

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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June, 2010

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***



At the May meeting, we met upstairs in the youth room because parents and community volunteers were setting up the Fellowship Hall, where we normally meet, for Project Graduation – a safe party for LBHS graduates. One of our members and one of our newest hams, Andy Yager, KJ4UNQ, was among the Lemon Bay High School graduates who would celebrate all night long there. We also congratulate Mark Mull, KJ4UXQ, for passing acquiring his Tech license as well.

Thanks to Vic's planning and initiative, we had a very informative presentation on FPL's efforts for meeting our energy needs from diverse sources, including more environmentally-friendly alternatives.

Things are coming together on our plans to conduct Field Day exercises, to be held during the last weekend in June. We decided to again operate from behind the Englewood United Methodist Church in the grassy parking lot and playground area. Numerous volunteers will assist with putting up the tents, as the Boy Scout troop was not available to do so this year. Laptops, radios, and antennas were discussed. Frank Maren re-enlisted himself as chief cook and bottle washer for the picnic, and Tom Hawes has, once again, agreed to purchase the food and drink for the club. JR has the club's big cooler, and I will bring the club's generator, with gas, on my trailer. Keith Kelly was kind enough to arrange for some newspaper publicity to invite the public, which has already appeared in the paper twice now. Field Day 2010 should be a fun event for all. See you in June.

73,  
Matthew Henry-KE4VEM

## ***SECRETARY'S REPORT***



Ken Anderson – W4JQT

The meeting was opened by Matthew Henry, KE4VEM at 7:35 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Introductions were made including our guest speaker Marilyn Arnall from FPL.

The meeting was turned over to Marilyn, who gave an interesting talk and slide show describing the work FPL is doing on Renewable Energy.

After Marilyn's program Matthew proceeded with the business part of the meeting.

Secretaries Report- A motion carried to accept the report as published in the May Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – This report was given by Assistant Treasurer John Cerniglia, W4JAC. It was forwarded to him by Mike Daly, K4MWD who is at his northern residence for the summer. The report shows \$3402.13 in checking and \$2791.40 in savings. Tom Hawes, WA4PRC asked why the \$295.00 he turned in for selling a Ten Tech transceiver did not show in this report. John said it would be in next months report.

Correspondence – We have received an email from Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX informing us of his various where a' bouts on his trip out West.

We received the bill from Marsh Insurance Co. for our liability insurance. John said he would forward it to Mike as he does not have the checkbook.

We have received emails from Mike Daly associated with his duties as Treasurer.

#### Committee Reports:

Sunshine- Nothing to Report.

RACES- This report given by Mel Rathbun W9BSM. Englewood Community Hospital has instituted a hurricane seminar to be held in the Suncoast Auditorium on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> of May from 1 to 3 p.m. EARS will set up a 2 meter station at the seminar and operate via the 146.700 Mhz repeater from noon to 1 p.m. to demonstrate Amateur radio.

Publicity – We need a volunteer to work with the news media to be aware of and provide coverage for Field Day. Keith Kelly, KC5AS said he would do that job.

DX – Marian Island, ZS8 is on the air.

Testing - Andy Yager just passed his Tech exam and received his license with the call KJ4UNQ. Matthew Henry said that Mark Mull, a teacher at Lemon Bay High School has passed his Tech exam and is studying for his General Class License.

Field Day – The site at Englewood United Methodist Church has been secured. Antenna ropes will be put up on June 22, around 10 a.m. Tents will go up on June 24<sup>th</sup>, using EARS volunteers at 10 a.m. Antennas will be set up June 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Tom will set up a vertical. Frank will be the cook, Tom will buy the food, Matthew will bring the generator.

Old Business – It was decided not to put additional money in to savings.

Scholarship – Senior Awards Night was held at Lemon Bay High School on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Mel Rathbun, W9BSM awarded the EARS scholarship to Wesley Dickerson. Mel gave Wesley high regards and said the Scholarship Committee selected an excellent candidate.

New Business – Nothing to report.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. was carried.

Ken Anderson, W4JQT  
Secretary

## Treasurer's Report



### Mike Daly - K4MWD

My emailed report shows \$3402.13 in checking and \$2791.40 in savings.

Mike Daly K4MWD  
Treasurer

### Local Happenings:

**VE Exam Sessions:** The exams are given at 10:00 A.M. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month in the conference room of the Venice public library, 300 South Nokomis Avenue, Venice, FL. The exam cost is \$15.00. Contact Jack Sproat-W4JS, [w4js@juno.com](mailto:w4js@juno.com), 475-1929.

**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

On Thursday the Englewood EOC will conduct their Tactical Net beginning at 9:30 a.m. on 146.865(-) MHZ. The countywide tactical net begins at 10:00AM on 146.745(-) PL 136.5

**QCWA Chapter 53 Meeting:** 11:30 A.M., 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at Denny's on Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota, October through May, and the Panda Pavilion in Venice June through September.

**Snowbird Net:** Net is twice daily; first on 14.293 MHz at 10:00AM 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.

### 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	146.580	- Tuesday	7:30 p.m.
TARC	146.805	- Thursday	7:30 p.m.
PRRA	146.255	- Sunday	8:00 p.m.
NICE	146.430	- Daily	8:30 p.m.

### LOCAL AREA HAMFESTS- MAY & JUNE

None Scheduled until October in WCF

You can go to the ARRL web site below for details regarding all hamfests.

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>

Check out these sites on the Internet:

<http://www.arrl.org>

ARRL has a newly designed web site. Take a look.

### Weekly Area Amateur Breakfasts:

- Tuesday, 7 A.M. at Denny's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Good Times in Englewood
- Tuesday, 7:45 A.M. at Peach's in Venice
- Friday, 7:45 A.M. at Peach's in Venice



"No Greg went to the ham auction this afternoon, to get rid of a couple old radios that were cluttering up the place...Oh I think I hear him pulling in now!"



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