

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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November 13th, 2015

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

## EARS MEETING MINUTES

**October 20, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society was called to order at 7:03 pm by Steve N9USZ, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 15 members and 2 guests present. The Secretary's report was accepted as written in the newsletter.

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### Committee Reports:

Sunshine: All are well and accounted for this month.

RACES: Vic K4VHX attended Punta Gorda's

RACES meeting for 10 counties.

Testing: please see info in newsletter.

DX: Ray KK4LGF stated that 20 meters is opening up; worked Cayman Islands. Tom WA3PRC stated the following DX he worked:

TX3X 12M CW Chesterfield Island; T2GC 15M CW Tuvalu Island;

E51MKW 12M SSB North Cook Island; FY5HB 17M SSB French Guiana; FW5JJ 17M CW Wallis and Futuna Island; TX3X 15M SSB Chesterfield Island; T2GC 15M RTTY Tuvalu Island.

Hamfests: Peace River Hamfest was on Nov. 7 (anyone attend?);

Ocala is on Dec. 5, with vendor setup on Dec. 4, 10am-5pm, rain or shine at FL National Guard Armory, 900 SW 20th St., Ocala; and in Orlando, HamCation on Feb. 12,13,14 at the Central Florida Fairgrounds.

OLD BUSINESS: We need to speak with CGA regarding sharing of their building....? misunderstanding regarding rules/regulations.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Appoint nomination committee for next year. Shall we continue?...and in what manner? Do we meet monthly or change to October-June meetings only?; Should we share leadership 6 months and 6 months? We need to have our leaders present at each meeting.

2. We need to discuss what to do about EARS repeater with duplex, repeater, power supply, etc. We will continue this discussion at next meeting, which is Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 pm....please attend. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Speaker: Marcia KA1GCV read a "good Halloween story", an excerpt from "The History of Early Englewood" by Josephine O. Cortes. The "Development of Chadwick Beach" April 1926.....scary!!!

Respectfully submitted  
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV  
Secretary

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday November 17th**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Coast Guard Auxiliary Station**

**DX**



Ray Magsby KK4LGF

Get your beams oriented toward the land down under. Just outside the Great Barrier Reef in the Coral Sea lies Willis Island. The time frame of Nov.14-23 and operate 24 hrs a day and will include two week ends and plans to be operational as VK9WA using CW,SSB, and RTTY on 1.8-28 MHz

Other Dxpeditions from various corners of the Globe will include: 3B8/3B9 Mauritius and Rodrigues. Matthias, DF6LO,will be operating in the Indian Ocean during November and December. His first stop will be Rodrigues Island(AF-049) as 3B9/DF6LO sometime in November. Next is Mauritius Island (AF-049) as 3B8/DF6LO sometime in December. Using aFT-857D running on 30 W on JT65 and at times 100 W on CW.QSL via LoTW and eQSL only.

3C --- Equatorial Guinea. Fresh from his mid-September D67GIA Dxpediton to Comoros Island , LA7GIA is heading for Malabo Island (AF-010), which also counts as Equatorial Guinea. He has received his written conformation of his 3C7GIA license and expects to pick up the originals “upon arrival in 3C”. Activity will b n 7-28 MHz on all modes. Sorry, but no 160 or 80 meters. On 20, 15, and 10 meters he’ll be using mosely beams, and on the other bands a Hy-Gain verticals which can 500 W..His web page is [la7gia.com/3c7gia/index.html](http://la7gia.com/3c7gia/index.html).

3W--- Vietnam November 23 to December 5 are the expected dates that Mats SM3LRR will be operating on HF CW, SSB and digital modes as XV2D. QSL via LoTW.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Current account:

Date	Description	Type	Status	\$Amount	\$Available Balance
Amount included in Available Balance					
Processing	TELLER TRANSACTION CREDIT ON 11/13 \$90.00 Total deposit \$75.00 Available now \$15.00 Credit pending!(available to cover items posting on 11/13. Available next business day for withdrawal and Debit Card purchases.)	⊕	[P]	75.00	6,513.42
11/04/2015	Check 1006		[C]	-55.00	6,438.42
Statement as of 08/01/2015 (view statements) »					

income: \$90 Dues and new member  
 expenses: \$55 Hamcation table  
 balance: \$6513.42  
 Respectfully submitted  
 Mike Daly – treasurer

S7—Seychelles . Six IOTA operators have announced plans to activate Coetivy Island (AF-119 NEW) for a first IOTA activation in mid November. They plan to operate for 6 days sometime in mid November 16-23 time frame. They plan to operate for 6 days sometime in the November 16-23 time frame. They will use the call S79C on 7-50MHz on CW,SSB, and RTTY. The team of "highly experienced IOTA activators" will include EA3NT, EI9FBB, MM0NDX, PA3EWP, SP5APW, and VK8CE. It is possible that, at times, they could have as many as six stations active simultaneously. Check out the S79C web site at [af119new.com](http://af119new.com).

