

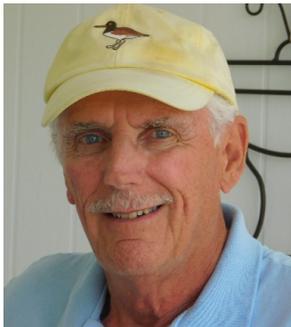
# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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June 15, 2017

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Ken Blackshaw W1NQT

### EARS Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2017

The Englewood Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order by Pam Eggleton K1UEG, on May 16, 2017 at 7:09 PM at the Englewood Area Chamber of Commerce building. We delayed the start a few minutes to allow everyone time to come in from their cars through the pouring rain. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Eight members and two guests, Tom Filieo and Doug Phillips, attended.

### Secretary's Report.

The Secretary's Report was unanimously accepted as published in the newsletter.

### Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted as published in the newsletter.

### Correspondence.

Only one junk mail item arrived in the PO Box.

### Sunshine.

Fred was at the minute and announced that he will get a new hip July 31 and his second him 90 days later.

### ARES/RACES.

A meeting was held with an assistant principal of Lemon Bay High School to discuss raising the antenna at the campus chiller room by about eight feet (members questioned why not even higher). It sounded like the high school was happy with the chiller room location rather than relocating equipment closer to the office area.

Pam said everything worked fine at Ainger Middle School at practice this past month. A possible lack of summer coverage was discussed.

Doug Frazier is filling in at Englewood Community Hospital while Fred is out. ECH is taking down the antenna tower on top of the roof and keeping only the antenna array on the side of the building at roof level so a digipeater is required for digital communications from the hospital. Hams share room space with the dietitian/food service person for the hospital.

### Publicity.

Jim Nelson reported that he is looking into possibly demonstrating ham radio to Englewood Area Chamber of Commerce members, possibly at some community events, but will wait until September to pick the issue up again.

### DX.

Ray's radio is in the shop. Tom says nothing is out there, with up and down bands. Tom says Earth has been in an exceptional magnetic field for about six months.

### Hamfests.

Dayton Hamfest is being held at a new location this year.

### Old Business.

Field Day is at the same location as last year with the same restrictions (no alcoholic beverages) at the South Gulf Cove pavilion. Tom bought a new cooler that Matthew took home to store with the generator and extension power cables; Tom says he'll wait until our Treasurer returns to turn in his receipt for reimbursement. The rest of the equipment is presumed to be stored in Howard Kuhlman's shed. It was suggested that Steve should have access to the shed, if Howard isn't available. Ray says the pole for the vertical antenna is at Ray's house. It was suggested that we could use a 2M station for GOTA (Get On The Air) since such a station would give more points and not count as a competition station. The plan is to pick up the equipment Friday and set it up on Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 AM.

The increase to membership dues that was brought as an issue and voted on by membership at the April meeting was discussed. There had not been prior notice that a change to the EARS bylaws was to be made before the issued was called to a vote, so members not at the meeting were not aware of the proposed change as well. There was very little discussion on the issue and the need for the increase was not clear. The matter could need more attention when meetings resume in the Fall.

Lighthouse Weekend is the third full weekend in August – August 19 & 20. Ray, Pam, and Mary went out to Boca Grande to investigate. The person they spoke with at the lighthouse was unsure, and referred them to the state park ranger. Ranger Chad wants an event application and an application fee of \$107 that should cover both days. There is also a \$6 bridge toll for each vehicle each of the two days to get onto the island. It is possible that work will be in progress on the lighthouse during the event, so we are permitted to use the ranger building instead, if that is the case. The idea of making a brochure for the club and Lighthouse Weekend event was also kicked around. It was decided we did not have a quorum present to

vote on a motion to use the \$50 previously approved for donation to the Gasparilla Barrier Island Historical Society toward the newly required state park application fee and then have the officers use discretionary authority to authorize payment of the \$57 difference, as there will be no regular meeting before the event. It was suggested an email vote from membership on the issue might help us get approval.

### New Business.

See the Lighthouse Weekend issue above in Old Business as it leads us into New Business.

### Announcements.

George and Gerta Shreve are expected to be in town Friday for their son, George Jr's 60th birthday.

Doug Phillips brought a DVD which addresses how hams raised money for a tower in his community. He will bring the video back to share at a better attended meeting in the Fall.

### Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

### Program.

RACES in Sarasota County has a slightly different organization. It has an Auxiliary Communications System (ACS), LLC composed of ARES/RACES members and a president who interfaces with the Sarasota County EOC. They also have a hardened Internet connection (IXP) for their digipeater system.

Respectfully submitted,  
Matthew Henry KE4VEM,  
Acting Secretary



**Interested in becoming an EARS member?**

**An application is located on the last page.**



TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Date ↓	Description	Type ▾	Status ▾	Amount	Available Balance
<b>Amount included in Available Balance</b>					
▶ 06/13/2017	Check 1052		C	-107.00	5,443.64
<b>Statement as of 06/01/2017 (view statements) »</b>					
▶ 05/24/2017	Bill Pay Check 5003: Englewood chamber of commerce		C	-127.00	5,550.64

Activity

Checks: \$107 Lighthouse rental, \$127 Annual CofC dues

Balance: \$ 5443.64

Respectfully submitted  
Mike Daly K4MWD  
Treasurer

## DX



**Tom Hawes WA3PRC**



**Jack Sproat W4JS**

No reports

## LOCAL:

### Hamfests

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

**08/19/2017 | [TARCFest](#)**

Location: Tampa, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tampa Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.hamclub.org>

**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:

Suncoast Chapter 53 meets October through May at the Oriental Buffet, 4458 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota at 11:15 AM on the first Monday of the month. Cost is \$11/person. Dues are \$5/year for members.

**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

**FROM THE EDITOR**



**Hi All: Hope you have a great time at the Field Day.**

**Enjoy Summer!**

**Mike K4MWD**

If you run into an article you'd like to see included, please email me at [mike@mmdaly.com](mailto: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.

**New tone for EARS repeater K8ONV effective now the tone will change from that listed below to 136.5.**

## 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	<sup>(*)</sup>
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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Frequency	Offset	Tone	Call	Location	ST/PR	Use	VOIP	Mi	Dir	(*)
<a href="#">442.3500</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	W4HCA	Avon Park	FL	OPEN		67.4	NE	●
<a href="#">442.9500</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Verna	FL	OPEN		30.6	NNW	●
<a href="#">444.1000</a>	+5 MHz	CC1 100.0	W4AC	Englewood	FL	OPEN		1.1	S	●
<a href="#">443.9500</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Lake Placid, Happiness Tower	FL	OPEN		64.8	E	●
<a href="#">444.4500</a>	+5 MHz	77.0	WB4FOW	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
<a href="#">442.4500</a>	+5 MHz	136.5	WB2FAU	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
<a href="#">444.9750</a>	+5 MHz	136.5	WX4E	Punta Gorda	FL	OPEN		19.4	ESE	●
<a href="#">443.2750</a>	+5 MHz		AC4FL	Naples, Wiggins State Park	FL	OPEN		58.1	SE	●
<a href="#">444.5500</a>	+5 MHz	141.3	KD4MZM	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
<a href="#">444.9250</a>	+5 MHz	CSQ	W4IE	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
<a href="#">444.8000</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	N1DP	Hancock	FL	OPEN		35.2	SE	●
<a href="#">444.2000</a>	+5 MHz		W4MIN	Arcadia	FL	OPEN		34.7	E	●
<a href="#">444.8250</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Avon Park, Bombing Range	FL	OPEN		77.6	NE	●
<a href="#">443.8750</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4MX	Lakewood Ranch	FL	OPEN		30.3	N	●
<a href="#">444.8750</a>	+5 MHz		K4TAP	Bradenton, Mixons Fruit Farm	FL	OPEN		38.4	NNW	●
<a href="#">442.1500</a>	+5 MHz	94.8	KA2LAL	North Port	FL	OPEN		8.7	E	●
<a href="#">444.7000</a>	+5 MHz	CC1	N4SER	Laurel	FL	OPEN		12.1	NNW	●

**Englewood Amateur Radio Society**  
**Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ CallSign \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member: Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

Please check activity interests: Field Day \_\_\_ Contesting: \_\_\_ RFI/TVI \_\_\_ VE Testing: \_\_\_

Training: \_\_\_ Technical: \_\_\_ Computers: \_\_\_ Packet \_\_\_ Publicity: \_\_\_ Special Events: \_\_\_

**Single Membership: \$ 20.00 per year \_\_\_ Family Membership: \$ 25.00 per year**

Give to Treasurer      or      Mail to: E.A.R.S. PO Box 572 Englewood, FL 34295