

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message

Nicole, Sarah, and I spent a fun-filled weekend at Disney World with Michael, Katie, and Lori Henry and a friend, Tyler. For the two 10-month old youngsters, it was their first visit to the Mouse's world, so we enjoyed a wonderful time at Animal Kingdom and Hollywood Studios on Saturday and at Epcot on Sunday. The cousins particularly enjoyed dancing and singing along with the Lion King show and then seeing the live animals on a safari ride. Photos on page 4.

As always, check out the minutes from the last meeting. Among the new items addressed are discussion of possible liability insurance changes via ARRL and EARS participation in an upcoming

hurricane seminar at Englewood Community Hospital. EARS is accepting contributions for next year's Lemon High School scholarship fund; so far two contributions have been made totaling \$200. Previous scholarships awarded have been \$500 each, but hopefully we can raise extra money to starting building up for the future years.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



Secretary's Report

Following are the minutes of the 21 April 2011 meeting of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society.

The meeting was opened at 7:35 PM by President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, with the pledge of allegiance to our flag. There were 10 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made and approved to accept the 17 March 2011 minutes as recorded in the April Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Mike Daly, K4MWD presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Treasurer, John Cerniglia, and W4JAC. As of 21 April, 2011, our last Bank statement shows \$3,713.47 in our checking account, CD of \$2,801.33 for a total of \$6,514.80. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Matthew Henry and Nicole Henry, KG4GTI will donate \$100.00 towards the EARS Scholarship Fund for 2012. This will be added to the \$100.00 donation made by Mike Daly last month. Matthew invited our members to consider making a contribution.

Correspondence: 1) Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX

received an email from Freeman Crosby, WINPR stating Steve Zachary had requested some help either programming a FRS radio and/ or some information on becoming a Ham. Matthew Henry will contact Mr. Zachary and invite him to one of our meetings.

- 2) Vic Emmelkamp emailed Matthew Henry a newspaper notice about the "Englewood Pioneer Parade" and who we should contact if we plan on participating. The info will be passed on to Mike Stopak, KJ4WXA.

3) Vic Emmelkamp received a newsletter from TARC indicating that our ARRL's liability insurance carrier will be changing. Matthew Henry read an email that he received from ARRL regarding the insurance company change. As of 21 April 2011 we have not received any correspondence regarding the change. Matthew suggested that the Treasurer should follow up on the insurance issue and report back.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Matthew gave us an update regarding his Dad's current health status. Unfortunately, Marty Henry, KE4UFS, has continued to have a myriad of problems and has been in and out of the hospital. We all wish him well and we'll keep him in our hearts and prayers.

RACES: Mel Rathbun, W9BSM reported that the RACES Communications Training Nets will be on Wednesday 27 April at 8:00 PM we check in on 146.745. Please join us. Then on Thursday morning at 9:00 AM on 146.865 and then at 10:00 AM we'll go County wide on 146.745. On 12 May there is going to be a "Hurricane Awareness Seminar" at the Englewood Community Hospital in their auditorium. They have invited us to participate and we will have our EARS banner on prominent display. The new Digital equipment for Englewood Community Hospital is in transit.

Publicity: Vic Emmelkamp suggested that we needed to update our club info as apparently ARRL and many other important websites, organizations and publications have outdated information. Matthew and Steve Churchill will make an effort to update the club's info.

Testing: Matthew Henry indicated that he was progressing well with his Extra Prep Class. They plan to have a Special Testing Session for us. If anyone is interested, check with Matthew.

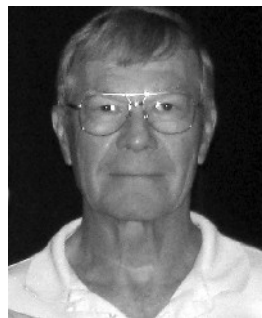
Hamfest: Dayton Hamvention – 20 -22 May, 2011

Field Day: Chairman Steve Churchill, N9USZ reported that prep for the Field Day is progressing well. This year the EARS members will set up the tents.

New Business: 1) There was discussion regarding the problem of failing to have the required quorum present at meetings, especially when critical decisions have to be voted on. Mike Daly suggested that we consider adopting a rule that a motion should be published in the next Newsletter stating that this motion will be voted on in the forth- coming meeting, then invite members who can't attend the meeting to submit their proxy vote.

2) Pam Eggleton, K1UEG, suggested we consider having a future program on the Charlotte County's "Hurricane Emergency Communications." For those interested the Charlotte county RACES Manual update for 2011 is available on the EARS website.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:25 PM
Respectfully submitted,
Gene Reilly, KI4FJJ, Secretary



DX Report:

EARS MEMBERS... LAST MONTH WAS NOT AS ACTIVE IN DX AS THE MONTH BEFORE,, I KEEP TRACK BY CHECING THE DX CLUSTER A COUPLE TIMES A DAY,, AND BY NOT ALL

THAT ACTIVE, I MEAN COUNTRIES THAT ARE NOT NORMALLY POSTED OR ON THE AIR.

THE REGULAR DX IS OUT THERE FOR ALL WHO WANT TO WORK EUROPE AND SOUTH AMERICA AND OCCASIONALLY THE PACIFIC, WHICH I DO JUST TO KEEP MY RIG WORKING.

THE INTERSTING POSTING ARE LISTED BELOW,, EY, T31, YI, P29, HS, A45 AND A JY... I WAS ABLE TO WORK THE T31 ON SEVERAL BANDS ON CW AND SSB,, T31 IS CENTRAL KIRIBATI IN THE GILBERT ISLAND CHAIN.

SO TURN ON YOUR RIGS,, BLOW OUT THE COB WEBS AND DO SOME OPERATING.

TOM WA3PRC

For Sale:

I just repaired and tuned a Ringo Ranger ARX-2 antenna that belongs to the club. It's For Sale- Price \$ 40.00. obo. They sell new for around \$80.00.

If you are interested please call me.

74,
Vic
K4VHX
473-5560

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 PM on 146.745.(-)MHZ with a PL of 136.5

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 7:30 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.

TARC's website is at: <http://tamiamiarc.org/>

LOCAL AREA HAMFESTS

05/28/2011 | [WormFest 2011](#)

Location: Pinellas Park, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: The Glorious Society of the Wormhole

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

Next EARs Meeting
May 19, 2011
7:30 PM
EUMC Conference Room

HURRICANE AWARENESS SEMINAR

Thursday, May 12th, 2011

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Suncoast Auditorium at Englewood Community Hospital

Guest Speaker

Wayne Sallade, Dir Charlotte County EMS

Information will be available on evacuations routes, shelters, preparation for your family and home, pet care, and much more...

This seminar is free and open to the public.

Letters to the editor should be emailed to: K4MWD@arrl.net Put Editor in the subject line. Please observe common rules of civility in your comments.

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If you are not yet an ARRL member add your support and join **now**.



Next issue will be early June. Still time to submit an Operator's Profile.

For the next several months, I will be editing the newsletter from the frozen North. Have a good (and safe) summer. See you in the fall.

Editor
Mike Daly K4MWD

