

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message

The Charlotte County Hamfest is March 13 and 14 in Punta Gorda at Tropical Gulf Acres. I'm sure we'll see many of you there.

At our February meeting, we recognized Frank, W4VV, and Ken, W4JQT, for their selfless service to the club for many years (including club equipment repairs, fundraising, and serving as an officer).

We wish to thank Bob, W0AC, and Don, N4XJQ, for presenting and demonstrating IRLP and EchoLink at our February meeting; the information was very helpful and hopefully many more local hams are giving the area nodes a try.

Next meeting our presenter will be Don, K7MX, who will show us Flex radio, so please come out to see us on March 18.

73,
Matthew, KE4VEM

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Gene Reilly – KI4FJJ

Following are the minutes of the 18 February, 2010 meeting of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society.

The meeting was opened at 7:45 PM by President Matthew Henry, KA4VEM with the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Introductions were then made around the room.

The following guests were introduced: Bob Wagner, N8FTI, Englewood; Carol Witt, wife of Dave Witt, WD9W Englewood /Fond du Lac, Wis.; Walt Kline, WB8WNF, Midland, MI; Jim Sheils, KB0SU, Two Harbors, MN. There were 20 members and four guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the January minutes as recorded in the February newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Daly, K4MWD presented the treasure's report. Mike reported as of 31 January 2010 our checking account was \$3,084.75 and the savings account was \$2,787.96 for a total of \$5,872.71. Total deposits and other credits for January were \$ 1,017.50. The Audit Committee needs to set a date to meet.

Correspondence: Received membership dues from Don Spencer WA4IWL. However, since he has been designated a Lifetime Member, we decided to send him a "Thank You" card for his donation to the club.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Marcia Fowler, KA1GCV gave the sunshine report. Get Well cards were sent to Mary Kerrigan, John Kelly N1KEN, and Al Wilde W8JZZ. Encouragement card was sent to Marty Henry KE4UFS and Martin Horowitz N4FA.

RACES: Mel Rathbun, W9BSM reported that on Friday 19 February 2010 the Englewood Community Hospital is going to run a SET (Simulated Emergency Test). The State/Corp. will review results of the SET. Englewood Hospital will provide an office and a locked cabinet for our equipment. The SET will begin at 11:00 AM and will use frequency 146.685. This will include Sarasota and Charlotte Counties.

Publicity: Keith Kelly KC5AS indicated that there was lengthy article on Ham Radio in the Orlando Sentinel and somewhat unflattering.

Program: Bob Mott WOAC and Tom Lambie N4XIQ made a very interesting, enthusiastic and informative presentation

regarding the "Internet Radio Linking Project." For further information please check the following site IRLP.net and/or contact Bob at W0AC@msn.com or (941) 876 - 0218

DX: Tom Hawes, WA3PRC reported that the 15m and 40m were open.
Testing: No Report

Hamfest: Reminder that the Peace River Radio Society will host this Charlotte County Hamfest on 13 & 14 March, Saturday 8 AM – 3:00 PM, and Sunday 8 AM - 2:00 PM – Located at the Tropical Gulf Acres Clubhouse

Old Business:

a) Reminder to the membership that there are still Club shirts that should to be picked up.

b) The EARS Scholarship Committee needs to meet to review the candidates and select a recipient.

New Business:

President Matthew presented special service recognition awards. Frank Maren was recognized for his outstanding work with EARS repeater and his generous club table donations. Ken Anderson was presented the Invaluable Member Award for his long, unselfish and dedicated service as the EARS club secretary.

Announcements: Appreciation was express by Gene Fowler, KA1GCU for all those who participated in the Antenna Party at his home.

Matthew and Nicole Henry informed the membership that they were expecting their baby girl Sarah Elizabeth to arrive 4 July.

John Cerniglia WD9JAE suggested the members to check out ARRL map site to locate Hams via zip codes.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:55 PM

Gene Reilly KI4FJJ and Ken Anderson W4JQT
Secretaries for the month of February

TREASURER'S REPORT



Mike Daly, K4MWD

Summary of Accounts

2000780025551	NON-PROFIT CHECKING	3,084.75
010031774833895	TIME DEPOSIT 12 MONTHS	2,787.96
Total		\$5,872.71

Deposits and Other Credits

Date	Amount	Description
1/12	57.50	DEPOSIT From: Bank/ARRL
1/19	656.50	DEPOSIT From: Mike's Hambox
1/25	303.50	DEPOSIT Dues/Club Table
Total	\$1,017.50	

Checks

Number	Amount	Date posted	Member	Amount	Date posted
1239	37.00	1/21	1283	61.25	1/19

Art Benemal \$37.00 Daily Reimbursement for Corp Table \$61.25

Submitted: 02/18/10

Mike Daly K4MWD Treasurer

EARS OPERATOR PROFILE

A chance to get to know your fellow EARS members better.

