

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



At the last meeting I was pleased to hear that members are thinking of new ways to keep our club active in the community. It was suggested that next year the club should participate in the Pioneer Day Parade with a float (and possibly a demonstration booth). Keep the ideas coming. EARS used to provide communications for the parade over a decade ago, and it would be nice to get some good exposure and to have fun while doing it. Thanks again, to Vic, K4VHX, for demonstrating his fancy battery charger that has a number of helpful features for preserving and rejuvenating rechargeable batteries.

I look forward to seeing you at the next EARS meeting in the Fellowship Hall (where the

church holds the pancake breakfasts) on Thursday, October 21, 2010.

73,

Matthew Henry,
KE4VEM

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Pam Eggleton, K1UEG, Acting Secretary

EARS Meeting Minutes September 16, 2010

Matthew KE4VEM opened the meeting at 7:30 with the pledge of allegiance.

There were 17 members present and one guest, Jack Doyle, WX1JAD

A motion was presented by Matthew KE4VEM to accept the secretary's report as published in the newsletter. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report was given by John WD9JAC for Mike K4MWD. Bank statement shows \$5975.46 in checking and CD's. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

Pam K1UEG received a receipt for post office box payment and six QSL cards from Lighthouse weekend. Martin N4FA mentioned e-mail regarding coordinating repeater location and height. It was noted that Frank W4VV addressed that.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunshine – Vic K4VHX reported that Donald Dold KD9SJ who was a member of EARS for many years is SK. Vic also reported that Bill W1AMU is still recovering from his operation. Martin N4FA gave an update on Ken W4JQT and Alice and pictures of his new station were passed around.

Races – Matthew KE4VEM reported the next SET will be November 13, 9-11 AM. They are working on revising the manual. Mel W9BSM reported drills set for Sept. 29, 8 PM on 146.745 county check in, Sept. 30, 9:30 AM on 146.865 West county check in with new antenna, 146.745 has new antenna clock, Simplex net every Wednesday at 7:30 PM on 146.550.

Publicity – None reported

Testing – None reported

DX – Frank W4VV reported that Australia and Japan were open on 40 meters, four new countries are being established for DX chasing, and Tom WA3PRC worked Marion Island.

Other – Matthew KE4VEM reported that the Lambie Hamfest is coming up October 2.

OLD BUSINESS

Matthew KE4VEM reported on the donation for the Spectrum Defense Fund, Simplex net every Wednesday on 146.550 and that EARS meeting room has changed at EUMC.

NEW BUSINESS

Vic K4VHX opened a Pioneer Parade discussion and possible participation or communications involvement next year. Pam K1UEG reported on setup and contacts from the Boca Grande Lighthouse for Lighthouse weekend. The club call N4EAR was used and 43 contacts were made on 20 meter. Pam also reported on an SOS call heard on the Maritime Mobile Net 14.300 of a vessel in distress in the Azores. A Motion was made by Vic K4VHX to make a \$50 donation to the Barrier Island Lighthouse Association. Nicole KG4TGI seconded. Motion passed. Matthew KE4VEM presented new member Mike Stopak, KJ4WXE with his new member name tag.

The Meeting was adjourned by Matthew KE4VEM at 7:56 PM.

PROGRAM

A program was presented by Vic K4VHX on his discovery of a digitized charger-analyzer for AA and AAA NiMH batteries, the Maha NiMH Charger Model MH-C9000. He discussed the charger's capabilities for five modes of operation including charge, refresh and analyze, break-in, discharge, and cycle. The main feature discussed was the ability of the charger to match battery charge levels.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Eggleton
K1UEG

OPERATOR PROFILE

Pam Eggleton (picture above)

K1UEG (former KG4EDF)

Licensed 1998 in Florida

Current equipment:
Kenwood TS-930S
Icom IC-706 MKIIG

Huster 6 BTV Vertical
2 meter J-pole

Family member ham's:
Grandfather Joe
Uncle Joe
Husband Colin
Son Bryce

First contact was, surprisingly, a YL! a New Hampshire mobile made on my Kenwood TS-830S with a dipole strung in attic.

Favorite contact was a Canadian from Cape Breton Nova Scotia where my grandfather was born.

Initially, I salvaged my grandfather's radio equipment from being thrown away after he passed away, even though I knew nothing about ham radio. It remained in storage for a few years until I moved to Arizona, got curious one day, hooked up his Lafayette HE-10 receiver with a dipole and started hearing people talk from all over the world. The rest, they say, is history.

Treasurer's Report



Mike Daly - K4MWD

EARS Treasurer's Report
September 16, 2010

Our last bank statement shows 3179.39 in our checking account, CD of 2,796.07, total \$5975.46.

Deposits this month \$420 from Ft Pierce hamfest.

Payments made this month total:	\$209.54
Martin Horowitz reimbursement	26.73
Frank Maren reimbursement	7.50
Tom Hawes reimbursement	96.13
Postmaster PO Box 572	44.00

Submitted 9/16/2010

Mike Daly K4MWD

Treasurer

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 8 PM on 146.745(-)MHZ with a PL of 136.5

On Thursday the Englewood EOC will conduct their Tactical Net beginning at 9:30 a.m. on 146.865(-) MHZ. The countywide tactical net begins at 10:00AM on 146.745(-) PL 136.5

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 7.233+- 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.

Listen to the Astronauts

Tune in your VHF T/R and listen on:

145.800 down link

and
talk on

144.490 up link

Weekly Area Amateur Breakfasts:

Tuesday, 7 A.M. at Denny's in Englewood
Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Good Times in Englewood

Check out these sites on the Internet:

Nice DX Info site:

<http://www.dxinfocentre.com/>

In case you haven't seen this frightening video, take a look!!!!!!!

I was scared just watching...

<http://video.yahoo.com/network/101149635?v=8244494&l=5144241>

LOCAL AREA HAMFESTS

Peace River Radio Association

IS SPONSORING THE

N4XJQ Lambiefest

Saturday, October 2, 2010

6 AM – 4 PM

Location: Tropical Gulf Acres Clubhouse

Admission: \$2.00

Tailgate: \$3.00 per vehicle (bring your own table(s))

Inside Tables: \$5.00 (25 Tables available)

Talk-in 147.255

For more information contact Tom Lambie @
(Home) 941-639-3670 or (Cell) 941-661-2547

12/04/2010 | [West Central Florida Section Convention \(Tampa Bay Hamfest\)](#)

Location: Palmetto, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council

Website:

<http://www.tampabayhamfest.org>

You can go to the ARRL web site below for details regarding all hamfests.

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>



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