

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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May 17, 2015

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

April 21, 2015 Meeting minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Steve, K9USZ followed by the pledge of allegiance. There were 10 members present and three guests Dale Wagner, Ken Larson and Sarah Henry. Mike K4MWD then Introduced our guest speaker, Dale Wagner. Dale, who is a neighbor of Mike's, volunteers time at the Englewood Elementary School where he presents both an earth science program during class time, and an introduction to electricity program to six fifth graders after school.

Dale had examples of handouts that the kids assemble from kits that Dale scrounges up. The materials

include a generator usually made from stepper motors from discarded ink jet printers, and a dc power supply made by capturing D-cells in a section of pvc conduit. With these the kids experiment with leds from old Christmas tree lights and other sources. Right away they learn about polarity and current limiting resistors. They're built into the Christmas tree lamps, but not the white leds he gives them. This leads to ohm's law which isn't stressed, but some kids get it. Coils are wound forming electro magnets and then a buzzer. *Watching one girl think her way through using the "relay" actuator to interrupt the current flow and create a buzzer was worth the price of admission the day that Mike helped out after school.*

Discussion led to what EARS might be able to do to help Dale. He needs old transistor radios, stepper motors, dc relays, generators and other stuff. I (mike) think it would be great if the kids had harbor freight digital voltmeters to get them reinforcing ohms law and troubleshooting.

Mark KJ4UXQ wanted to see the program include some older students and suggested contacts in the high school. Wouldn't it be great if a bunch of volunteers could build on Dale's start.

Let's think of ways we can help.

Next the Secretary's report was approved as presented in the newsletter followed by the treasurer's report.

Committee reports were sparse with no input from correspondence, sunshine, RACES, and publicity. Testing news that Glenn KM4HKO and Dave WORVR both passed the Extra Class tests last month, Glenn in Ft Myers, and Dave in Venice. Congratulations.

Old Business

Matthew KE4VEM reported that he had closed the old checking account at the Wells Fargo Bank.

Our N4EAR repeater needs to be removed from Dave Kelce's, K0DGF, airplane hanger. It was suggested that we contact Dave and move the hardware to the meeting house at the CGA building.

New Business

It was reported that a new repeater near the WENG radio station is up and running. The frequency was thought to be 145.250 600+ with a 100 PL.

Mike K4MWD reported that the N4EAR license was about to expire. The discussion thought that this is a couple years early and needed to be followed up. Ed note: It is expiring on June 6th a check was drafted and the renewal was passed along to find a new trustee to sign the application.

Pam K1UEG asked for for a sub to run the simplex net the next week and also that the inventory is finished. Mike has a copy and will try to remember to include it in the next newsletter. Pam also mentioned that we install the N4EAR repeater at the CGA building.

A motion to adjourn passed and the meeting ended at 7:50 PM.

Submitted by assistant to the scribe for this one time only;

Mike k4mwd

Next Meeting

Tuesday May 19th

7:00 pm

Coast Guard Auxiliary Station

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Current account:

| Activity | | Statements & Documents | | Information & Services | |
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| Amount included in Available Balance | | | | | |
| 04/23/2015 | Check 1004: Hays club liability policy | | C | -200.00 | 6,478.47 |
| 04/23/2015 | Check 1002: Lemon Bay Boaters Inc | | C | -200.00 | 6,678.47 |
| 04/09/2015 | CHECK ORDER00075 DES:FEE ID: INDN:ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADI CO... | | C | -36.00 | 6,878.47 |
| 04/07/2015 | Check 1001: Venwood Trophies | | C | -16.05 | 6,914.47 |
| 04/06/2015 | Counter Credit | | C | 163.50 | 6,930.52 |
| 03/13/2015 | Counter Credit | | C | 254.50 | 6,767.02 |
| 03/13/2015 | Counter Credit | | C | 6,512.52 | 6,512.52 |
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income: \$0

expenses: \$400 club insurance and LBB stipend

balance: \$6478.47

Respectfully submitted

Mike Daly – treasurer

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Tom WA3PRC

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

05/23/2015 |Wormfest 2015

Location:Pinellas Park, FL

Type:ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor:The Glorious Society of The Wormhole

Website:<http://w4orm.org/>

Local

Testing

Please email the contact to confirm dates and times.

Sponsor: SCARE

Date: Third Monday of each month

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Gino J. Ferranti

(941) 629-7933

Email: ke4tjo@arrl.net

Location: Edgewater Methodist Church, 19190
Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL.

Sponsor:Tamiami ARC

Date:Second Saturday each month

Time:10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact:John R. Sproat

(941) 475-1929

Email:w4js@juno.com

Location:Venice Public Library Conference Room
300 Nokomis Ave S

Reservations Appreciated!

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Congratulations to our new Extra Class members.

When Dave – W0RVR heard that Glenn – KM4HKO had passed the extra exam in Ft Myers he ran right to Venice and got his own upgrade. A testament to the recent classes.

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:

Chapter 53 now has its summer lunches the first Wednesday of each month, June through September, around 11:15 AM at the Hibachi Grill Buffet in the Bird Bay Plaza shopping center on US 41 Bypass, Venice.

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

PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.

NI4CE 145.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m WCF ARRL Traffic net

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

Miscellaneous Charlotte County Amateur Radio Activity

All local repeaters use PL Tone of 136.5 Mhz Except the Englewood 146.865 Mhz or the Gator 147.015 Mhz Repeaters

Sunshine Net Everyday at 8:30 Am on 146.745 Mhz and 444.975 Mhz.

SW Florida Traffic Net Everyday except Sunday at 10:00 AM on 147.345 Mhz and 146.685 Mhz.
PRRA Sunday Night Net Sunday at 8:00 PM on 147.255 MHz and 442.925 Mhz

North Port Net Tuesday at 8:00 PM on 147.120 Mhz.

Sky Warn Net Tuesday 9:00 PM Big Stick (NI4CE repeater sys) 145.430 PL 100 and 442.950 PL 100

Voip and Tech Net (Naples) Tues 7:30 PM Naples 146.670 PL136.5, Arcdia 147.180 PL 100 and Venice 442.050 PL 100. also on Echolink at nodes 451949, 389568, 213895, and 205293

Windmill Net Sunday at 9:00 Pm on 28.475 Mhz SSB

75 Meter Vintage Equip Net Tuesday at 5:00 PM on 3.810 Mhz

EARS Simplex Net Wed at 7:30 on 146.550 Mhz

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



Mike K4MWD

After an uneventful trip back to Rochester we were pleased to find that the terrible winter passed with no visible damage to house or cabin. Florida like temps only lasted a few days, but upper fifties in the morning aren't too bad. Counting the days until October. Be safe during hurricane season.