radio demonstration for a group of young people Thursday, June 26 at the Tringali Library.
- ! Pam-KG4EDF announced that Saturday June 21 is kids day on ham radio.
- ! Mike Swiader-KA9WIE from the Peace River Club gave an excellent talk about their clubs work in the Northport school system to promote ham radio. They also do a program on WENG-1530 AM the first Tuesday of each month from 9 to 9:30 am promoting ham radio. Mike said he hopes we can have a joint picnic this fall, and a joint hamfest next spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm and refreshments were enjoyed by all. There were 17 members and four visitors present.

Ken Anderson
Secretary Pro Tem

Sunshine Committee Substitution

For the next three months - July thru September, Vic-K4VHX will be filling in for Gene and Marcia on the Sunshine Committee. If you hear of any of our members who require a little cheering up let Vic know and he will send out the card.

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 a.m. Tiffany’s restaurant is in Tiffany Square at the intersection of San Casa and SR 776. The second group of Hams to meet are the ones who like to sleep in a little later and they meet at the Country Hound around 8 a.m. The Country Hound restaurant is in the Palm Plaza shopping center at the Intersection of SR 776 & 775 (Placida Road). They also meet at Mel's Diner in Venice on Friday's at 8 a.m.

VE Exam Sessions

These exams are given at 9:30 AM the 3rd Saturday of the month, on a reservation basis only, in the conference room of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce building, 601 South Indiana Avenue.

Internet Sites to Explore

Do you have any Internet sites which might be of interest to hams? Please forward them to the newsletter editor

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want-To-Buy

! I am retiring from Ham Radio Operations and would like to sell following ham radio equipment:

1 Kenwood TS-830S Transceiver with a D104 mike

1 Kenwood TS-450 Transceiver w/power supply

1 Spider Antenna for 10,15,20,40 meters

Several Heathkit instruments and other equipment for ham radio use. Original manuals are available for all equipment.

Asking \$950.00 for all.

David DeJohn-KA1TT

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Ham Radio Demonstration June 26



Florida Hamfests July August

19 Jul 2003 Free Flea Tailgate Hamfest Boca Raton ARA,
Contact: Lew Lehman, K4LEW,

Phone: 561-392-3913, Email: K4LEW@juno.com

25-26 Jul 2003 Milton ARC, Milton, FL

<http://home.att.net/~k4ozl/marc.htm>

Contact: Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, 4301 Bell Lane
Pace, FL 32571, Phone: 850-994-7335

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16 Aug 2003 Fort Pierce ARC,

<http://www.qsl.net/w4akh>

Contact: Bill Sinbine, N4XEO, 17275 Hammock Lane,
Fort Pierce, FL 34987, Phone: 772-461-7275

Email: n4xeo@arrl.net

23 Aug 2003 Tampa ARC, <http://www.hamclub.org>

Contact: Biff Craine, K4LAW, 13515 Greenleaf Drive,
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ARRL Contest Calendar

Check QST or ARRL Website for rules

! July 12-13 IARU HF World Championship

! August 2-3 ARRL UHF Contest

! August 16-17 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest

WA7BNM Contest Calendar

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

July 2003

! IARU HF World Championship 1200Z, Jul 12 - 1200Z, Jul 13

! FISTS Summer Sprint 1700Z - 2100Z, Jul 12

! QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint 2000Z - 2400Z, Jul 13

! Pacific 160m Contest 0700Z - 2300Z, Jul 19

August 2003

! 10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB 0001Z, Aug 2 - 2400Z, Aug 3

! European HF Championship 1000Z - 2159Z, Aug 2

! North American QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Aug 2 - 0600Z, Aug 3

! ARRL UHF Contest 1800Z, Aug 2 - 1800Z, Aug 3
SARL HF CW Contest 1300Z - 1600Z, Aug 3

! WAE DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Aug 9 - 2359Z, Aug 10

- ! Maryland-DC QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 9 - 0400Z, Aug 10 and 1600Z - 2359Z, Aug 10
- ! Six Club Perseids Meteor Shower Contest 2300Z, Aug 12 - 2300Z, Aug 14
- ! SARTG WW RTTY Contest 0000Z - 0800Z, Aug 16 and 1600Z - 2400Z, Aug 16 and 0800Z - 1600Z, Aug 17
- ! ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest 0600 local - 2400 local, Aug 16 and 0600 local - 2400 local, Aug 17
- ! Keyman's Club of Japan Contest 1200Z, Aug 16 - 1200Z, Aug 17
- ! SEANET Contest, CW/SSB/Digital 1200Z, Aug 16 - 1200Z, Aug 17
- ! North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Aug 16 - 0600Z, Aug 17
- ! New Jersey QSO Party 2000Z, Aug 16 - 0700Z, Aug 17 and 1300Z, Aug 17 - 0200Z, Aug 18
- ! ALARA Contest 0600Z, Aug 23 - 1159Z, Aug 24
- ! Hawaii QSO Party 0700Z, Aug 23 - 2200Z, Aug 24
- ! TOEC WW Grid Contest, CW 1200Z, Aug 23 - 1200Z, Aug 24
- ! SCC RTTY Championship 1200Z, Aug 23 - 1159Z, Aug 24
- ! NRRL 75th Anniversary Contest 1200Z, Aug 23 - 1200Z, Aug 24
- ! Ohio QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 23 - 0400Z, Aug 24
- ! SARL HF CW Contest 1300Z - 1600Z, Aug 24
- ! CQC Summer QSO Party 1800Z - 2359Z, Aug 24
- ! YO DX HF Contest 1200Z, Aug 30 - 1200Z, Aug 31