Al Wilde W8JZZ



When I was a college student living with my widowed mother in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, I met the person who was responsible for my becoming interested in ham radio. As a driver for the Railway Express Company, (forerunner of UPS) he made deliveries at our apartment building. When I mentioned I had an interest in ham radio, he invited me to his home to meet his son who was a ham operator. (W8PFH) Chuck... We became the best of friends. He encouraged me to study for the exam and get my ticket. I boned up on the code (15 WPM) and theory of Amateur Radio I finally felt confident enough to take the

exam. The closest place to take the test at that time was in Detroit Michigan. We took the 300 mile round trip. Then...the long three-week wait to hear the whether I passed or not.

That was a long time ago. Ham Radio has been a very important part of my life. I still enjoy "reading the mail" and a QSO now and then.

Epilogue:

The driver for Railway Express Co. became my father-in-law and his son Chuck – W8PFH became my brother-in-law...and his daughter Helen became the love of my life...my wife!

73, Al

Local Happenings:

VE Exam Sessions: The exams are given at 10:00 A.M. the 2nd 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, 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 p.m. on 146.745. On Thursday the West County Englewood EOC will conduct their Tactical Net beginning at 9:30 a.m. on 146.865. On Thursday morning at 10 a.m. the Charlotte County EOC will call a tactical net for all RACES members on 146.745.

Note: There is an ARES/RACES SET planning meeting on March 11th at 3pm at the Fawcett H2U Building in the Banyan Room in the Promenades Mall.

QCWA Chapter 53 Meeting: 11:30 A.M., 1st 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 7:30pm
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.

Other nets in the area:

Day	Net	Time	Freq	Coord
Friday-Sunday	WV Net	8:00 pm	146.570	WV Net
Monday-Thursday	WV Net	10:00 am	146.570	WV Net
Friday-Sunday	WV Net	8:00 pm	146.570	WV Net
Sunday and Wednesday	WV Net	8:00 pm	146.570	WV Net
Friday-Sunday	WV Net	8:00 pm	146.570	WV Net
Monday-Thursday	WV Net	8:00 pm	146.570	WV Net
Monday-Saturday	WV Net	8:00 pm	146.570	WV Net
Sunday	WV Net	8:00 pm	146.570	WV Net
Monday-Thursday	WV Net	8:00 pm	146.570	WV Net
Friday	WV Net	8:00 pm	146.570	WV Net
Saturday	WV Net	8:00 pm	146.570	WV Net

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

LOCAL AREA HAMFESTS- MAR & APR.

13-14 Mar 2010	+	Charlotte County Annual Hamfest PRRA/EARS Punta Gorda, FL http://W4DUX.net
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17 Apr 2010	+	TARCfest XXIII Tampa Amateur Radio Club http://www.hamclub.org Talk-In: 147.105 (PL 146.2) Contact: William Bode, N4WEB 14302 Capitol Drive Tampa, FL 33613 Phone: 813-382-9262 Fax: 813-878-4020 Email: N4WEB@hamclub.org	Tampa, FL TARC Clubhouse 7801 North 22nd Street Div: Southeastern Sect: West Central Florida
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You can go to the ARRL web site below for details regarding all hamfests.

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

Awards Presented at Feb. Meeting:



Invaluable Member Awards:

Ken Anderson – W4JQT



Frank Maren – W4VV

2010 Officers



Mike Daly, Martin Horowitz, Ken Anderson, Tom Hawes, Matthew Henry, Vic Emmelkamp, Gene Reilly. (Lt to Rt)

Check out these sites:

When the Blue Angles are flying near you listen in on these frequencies:

http://www.milaircomms.com/blue_angles_frequencies.html

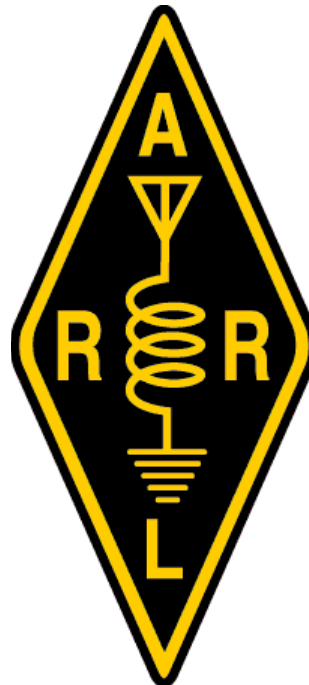
...And when you are in a more contemplative mood check out this site:

<http://lerrah.com/thousandmarbles.htm>



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