

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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November 2011

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



### ***President's Message***

I would like to thank EARS and its members for the kind words of sympathy for my family following my dad's October 5, 2011 passing. Marty Henry, KE4UFS, loved talking with people. While most of his talking was not done on the radio, he loved the ham community and he enjoyed the friendships he made through the radio hobby.

I would like to invite all to nominate themselves and others for officer positions in EARS for 2012. Please either send you nominations to me by email or make your nomination at the November 17th meeting.

73,  
Matthew Henry



### Secretary's Report-

EARS meeting 10/20/11

The meeting was opened by Matt with the pledge at 7:30 pm. There were 13 members present and no guests.

Secretary's Report: was amended to show additional information from the sunshine committee from last month. A motion was made, seconded and voted on to accept the report as published and amended.

### Treasurer's report:

October 3, 2011

Last bank statement shows \$2,844.07 in checking and the club's CD 2803.39, for a total of 5,647.46

Interest earned on CD \$0.36

Payments made this month:

Quick Signs & Lettering, inc (for new banner and art rework) \$93.46

No deposits

Submitted 10/20/2011

John A. Cerniglia W4JAC

Motion was made, seconded and vote on to accept the report

No Correspondence.

Committee Reports:

#### Sunshine committee:

- 10/06/11 Sympathy card to Marty Henry's (KE4UFS) family
- 10/10/11 Sympathy card to Mary Ann Steven's husband Bill (W1AMU she died 10/05/11)

Respectfully submitted, Gene and Marcia Fowler  
KA1GCU+KA1GCV

RACES Report: Mel gave a long and involved report detailing the on going problems they are having with the 70 CM station at the Englewood Hospital. A discussion followed about possible remedies for the problem. However, the 2 meter station is functioning flawlessly, and many digital contacts have been made. Mel also mentioned that as soon as the system is working correctly, training will be available for EARS members. Questions were also raised about liability of operators of the system. It was opined that we would be covered under RACES.

Publicity: Vic mentioned the purchase of the new and this months news letter will cover Pioneer Days and our interview at WENG. The interview was also discussed.

Testing: We discussed the ongoing hamtestonline program and Matt has offered his Extra Class license materials for those who would like to upgrade.

DX Report: Tom was not here this month, so I gave a short report about 10 meters being open to Europe and 15 to South America and that the Sun is awake and there is some storming going on and conditions are good on the bands.

Hamfest:Lambifest was discussed. The club has a list of equipment to sell and it will taken to the Tampa Hamfest in Dec.

Scholarship committee was discussed and there will be a meeting at Lemon Bay High School on Nov 17 at 2pm at the schools Media center. Mike, Vic, and Gene will be on the committee. The scholarship fund is at \$500.00

Old Business: Vic promises to follow up on new Tee Shirts.

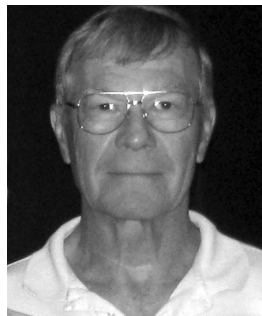
New Business: Nominations for officers. Mike nominated me for President. I said I would think about it. Matt nominated John Cerniglia for treasurer. Vic nominated Gene Reilly and Ken Blackshaw for Secretary. Pam and Vic volunteered for trustee, also Matt will automatically be on the list. Tom was nominated for trustee.

Mike mentioned selling adds in the newsletter, and that he had placed a business card from a friend that does computer repair in the newsletter. No objection was made to the idea.

Matt discussed the idea of programs for meetings. Vic suggested for Mel to set up a demonstration of the digital system at the hospital. We talked about going to the hospital and Mel said he would check it out. Matt thanked the club for the cards and sympathy on his father passing away.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Steven Churchill N9USZ  
Vice President EARS



#### ***DX REPORT***

DX the past month has been quite good,, with all the normal activity from Europe, South America and spottings from the Middle East and the South Pacific

Surprisingly 12m,17m, 15m and 10m was open around the world and remains open. As I type I am listening to the South Pacific on 10m rtty

Last months dxpedition to the East Kiribati's was a success,, I was able to work them on several different

bands and different modes,, add Japan, Market reef, Rotuma and some PJs I say it was great.

The bands remain open into November so turn on the radio and give a listen.

