

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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May 3, 2018

President's Message



Herm - WA9LFQ

Hello Members, Friends and Supporters of Englewood Amateur Radio Society, With the year vaporizing and day temperatures beginning to climb, many of our friends and family are leaving us for the cold North of America. Most that I have talked to have greatly mixed feelings about the migration and others are already making plans for an early return later this summer and others perhaps not so early. None the less we will miss them during their absence. The Tuesday breakfast members topped out at twenty-four attendees this past season, according to W4VV. Denny's had to pull out another couple of tables and more chairs for a few weeks.

I was honored by my election as President and have enjoyed my time tinkering with repeaters, duplexers, computers, gadgets and gizmos. Also meeting and enjoying fellow enthusiasts of Amateur Radio. My 50 plus years in the Ham hobby pales in comparison to many members in our club but it has been a life well spent and an occupation fully enjoyed by me. Attendance and participation betray any talk that doesn't make Ham Radio one of the greatest hobbies on Earth. For many of us it created opportunities for serving our country, livelihoods and fulfillment. Thus, making America's Constitutional guarantee, "The Pursuit of Happiness" a reality in some way for those of us who have discovered and preserved the hobby.

So far this year we have installed the IRLP/Echolink (Node 4953) upgrade to the K8ONV repeater. W1NQT has detected and insured that much of that project has had proper ID and Node coverage. It's taken a lot of time and effort to fine tune the software and manage the software updates for our server and for that we can thank VE3KR

We also began building, nearly finishing the N4EAR repeater for the WENG Radio Station here in Englewood. The only work item left to do at this point is installing it in a neat cabinet and delivering the entire package and installing it. The month of May starts out with a Technicians Class set up by KE5ODR and W1AII. We hope for a few students joining us as EARS members upon completion. KK4LGF has made Summer Field Day in June a time of great excitement and a place to show off what we can do during emergency conditions. Nearly all Ham Clubs participate in the Field Day ritual. Perhaps K1UEG will make plans for the Island Field Day as she did last Summer.

The ongoing Tuesday NET, Monthly RACES Drills and other activities related to regular EARS Club procedures will have to keep us busy in the meantime. In any case we may coast and recover a bit as more projects and ideas become opportunity once the more itinerant members come home this late Summer and early Fall.

So, until then let's think about what we can do outside the box that would make us a stronger and vibrant organization. Have a great time this Field Day and I will see you there as well as the next and last monthly meeting until Fall on 5/8.

Tnx, 73's WA9LFQ

PS: Match the call signs to names & photos

**Next Meeting
7:00PM
Tuesday MAY 8th**

**Englewood Chamber of Commerce
601 South Indiana Ave
Englewood**

**Following the meeting there will be a
workshop on EchoLink and IRLP**

Secretary's Report



Ken Blackshaw W1NQT

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY
Minutes of the Meeting

April 10, 2018

Herman Hoffman, WA9LFQ, opened the meeting at 7:04 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had 17 members and no guests present for this meeting.

Secretary's Report – Mike Daly, K4MWD moved, 2nd by Jim Grimes, KD8OCW, waived the reading of last month's minutes as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – Victor Emmelkamp, K4VHX moved, 2nd by Ray Magsby, KK4LGF, approved the treasurers report as presented by Treasurer JoAnn Adamy, KC4WJ.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Two letters to Herman Hoffman, WA9LFQ, regarding renewing license for K8ONV

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine – Fred Grouell recovering from his 2nd hip replacement.

Mary Lou House is having shoulder replacement.

Mel and Maryann Rathbun are at Village Place Health & Rehab, 2370 Harbor Blvd, Room S27, Port Charlotte FL 33952. Their phone is 941.766 5347 (their room) and they would welcome visits and cards.

- RACES – Jim Nelson, W4AII, and Doug Frazier, KE5ODR reported on success with various emergency exercises. It was suggested we could do with fewer people at the High School and more at LA Ainger. Also, perhaps not activate the hospital since it is outside Sarasota County.
- Publicity – Samier Djeralfia, N4HLN, is getting a lot of publicity out. Jim Nelson suggested publicizing the May meeting.
- Testing – Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, reported that the number of licensed hams is rising. Jim Nelson commented that the multitude of modes available might make it seem there was less ham activity.

Doug Frazier and Jon Pellant, N1JP, mentioned the May 5 Technician class to be held at the Port Charlotte Forest Nelson Library at 2280 Aaron St.,

Port Charlotte. Herman Hoffman discussed available of study books. Actual testing session at the above location will be May 12.

- DX – Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, reported lots of DX opportunities right now, including Equatorial Guinea, West Malaysia, and St. Brandon in the Indian Ocean. Jim Nelson commented on working a Czech station using ‘remote ham!’
- Hamfests – Sharktooth Fest in Venice April 13 – 16.
- Repeater – Herman Hoffman discussed difficulties getting the N4EAR duplexer functioning. Victor Emmelkamp asked if there was a signed agreement with WENG. Yes there is – available electronically.
- Field Day – Ray Magsby - June 23 and 24 at the South Gulf Cove Pavillion. The banner discussion came up. At the meeting, it seemed like they had been located!

OLD BUSINESS: Pam Eggleton, K1UEG, reported she now has possession of the club’s two meter handheld.

NEW BUSINESS: Should we have a May meeting? Victor Emmelkamp moved that we should – 2nd by Jim Nelson. Carried. Meeting will be on May 8th and the Chamber of Commerce.