T2 and 3D2---Tuvalu and Fiji Islands.

The RF Junkies are planning to operate from Tuvalu from November 24 to December 2 and then from Rakiraki. Fiji from December 3 – 9. Operators include Dean, KW7XX; Tim, NL8F; Paula, NX1P; Dick, N7RO, and Paul, W7IV. As of press time they confirm T2TT will be used from Tuvalu and possibly will use 3D2RJ from Fiji. Activity will be on 160—10 meters, and possibly 6 meters. [www.rfjunkies.com](http://www.rfjunkies.com)  
Good DXing

For a listing of current DX activity click on this link:  
<http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxod.html>

NOV 2 LATE AFTERNOON I WAS ABLE TO WORK A T32 (EAST KIRIBATI), KH2 (GUAM) ON 12M CW AND A VK6 ON 20M SSB

TURN ON YOUR RADIO AND BECOME RADIO ACTIVE

TOM WA3PRC

## DX NEWS

P5, NORTH KOREA. The "DXNEWS" reports that Dom, 3Z9DX, is planning to be active from North Korea (Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea), January - February 2016 as P5/3Z9DX. He has the license to operate on 3 bands, but he is planning to concentrate his operation on

20m only SSB using 100 watts into a GP7 vertical antenna. QSL via his home callsign. ADDED NOTE: Dom just recently came back from the GXP antenna factory. Waldek, SP7GXP and Dom made final adjustment on the GP7 Vertical antenna. This antenna will go with Dom to North Korea during a December trip together with other radio equipment. Waldek, SP7GXP, is a well known manufacturer of antennas and his company GXP antennas is also well known. You can visit Waldek's Web site at <http://sp7gxp.pl>.

## LOCAL

### Winter Field Day Association

Winter Field Day Association (WFDA) is a dedicated group of Amateur Radio Operators who believe that emergency communications in a winter environment is just as important as the preparations and practice that is done each summer but with some additional unique operational concerns.

Ed: For more information visit:  
[www.winterfieldday.com](http://www.winterfieldday.com)

We believe as do those entities of ARRL Organizations like ARES & RACES that maintaining your operational skills should not be limited to fair weather scenarios. The addition of a Winter Field Day will enhance those already important skills of those that who generously volunteer their time and equipment to these organizations. This is why WFDA is open to all licensed amateur radio operators worldwide.

Disasters are unpredictable by nature and can strike when you least expect them. WFDA's goal is to help enhance your skills and ready you for all environmental conditions found in the US and

Canada during the spring, summer, fall, and winter. Preparedness is the key to a professional and timely response during any event and this is what local and state authorities are expecting when they reach out to the emergency service groups that offer their services. If you are serious about emergency communications as we are; we welcome you to join us for our yearly event. We are sure that you will find this event a pleasant change and challenge to that of a normal summer time field day.

## 2015 EARS Dinner Party

**Dave Trost W0RVR, dinner committee chairman, asks that we save the evening of January 23, 2016 for this year's dinner. Cost and menu have not been decided yet, but the location has. It will be at the glassed in patio of the Rotonda Elks Club.**

**If you want to help on the planning please contact Dave**

## Hamfests

### HAMFEST/CONVENTION 11/14/2015 |SPARCFest

Location:Pinellas Park, FL

Type:ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor:St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club

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

### HAMFEST/CONVENTION 12/11/2015 |West Central Florida Section Convention (Tampa Bay Hamfest)

Location:Plant City, FL

Type:ARRL Convention

Sponsor:Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:w4js@juno.com)

Location:Venice Public Library Conference Room  
300 Nokomis Ave S

Reservations Appreciated!

[tamiamiarc.org](http://tamiamiarc.org)

Venice FL 34285-2416

**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

Back to Rochester Monday, see you next in January.