

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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SECRETARY'S REPORT



Ken Blackshaw W1NQJ

EARS Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2016

Opening. The Englewood Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order by Vice President, Pam Eggleton K1UEG, on May 17, 2016 at 7 PM at the Englewood Area Chamber of Commerce building. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The attendance log indicates 13 members and no visitors were present.

Secretary's Report. VicEmmelkamp's motion to accept the Secretary's Report as published in the

newsletter was seconded by Ray Magsby and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Ray Magsby's motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as published in the newsletter was seconded by Vic Emmelkamp and passed unanimously, after confirmation that the Gulf Cove pavilion rental for Field Day is in fact only \$25 rather than the \$50 authorized at the previous meeting.

Correspondence. The club's post office box was empty and no correspondence was presented.

Sunshine. Vic sent a get well card to Mary Rathbun, who is in rehab on Drury Lane. It was noted that JR and Mary Lou house have moved and will stay at Woodland in Bradenton while on a waiting list for a place in Venice; their phone is disconnected, and we don't have a mailing address or new phone number to stay in touch.

ARES/RACES.

L.A. Ainger Middle School: Struggling through drills. Now there is a cabinet for the station located in the teacher break room. Current antenna placement is not allowing UHF to punch through the trees for digital communication. It is unclear on what summer access at the school will be available, so it is a question that might need to be asked.

Lemon Bay High School: Computer and radio are in place. Operators still need instruction for use of digital equipment, but Ken Blackshaw and Vic Emmelkamp have been there for the audio portion of drills.

Englewood Community Hospital: Fred Grouell was not present to report on the status of ECH.

Badges: Instead of making an appointment to go to the Charlotte County Emergency Operations Center, badges may now be requested by sending a photo from a Passport Photo App to Joe Kliment along with name and call sign of the ARES/RACES member.

Publicity. A newspaper article which indicates North Port Supports Hams was circulated to membership in the previous newsletter.

Testing. There have been solicitations for Gino with the North Port club for persons interested in a 12 week Technician Class License study group / course

to begin June 2. This would be a great way to get new hams. It was reported that, as of the EARS meeting date, interest in the course was low (possibly only one person) so it would be helpful to spread the word and don't delay signing up.

DX. In the newsletter. Tom Hawes stated Spratly Island was posted twice on the computer. Europe, normal DX all bands. Bands have been terrible with ups and downs. Herd Island cards starting in June. Tom will have 335 countries now, but needs 4 more for the 339 total since Kingsman Reef is being deleted. Tom says North Korea and Scarsborough Reef need to go away, as they may never come on the air.

Hamfests. See the newsletter. It was announced that Dayton Hamfest is coming up Friday-Sunday (the week of the May EARS meeting).

Field Day. June 25-26, 2016, South Gulf Cove Pavilion. EARS reserved the screened pavilion from Saturday at noon through Sunday at 4 PM. Setup will be on Saturday at 9AM. Take Gasparilla Rd to Ingram and go about 2 miles, or 2 bridges, to the pavilion. Ken Blackshaw has the club radio. Vic has two laptops, literature, banners, and guy ropes with anchors. Vic Emmelkamp has access to the R7 antenna located in Mike Daly's shed. Vic believes he probably has the club's G5RV antenna and he will check. Matthew Henry has the EARS generator, gas can, cooler, ground rods, and tent. EARS membership gave approval for Matthew to replace the generator's battery for push button start and be reimbursed. A site survey may be appropriate to determine what lengths of coax will be needed for field day operations and to acquire coaxial feedlines, if necessary, as it is unclear what lengths we currently may have.

Old Business. EARS Scholarship. EARS did not award an LBHS scholarship this year, as it had done in previous years, because no budget was presented and approved to include it. Each year there has been some opposition to a scholarship because the purpose of EARS is to promote amateur radio, and yet we gave the scholarship with a preference to licensed hams and then to those entering an electronic or technological field of study. Matthew Henry

introduced a motion, which was seconded by Vic Emmelkamp, for EARS to offer a \$500 Scholarship to a Lemon Bay High School Student who is or becomes a licensed amateur radio operator; a non-ham may take the test to become licensed and become eligible for the scholarship, but if there are no licensed hams then no scholarship is awarded; thus, EARS would be promoting amateur radio by encouraging more youth to become licensed. The motion passed, with one vote against.

New Business.

Central Storage of Equipment: It was discussed that a storage unit may be cost prohibitive as a recurring expense. The possibility of storing equipment in a cargo trailer on Matthew's property was discussed. Howard Kuhlman N4MLJ graciously offered free storage in his 12x20 shed, for which consensus was that this would be a welcomed solution.

Hurricane Awareness Seminar: Monday, June 6, 2016 at Englewood United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall. It is free and open to the public.

EARS was invited to have a table. Charlie Utz and Vic Emmelkamp volunteer to give EARS a presence.

ARES/RACES: State Hurricane Exercise tomorrow (May 18), which appears to be for HF communications.

Tech Class: Info was in the newsletter.

K8ONV Repeater: Jim Nelson inquired about the possibility of increasing activity on the K8ONV repeater by linking it to the N4ICE Big Stick repeater system. It was discussed that one club owns and manages those linked repeaters. It was also noted that new equipment and an internet/phone line may be needed for such capability. Charlie Utz advised that plans are to eventually replace the repeater at the ball park with a newer 2M/70CM linked repeater and to relocate the current repeater to a site in Rotonda.

