



The WA4IWL Newsletter



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Hi ya'll

The Dayton Hamvention is history and our members are back safely. Reports are the weather up there was rainy, cool, then colder with below freezing Saturday night. Keith-WL7CKY says he did not notice any new innovations in the radio world but he did see a Yaesu handheld fully functional under water. He also noted there is enough new and updated software to fill a hard drive on any computer. He did bring back a Rigblaster which interfaces a radio to a computer sound card and he is going to experiment with internet linking our radio to our families in Vancouver and Spokane Washington. The concept is to have a simplex link where we can call my brother in Vancouver on his mobile from our mobile in Englewood. We are initially going to try 146.540 simplex as long as we have no conflicts. It will be linked to Vancouver, WA. Feel free to listen or call CQ and see what happens. Since this is a web based link, hams from all over the world make CQ calls. We are using Echolink software and you can download it and get information about it on the web. When connected to the web, the software tells you who is connected by call sign and location. You do not need a radio to use the program. You do need a computer microphone and a call sign. The space bar is your PTT key. Keep in mind we are experimenting and open to suggestions and criticism.

Field Day is coming up this month on the 22nd and 23rd. It will be behind the Methodist church EARS meeting place and as in the past and we will have a family picnic on Sunday afternoon. Please come out and join us and bring some friends to show them what ham radio is all about. Call our field day co-chairmen, Howard-KD4MMY or Ken-W4JQT if you have any questions.

Thank you to Mrs. Judy Anderson from the Charlotte County Supervisor of Elections office who gave a hands-on demonstration of the new voting machines work.

Have a great summer

73 Gay-KL0LV

May 17 EARS Meeting Minutes

On May 17, 2002, President Gay Herve-KI0LV called the meeting to order with pledge of allegiances to our flag. There were no new members or guests present.

A motion to accept the minutes of last month's meeting as printed in the news letter was made by Free-W1NPR, seconded by Don-KF4WJW, and carried.

The Treasurers report was given by Bruce-K2OY. The checkbook balance on 4/18/02 was \$5,104.58. Expenses of \$495.73, (Directory printing \$146.48, Florida Dept. of State \$61.25, Englewood Methodist Church \$ 144.00 X2 = \$288.00)

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. **Next meeting: Friday June 21. The program after the business meeting will be presented by Bruce-K2OY, our club treasurer, on Amateur Radio QSL card techniques, procedures and methods of exchange.**

Deposits \$245.00 (2 membership dues \$30.00, Club table \$210.00) Results in a balance of\$4853.85. A motion by Don-KF4WJW to accept the report was seconded by Dennis-K4NF and carried. A copy of the report was forwarded to the Secretary for file.

Committee Reports

RACES - Jerry-K4JWE represented EARS and RACES at the Hurricane seminar presented by Charlotte County Emergency Management at Lemon Bay High School. He urges all members to attend one of these seminars to learn about major changes in Insurance, Flood zones, Building codes , etc.

DX - Bruce K2OY gave the DX report. Highlights are: YO/OH2YY is active on 20 meters from Yemen. P5/4L4NZ is active from Korea, look for him around 21.225 Mhz. Transmit around 21235Mhz. Bruce outlined a power line noise problem he had that was promptly fixed by FPL. Jerry K4JWE has also had good responses from FPL.

Old Business

No old business brought to the floor.

New Business

Field Day - Howard-KD4MMY and Ken-W4JQT are co-chairing . Frank-W4VV will be Le Chef for Sundays Barbeque/Picnic. Location will be behind the Methodist church where we have our EARS meeting; same as last year. A tent, provided by the Methodist church, will be the field day shelter . Volunteers needed!!!!

Summer Meetings - A question was asked about suspending meeting during the summer months. A brief discussion followed, and the matter tabled.

June program - Howard-N4MLJ announced that Bruce K2OY will speak on the subject of QSLing. Incoming/Outgoing Bureaus.

Program

The program was a demonstration of the new touch screen voting terminal that will be used in future elections. Judy Anderson "Supervisor of Elections" for Charlotte County and staff members walked us through a demo ballot .

President Gay-KL0LV adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 17, 2002 at the same location.

G. Meckenberg-K4JWE
Secretary, Pro Tem