

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT



**Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV**

EARS MEETING APRIL 18, 2013

Pam K1UEG called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 13 members and 1 visitor present.

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

The Treasurer's report given by Vic K4VHX shows a balance of \$4911.34. The report was accepted as given.

Sunshine Committee: Vic K4VHX led the group in a moment of silence for SK Ken Anderson W4JQT. There were comments in remembrance of Ken.

RACES: Charlie K1QNF gave a short report: they had a drill today between 2 hospitals and EOC. They were putting out only 12 watts.

DX: Tom WA3PRC reported hearing from Vietnam and Hong Kong, but no copy.

Hamfests: Please see this newsletter regarding Hamfest news.

OLD BUSINESS: Vic K4VHK reports that the ordered tee-shirts are in. There are 12 of each in large and medium sizes.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike K4MWD will present our scholarship to Lemon Bay High School on May 7.

SPEAKER: Vic K4VHX set up a pod cast featuring Bob Heil on HAM NATION. We watched episode 56 regarding High Frequency Antennae and mobile HF antennae. The whole program has up to 92 episodes; there are 3 segments in a one hour time. Discussion followed.

Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was accepted by all present. Adjournment was at 8:05 pm.

Our next meeting will be on May 16, 2013 at 7:30 pm in Room 102 in the Administration Building.

Respectfully submitted by  
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV  
Secretary

## NOTICE

Next meeting May 16th

7:30 PM

Englewood United Methodist  
Church

Room 102 Admin Bldg.

Mike, with Ken's recent passing, I found this going through the archives and thought maybe this would be of interest to put in the newsletter.

73

Pam

K1UEG

### THE REASON WHY

By Hiram Percy Maxim, President A. R. R. L.  
From September, 1927 QST

Sitting back in the old armchair, with the last issue of QST read from cover to cover and with everybody else in the house asleep hours ago, I fell to thinking of amateur radio today and amateur radio of other days. As the blue smoke curls slowly upward from the old pipe, visions of early ARRL Directors Meetings' float before me. I see those old timers grappling with problems of organization, with QRM, with trunk line traffic and rival amateur leagues. I see sinister commercial and government interests at work seeking to exterminate amateur radio. They were dark days, those early ones.

Today I see Amateur Radio an institution, recognized by our American Government and on the road to recognition by the other governments of the world. I see a fine, loyal ARRL membership of 20,000 standing shoulder to shoulder and believing in each other and still blazing the way in radio communication. I see a rapidly developing world wide amateur radio brotherhood taking shape, in the form of our I.A.R.U.

And as the last embers of the old pipe turn to grey ash, I ask how it all came about: that the ARRL should have succeeded and all its opponents failed. The answer is clear. It is because with our opponents there was always some kind of a selfish motive to be served for someone, whereas in our ARRL we insisted from the beginning that no selfish motive for anybody or anything should ever prevail. Everything that ARRL undertakes must be 100% for the general good. That policy bred loyalty and confidence. With those two things an organization can prosper forever.

Amateur Radio owes its very existence to Hiram Percy Maxim and those who worked with him during the early days of radio. On September 17, 1936 in a tribute to the memory of Mr. Maxim, Herbert Hoover had this to say:

"I well remember the battle in which Hiram Percy Maxim joined with me as Secretary of Commerce in setting apart definitely and for all time certain segments in the radio range and dedicating them for the perpetual use of the amateurs. The commercial value of these wavelengths was well recognized at the time and great pressures were brought to bear to allot them to commercial use. Mr. Maxim's sturdy mobilization of the thousands of amateurs contributed greatly to saving this field, which has now extended into world wide use."

Submitted by Ken Anderson - W4JQT

## DX REPORT



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I have not been Radio Active this past month. I logged a contact from Egypt and from the Pacific Island of Tokelau

Mostly I listen and found that 20m very noisy and low propagation.. but lots of action on 15m and the WARC bands..I would check the DX Cluster than tune to the listed freq..At times I had good copy but a big pile up. Mostly I had poor copy and big pile ups,

For those who want to make dx contacts I suggest you turn on the radio and beam Europe

73s Tom WA3PRC

## HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

HAMFEST/CONVENTION  
**05/25/2013 | Wormfest**

Location: Pinellas Park, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: The Glorious Society of the Wormhole

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

## LOCAL

### 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](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., 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## FOR SALE

Guys - I'm selling my gear due to my health problems. I'm selling it as a package. If you or anybody else is interested please let me know.

1. IC-756 transceiver
2. MFJ 1.5 Kw versa tuner III
3. ETO Alpha 374 Amplifier
4. Astron RS-35M power supply
5. Heil ICM microphone
6. Heil PL-2T mike boom
7. Heil FS2 foot switch

\$950.00

**Martin Horowitz, N4FA**

## LOCAL REPEATERS

MHz (-) Tone

- 145.130 (-) N4SER Laurel/SERC
- 145.430 100 NI4CE Verna/Big Stick
- 146.570 N4XJQ Punta Gorda
- 146.5900 W0AC 136.5 North Port
- 146.700 77 N4EAR Englewood/EARS**
- 146.730 100 N4SER Sarasota/SERC
- 146.745 136.5 WX4E Charlotte County/ARC
- 146.775 77 K0DGF Englewood
- 146.805 100T W4AC Venice/TARC
- 146.865 K8ONV Port Charlotte/EARS.**
- 146.910 W4IE Sarasota/ARA (A)
- 146.925 N4ZNU Port Charlotte
- 147.015 KS4ST Port Charlotte
- 147.120 136.5 K4NPT North Port/NPARC
- 147.255 136.5 W4DUX Port Charlotte/PRRA
- 442.050 100 KB2WVY Placida/Stewart
- 442.100. 136.5 KA9RIX North Port
- 442.700 136.5 N4FOB Port Charlotte
- 442.925 136.5 W4DUX Port Charlotte/PRRA
- 442.950 100 K4WCF Big Stick
- 444.625 77T K0DGF Englewood
- 444.975 136.5 KS4ST Punta Gorda/CARS

## From the Editor



Mike K4MWD

As you know, the directory contains photos of Sks. In researching I went to QRZ and found this looking for information on Frank Schwab W8OK.

**The callsign W8OK is assigned in memory of an exceptional Ham/Elmer/DXer/family man and the founding father of Dayton SKYWARN, Francis (Frank) Schwab - SK. Dayton SKYWARN is responsible for organizing, training (in conjunction with the NWS) and operating the Amateur Radio SKYWARN program for an assigned area of the Wilmington, Ohio NWS Office. The assigned area of responsibility includes 15+ counties in S.W. Ohio and S.E. Indiana. For more details regarding Dayton SKYWARN refer to our home page.**



Frank Schwab K8OK

On May 7th I had the honor of presenting the EARS scholarship to Chance Powers at the LBHS award night.



Chance Powers

Chance is pursuing a degree in both graphic arts and French. [Perhaps she should have taken her own picture. ed.]

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