## TOM WA3PRC

**Editor's comment:** Imagine my excitement Thursday when I got a 5-7 report from a JA named Toshi. I was operating 100-watts from my car near Ithaca, New York on 17 meters. Reality set in when Toshi mentioned he was 1000 kilometers East of Montreal. Oh well, another time. mike

## Sunshine Committee September activity:

- 9/5/11-get well card to Pam Eggleton K1UEG...she has back problems.
- 9/5/11-get well card to Mary Lou House, J.R.'s wife had a spinal fusion surgery.
- 9/5/11-get well card to Bill Stevens W1AMU who is now using a walker; and also, to his wife, Mary Ann, who is starting radiation treatments and is in a lot of pain.
- 9/11/11-get well/encouragement card to James Broome KJ4ZUS. He is in Miami for a cardiac cath with possible surgery next week.

## Listen to Vic and Steve on WENG Radio

Point your internet browser to [www.wengradio.com](http://www.wengradio.com)

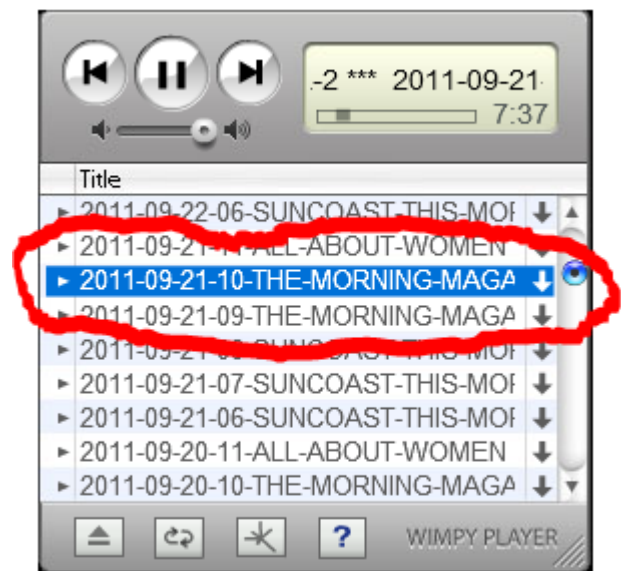
Move the mouse to the column marked **Features** click on **Show Archive and Podcast**

A few seconds later some guy will start talking about retirement. And this box will appear on the screen.

## Show Archive & Podcast



Move the slider button down to change the date of the show to 2011-09-11-10 as shown below. After a minute or two of ads and housekeeping, the Vic and Steve show starts.



Next meeting November 17, 2011

7:30 PM

Englewood United Methodist  
Church

Mary Martha Suite (RM 100-102)

**Sweetbay Super Market** has invited us again to participate in their Pre Holiday event as an exhibitor.

I am looking for about four or five EARS members to help me set up and man a table set with some ham gear and our banner. Last year we all had a good time doing it and had a very favorable response from the public.

The event is being held next Thursday, November 10th from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. We would start the setup around 3:30 p.m. Please give me a call and volunteer to help. Vic 473-5560





Mike K4MWD Vic K4VHX and Steve N9USZ at last year's event.



## Silent Key

Sad to Report another SK. Robert 'Bob' Benkovich a former member of EARS. He died at his home in Arcadia, FL October 31st. His call was KF4YOW.

## ENGLEWOOD PIONEER DAYS PHOTOS



If you are not yet an ARRL member add your support and join **now**.

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

Letters to the editor should be emailed to:  
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## HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

11/12/2011 | [SPARCFest](#)

**Location:** Pinellas Park, FL

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** St. Petersburg ARC

**Website:** <http://www.sparc-club.org>

12/03/2011 | [West Central Florida Section  
Convention \(Tampa Bay Hamfest\)](#)

**Location:** Palmetto, FL

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Sponsor:** Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council  
(FGCARC)

**Website:** <http://www.fgcarc.org/>



### *Editorial*

Once again I was able to make my annual trek to paradise. Spent a few weeks fishing with a buddy I met in the army 50 years ago. We fished and ate and hung around with EARS friends and again I came to realize what a great club and community we have. Maybe you have to go somewhere else to realize what you all have at home. Elections are coming up and it's time to go out on a limb and volunteer. We have jobs in the club (like editing the newsletter) that only take a few hours each month. Ask yourself, what can I do? Then do it.

Mike Daly K4MWD  
Editor

### LOCAL:

**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](mailto: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 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 14.293 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 146.580 - Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

TARC 146.805 - Thursday 7:30 p.m.

PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.

NICE 146.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m.

