

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER



November, 2009

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



### **President's Message**

Sunday, November 8, 2009 is the Boca Bop Triathlon on Boca Grande, sponsored by the Englewood Optimist Club. EARS routinely provides communications for the event – reporting on course conditions; progress of swimmers, cyclists, and runners; and requesting assistance for injuries; and, relaying special needs of participants or staff. We meet at the public boat ramp parking lot before the toll bridge before 6:30 AM to distribute maps, assignments, and bridge passes. We try to be in position by 7:00 AM

because the race starts promptly at 7:15 AM. The good news is that the time change on November 1st should help make it easier to get up that early. Communications are conducted on the 146.865 (-) repeater located in Grove City. Mobile rigs work best but simplex on the output frequency may also work if your HT doesn't make the repeater from the southern end of Boca Grande. A group of us usually gets together for brunch afterward. Please contact me and let me know if you can help, as I'd like assign locations in advance and I need to know how many bridge passes we need. Contact me at [matthewmhenry@comcast.net](mailto:matthewmhenry@comcast.net) or my cell phone at 941-380-5980.

Mel – W9BSM – informs me the October 17 SET went well. A meeting to discuss the Simulated Emergency Test and ARES/RACES preparedness is planned for Wednesday, November 4 at 7 PM at the Englewood Community Hospital Suncoast Auditorium, with a talk-in on the 146.865 repeater. Even if you did not participate in the SET, you are welcome to attend and offer input. You might also ask for a tour of our upgraded radio room at the hospital.

We are still looking for volunteers to be on the hamfest committee. Let us know that you are willing to help make it happen. Of course, as the year is coming to an end, the election of officers is coming up too, so have your nominations ready. Yes, you may nominate yourself and it is strongly encouraged. Lastly, don't forget to purchase your meal for the December banquet.

**73,  
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Minutes of the Meeting  
October 15, 2009

The October meeting was to order about 7:30 by President Matthew Henry all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thirteen members attended this meeting.

A motion was made to accept the Secretary's report as published in the news letter and all accepted.

The Treasury report was tabled till the November meeting. (See Attachment)

Sunshine Committee reports that they sent get well cards to: Dr John Kelly-N1KEN, to Dr. Marty Horowitz-N4FA and Jim Lawlor-KB2NZ.

RACES has an emergency exercise (SET) planned for this coming Saturday from 9am to 1pm. Mel - W9BSM will give a full report next month.

Testing: One person from Ft Myers took the test and up-graded to general.

DX: The following DX entities have been on the air: Conway Reef; Crozet Island; Midway Island and Glorioso Island.

Hamfest: We are waiting for Ken Anderson to get back to Florida then he will approach the pastor about having it in the field behind EUMC.

Boca Bop: Will be held Nov 8th,,, we need about 6 hams to volunteer. If interested meet at 6:15

a.m. in the boat ramp parking lot on Placida Rd , We will receive a pass to enter the island and the meet starts at 7am

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Tom Hawes , WA3PRC, Acting Secretary for Secretary Ken Anderson W4JQT

## SECOND EVER OPERATOR PROFILE

**A chance to get to know your fellow EARS members better.**

**I received the following from EARS founder and first President – Don Spencer – WA4IWL:**



*"My interest in radio began in High School where I built a couple of two tube radios. They were battery operated.*

*When I first started working I bought a Hallicrafters radio for \$99 from the store of Hatry & Young in Hartford, CT. Then I built a 160 meter transmitter. The coil was made of ¼' copper tubing and it was loop modulated. I bootlegged a call.*

*Then radio lost interest for me for a while because I got married and family life.*

*I got my novice license in Florida and my regular ham ticket in Boston, MA at the FCC office. I was one nervous character. My was WA4IWL. The date was 1960.*

*In the year of 1988 I started the Englewood Amateur Radio Society and it has been a successful club ever since. The 1988 date I am not sure of. It seems to me it was before that.*

*I am still on the air with a Kenwood TH 22 AT thanks to Ken Anderson – W4JQT. He shipped it to me in MA where I am living in an assisted living place. My age is 92. Ken also made my 2 M antenna from ladder line and it is taped to my window where I work the local repeater.*

*I still remain a member of EARS and enjoy getting the newsletter. I guess that brings you up to date on WA4IWL.*

*Every body stays well*

*Don Spenser, WA4IWL”*

**Editors Note: Each month I will try to have an operator profile for you and thanks to those of you who have already submitted your profiles. I have about a half a dozen in my file so far.**

### **EARS Christmas Party**

Place: Rotonda Golf and Country Club Restaurant  
Time: 6PM social hour; 7PM dinner.  
Date: December 13, 2009

Appetizers: Cocoman Shrimp  
Cheese and Crackers  
Stuffed Mushrooms

Entree: Choice of:

1. Prime Rib
2. Chicken Piccata
3. Stuffed Grouper

All entrees come with carrots and red potatoes.

Cheesecake for dessert. Tea and Coffee.

Price: \$22.00 per person.

Please make your reservations with and send your check made out to "EARS" to:

Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX  
1181 Manor Road  
Englewood, FL 34223  
473-5560  
or

Martin Horowitz, N4FA  
348 Ardenwood Drive  
Englewood, FL 34223  
473-1123

### **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 8PM on 146.745. On Thursday the West County Englewood EOC will conduct their Tactical Net beginning at 9:30AM on 146.865. On Thursday morning at 10 AM the Charlotte County EOC will call a tactical net for all RACES members on 146.745.

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 7.230+- MHz at 7:00 P.M.

Connecticut Connection Net: Net is twice daily at 8:00 A.M. on 14.340+- MHz and at 7:30 P.M. on 7.225 MHz immediately after the Snowbird net.

### Two Meter Nets

EARS Simplex 146.550 Wednesday: 30pm  
NPARC 147.120+ Tuesday 8:00pm  
CARS 146.745- Daily 8:30am  
TARC 146.580- Tuesday 7:30pm  
TARC DX 146.805- Wednesday 8:00pm  
TARC 146.805- Thursday 7:30pm

### Weekly Area Amateur Breakfasts:

- Tuesday, 7 A.M. at Denny's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Good Times in Englewood
- Tuesday, 7:45 A.M. at Peach's in Venice
- Friday, 7:45 A.M. at Peach's in Venice



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**Note:** Be sure to open the attachment I am sending with this newsletter. It's the Treasurer's report in PDF format which would not fit within the columns here.



Can you guess who the ghost is on the tower?

Happy Halloween

**Treasurer's Report  
October Meeting 2009  
Bank statement 9/30/09**



<i>Account number</i>	<i>Account</i>	<i>Balance</i>
2000780026661	NON-PROFIT CHECKING	2,169.85
010031774833895	TIME DEPOSIT 12 MONTHS	2,767.44
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$4,937.29</b>

Opening balance 9/01	\$2,747.02
Deposits and other credits	44.00 +
Checks	621.17 -
<b>Closing balance 9/30</b>	<b>\$2,169.85</b>

## Checks

<i>Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Date posted</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>
0000	154.00	9/11	1230*	7.50
0000	396.00	9/14	1233*	63.67

Deposit - \$44.00 Christmas party tickets  
Checks - \$7.50 name tag \$63.67 repeater battery \$550 T-shirts

Submitted 10/18/09

Mike Daly K4MWD, Treasurer

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