Matthew Henry mentioned he is connected with someone who could do a 3D printing demonstration for a future program – fall or winter?

The next meeting will at 7 pm on May 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm

Program: Jim Nelson gave an illuminating program on Remote Ham Radio, showing how that through the internet, any licensed ham can access a host of radio

stations and making QSOs through them. He demo’d this, linking to a station in Buford, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted, Ken Blackshaw, Secretary

**Interested in becoming an EARS member?
An application is located on the last page.**

Treasurer's Report



Joann Adamy KC4WJ

No report

DX



No report

LOCAL

ANOTHER EARS SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

What: Technician Class Training

When: Saturday May 12, 2018

Where: Port Charlotte Library, 2280 Aaron Library, Pt. Charlotte, FL

What Time: Library Opens At 9:00 AM (ASAP After that)

What to Bring: Yourself, If you have a license manual bring it

What is Supplied: Note Pad & Pen (or bring your own)

You can purchase books on Saturday May 5th from the instructor. ARRL Ham Radio License Manual \$30 or the ARRL Tech Q&A Manual for \$15.

Information: This class is tailored to the needs of professional and working individuals wanting a concentrated course in one or two sessions for the Ham Radio Enthusiast Technician Class Radio Examination Element 2. Testing is planned for May 12, 2018.

Supporting Training Documents: The ARRL Ham

Radio License Manual for the Technician Class Examination (FCC Element 2) And/or the ARRL Tech Q&A Manual.

Course Description: This is a highly accelerated class to write the ARRL VEC Exam for the Technician Class Ham License. Any prior knowledge of the hobby of Ham Radio and Communications Technology would be very helpful. Subjects covered will be FCC Rules, Operating Procedures, Basic/Fundamental Physics of Radio, Electronic Principles, Antennas, Station Setup, Equipment, Modes, Emergency Operations and Safety.

Course Design: This course as delivered by Herman Hoffman, WA9LFQ (Low Fast & Quick) (ARRL Certified Instructor) will concentrate on the information needed to complete the Tech Class License on May 12, 2018. (AS NOW PLANNED) That will include the 1 1/2 hour session prior to ARRL VEC Testing set to begin promptly at 10:30 Am on May 12, 2018. Any questions about the material should be discussed during the review set for a 9 AM start time of this class on May 12, 2018. Students are expected to study & review Q&A manuals during the 5/5 class and 5/12 review & test extensively.

PLEASE CONTACT:

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For registration and further information for this opportunity.

Any questions of concerns can be directed to Herman Hoffman at 941-830-0698 or to Doug Frazier at 214-679-2009. Doug and Herman are members of the EARS, Englewood Amateur Radio Society.

Hamfests

None nearby this month

TUESDAY EARS NET

A full house of 11 stations checked in, two on Echolink. Not bad for spring! This week went almost flawlessly over the whole half hour. MUCH better than last week when we had interference from both DTMF tones QRM and a VoIP nide audio connector failure. There were a few DTMF tones at first but they stopped upon request. Checkins were Mel, Doug, Ray, Jim (ka8pba), Mike, Charlie, Ken in Massachusetts, Ken k04mg, John in NY, Herman and Net control Jim W4AI

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:

Suncoast Chapter 53 meets October through May at Denny's 3701 Bee ridge Road, Sarasota at 11:00 AM the first Monday of the month. Cost is \$13/person. Chapter dues are \$5/year. June through September, members have lunch on the same schedule at the Hibachi Grill Buffet, 549 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 146.865 PL 136.5 Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

NPARC 147.120 Tuesday 8:00 p.m.

CARS 146.745 - Daily 8:30 a.m.

TARC 444.100 +5MHZ PL 100 Tuesday 7:30 pm.

TARC 146.805 – PL 100 Thursday 7:30 pm.

PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.

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

Food and Fellowship

Denny's – Englewood, SR 776 and Placida Rd (next to Bay Harbor Ford) : 7:00 AM every Tuesday

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.

TESTING

Use this link to search ARRL for a site near you:

<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

Port Charlotte FL 33952-2551

EXAM SESSION

02/15/2018 (3rd Thursday each month)

Sponsor: SCARE

Date: May 17, 2018

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

Contact: Gino J. Ferranti

(941) 629-7933

Email: ke4tjo@arrl.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Port Charlotte United Methodist Church

21075 Quesada Ave

Port Charlotte FL 33952-2551



From the Editor

Well it's that time of year again to head back to the now thawing frozen North. Rochester was in the 70s today, but will probably snow before we get back a week from tomorrow. It's been a great spring and I'm looking forward to fishing in October/November with army buddy Jerry (hard to believe we've been friends for 56 years.)

Have a fun and safe summer.

73,
mike

Englewood Amateur Radio Society
Membership Application

Name: _____ Call Sign _____ Class _____

Local Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Local Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Secondary Address: _____ City/State : _____ Zip Code: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ ARRL Member: Yes/No _____

Please check activity interests: Field Day ____ Contesting: ____ RFI/TVI ____ VE Testing: ____

Training: ____ Technical: ____ Computers: ____ Packet ____ Publicity: ____ Special Events: ____

Single Membership: \$15.00 per year ____ Family Membership: \$18.50 per year

Give to Treasurer or Mail to: E.A.R.S. PO Box 572 Englewood, FL 34295