

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT



Steve Churchill N9USZ



Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

Secretary's Report

EARS meeting April 19, 2012

Steve N9USZ called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 19 members and 3 visitors: Charles Meyer, Helen Wilde, and Sherri Wetherill.

Sherri Wetherill, from Englewood Community Hospital, proceeded with teaching the new CPR procedures put out by the American Heart Association.

The most important change is that calling for help and chest compressions must be started within 10 seconds of recognition of cardiac arrest; followed by checking the airway; followed by giving effective breaths. The steps are now C,A,B, (chest compressions, airway, breathing) instead of A,B,C, which have been in use for many years. No mouth-to-mouth breathing needs to be done.

She demonstrated all the procedures for adults, children, and babies, and also gave out packets that showed and explained all the changes. She also demonstrated how to use the AED/defibrillator; and how/where to look for an AED in any meeting room/restaurant/etc. upon entering in case of its immediate need.

Vic K4VHX sent a thank-you note to Sherri in appreciation of teaching us the new techniques of CPR in such an easily adaptable change and review.

The Secretary's report by Marcia KA1GCV was accepted as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Vic K4VHX as follows:

Checking account.....	\$3514.05
Investment account.....	2804.38
Total amount.....	6318.43

A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The vote was all in favor.

Correspondence: A thank-you note from Mrs. Helen Wilde for taking care of her husband's equipment and taking down the tower, leaving all clean and tidy. She also added that Al W8JZZ and she agreed that the

money gained from the sale that was given to the club be put into the Scholarship Fund.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Keith Kelly KC5AS had surgery, followed by a rapid recovery. He is with us now and is doing well. Good to see you, Keith!

RACES: Mel W9BSM reported that they had 2 trainees started; Charles K1QNF adds that they are trying to put together information so that after any disaster, they would know where the people are staying and if they are okay or not. They are working on that premise now.

Publicity: Matthew KE4VEM found an app for his phone that allows Morse Code i.e. text, and it will come up in code, or vice-versa....an April fool's gift from Google.

Testing: None. Offered on second Saturdays/month at Venice library at 10 am.

DX: Tom WA3PRC reported very weak copy. Please see his detailed report.

Hamfests: Gainesville on April 28.

Old Business: none.

New Business: Field Day will be on June 23+24. Committee includes Fred, Steve, Pam, Tom, and Vic.

Announcements: Be sure to get your pictures into the directory.

Speaker: Gerry K4JWE gave specs about his antenna system that he is now working on. He is very knowledgeable about this project. (...don't ask me to report on this, tho!)

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV
Secretary



Tom Hawes WA3PRC

DX REPORT

The past month has been very good for DX around the world. Some very interesting stations have been on or on now. Although the propagation has been up and down and almost nil at times but listening for a while normally proves successful some time during the day or evening.

Asia, XV7 Viet Nam and an XU Cambodia was spotted on the cluster and very weak copy here. Than the Sudan ST2 was on but I did not listen for them, at present Somalia 6o0cw is on the cluster, 20m at noon and no copy here,, but I will listen to see if I can make a contact later. Next we have Jan Mayen JX posted and I listened but made no contact. A 9m0 and a 9m6 were out there and weak copy here. During the month St. Barts TO3 came aboard and I did make contact with them. Than out in the Pacific Ocean Vanatu YJ and Ogasawara JD1 was reported but I did not listen for these two. And T6 was out there again and no copy here, Afghanistan.. By the time you read this the big one will have come and gone. Yemen 7O6T, they started may 1st and operated for 2 weeks,, very good copy here and several contacts,, The last times they have been on, way back in 1990, 2000 and 2012. a very good catch as who knows when someone else will be there.

That about sums it up for interesting DX.. For those of you who want to know whats going in the DX world, Google or Bing 425DX NEWS

73s Tom WA3PRC

Next meeting May 17th, 2012

7:30 PM

Englewood United Methodist
Church

Scholarship Winner is:

Congratulations to Rebecca Montgomery, this year's EARS scholarship recipient. Mark Mull **KJ4UXQ** made the presentation on May 8th. Rebecca seeks a degree in computer science.

LOCAL:

HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

05/26/2012 | **Wormfest**

Location: Pinellas Park, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: The Glorious Society of the Wormhole

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

VE Exam Sessions:

7:00 p.m. on the Third Wednesday of the month at the Century Link Building at the corner of Harbor and S Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL.

Bring 2 forms of ID, your current license if upgrading and \$15

Contact Gino at 941-629-7933 for more info.

Click here for the next scheduled session.

http://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/port-charlotte-fl-33952-9999-18

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 14.317 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.

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 – Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

TARC 146.805 - Thursday 7:30 p.m.

TARC 146.805 – Wednesday 8:00 p.m. DX net

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

PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.

NICE 146.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m.

Letters to the editor should be emailed to:

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Mike Daly K4MWD
Editor

Included with this newsletter is the latest revision of the 2012 Directory. As always let me know of revisions or corrections necessary. Happy Summer all.