Announcements. The Field Day Event takes the place of the EARS June meeting. There will be no regular meeting in June or in the other summer months, per a vote of the membership earlier this year.

Adjourn. Ray Magsby made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Charlie Utz, and the motion passed unanimously at 8:04 PM

Program. Matthew Henry played a club DVD selection pertaining to a DXpedition at Herd Island, somewhere near Australia. The EARS members enjoyed delicious cake provided by Marcia Fowler and fresh coffee provided by Tom Hawes. Thank you for the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
 Matthew Henry KE4VEM,
 Acting Secretary



TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Current account:

for May 1, 2016 to May 31, 2016

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY INC

Account summary

Beginning balance on May 1, 2016	\$6,230.14
Deposits and other credits	0.00
Withdrawals and other debits	-0.00
Checks	-75.00
Service fees	-0.00
Ending balance on May 31, 2016	\$6,155.14

Next Meeting

FIELD DAY
June 25-26
South Gulf Cove H.O.A.
14839 Ingraham Blvd.
Port Charlotte, FL 33981. We are
planning to set up at 9 am Saturday
and tearing down between 1 and 2
Sunday.

DX



There is no DX column this month, Freq. are all goofed up, noise and static and solar clutter. We will concentrate on Field Day.

Hope all is well in the North Wood lands.

73's
 Ray
 KK4LGF

No activity this period
 balance: \$6155.14

Respectfully submitted
 Mike Daly K4MWD
 Treasurer

LOCAL:

EARS REPRESENTED AT HURRICANE PREPARDNESS SEMINAR



Vic K4VHX, Charles K1QNF, and Jim KA8PBA

Seminar at EUMC while Tropical Storm Colin roughs up coast

By STEVE REILLY and SOMMER BROKAW
STAFF WRITERS

ENGLEWOOD — Carol Smith, a 21-year resident of La Coquina Condominiums on Manasota Key, heard a noise around 7:30 a.m. Monday.

She realized the wind and waves from Tropical Storm Colin had undermined one of the condo's walkovers to where there once was a wide sandy beach. Now it hung sideways over mostly open Gulf of Mexico.

"It's never been this way," said Smith, who is also president of the condo association. "We have no

beach access."

La Coquina is along the stretch of North Beach Road that has sustained critical erosion in recent years. It was one of the hardest hit places in Charlotte and Sarasota Counties on Monday as Tropical Storm Colin churned through the Gulf of Mexico.

"Since December, right after the New Year's, we lost many feet of beach, and it became critical to do something," Smith said. "We tried to save what we have."

The condo's association did do what they could, placing sandbags Saturday at the base of the eroded dune separating the buildings from the Gulf.

The dune has already eroded within a few feet of the structures making up La Coquina complex.

The sandbags did not completely stop Colin's winds

Monday from driving the surf up and over the sandbags.

Waves washed up on the side of a single-family residence, north of La Coquina, where the property owner recently wrapped three sides of his residence with a new sea wall.

Staying alert Colin was 300 miles west of Englewood when it made its way north. It was expected to cross northern Florida near Apalachicola and then head up the Atlantic Coast.

“I think you got lucky here,” Sarasota County Emergency Management Chief Ed McCrane told more than 300 people at a hurricane seminar at the Englewood United Methodist Church on Monday afternoon. “Unfortunately, someone in the Panhandle will get the brunt of it.”

Both McCrane and Charlotte County Emergency Management Director Wayne Sallade cautioned those who attended the seminar not to be lulled by Colin and dismiss the threat tropical storms and hurricanes pose. The hurricane season ends in November.

“Sixty percent of you weren’t here for (Hurricane Charley),” Sallade said,

Tropical Storm Colin takes a bite out of what little dune was left to protect La Coquina Condominiums on Manasota Key.



Perry Street flooding



Wayne Sallade speaks at EUMC



Indan Mound flooding

SUN PHOTOS BY STEVE REILLY

Tropical Storm Colin undermined and pulled this beach walkover into the Gulf Monday.

From Tom Hawes

BOUVET ISLAND ACTIVATION ---> Three proven and experienced Dxpedition leaders (Ralph K0IR, Bob K4UEE and Erling LA6VM) and a large team of operators will activate Bouvet Island in late 2017 or early 2018. They are making this announcement now, "so that other DXpedition teams that may be considering Bouvet as a DXpedition target can re-direct their time and effort elsewhere". They already have an agreement with Nigel Jolly for the "Braveheart" to provide transportation (helicopter included); the Norwegian Polar Institute has accepted their preliminary plan and a permit will be issued to land on Slakhallet, the huge glacier that covers the island. "As per our funding model, we commit to paying one-half the expenses involved and we are asking the DX community to pay the other half of the expenses".

A website is under construction and fundraising will begin in the months ahead.

Hamfests

HAMFEST/CONVENTION
07/23/2016 | LARCFEST

Location: Lakeland, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Lakeland Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://lakelandarc.org>

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 10:00AM 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.

PA/Florida Connection Net: Net is twice daily at 8:00 -9:00A.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. 1145 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

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	Varna, 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	●