

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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October 2013

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



**Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV**

### EARS MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Tom WA3PRC at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 6 members and 1 visitor present.

The Secretary's report by Marcia KA1GCV was accepted as written in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report by Vic KYVHX was read and accepted by those present. Our present balance is \$4843.70

Correspondence: We received a bill from the Post Office for our mail box.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: None reported.

RACES: Charlie K1QNF reported regular drills are still continuing; no office space at the hospital yet. They are rebuilding, but progress is slow.

Publicity: none

Testing: please see newsletter or website

DX: Tom WA3PRC reports none operating; no reports.

Hamfests: Lambifest had a nice crowd; about 20-25 cars selling. Tables inside were full. Tom sold \$122 worth.

Okeechobee will be on Nov. 30, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Tampa will be on Dec. 7 at the Civic Center.

Other: Is anyone keeping track of Christmas/New Years party plans?

Old Business: Our Pioneer Day parade plans were canceled due to lack of participants. Otherwise, it was reported as a great showing of walkers/floats with crowds of sightseers.

New Business: The Buchan Airport Fly-In on October 12 was discussed....this is scheduled BEFORE our next meeting, so if you are planning to go, don't wait for another invitation. There is no entry fee.

A motion to adjourn was made and accepted by all present. Adjournment was at 7:40 pm.

Our next meeting will be on October 17, 2013 at 7pm in room 102 in the Lampp Building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV  
Secretary

Next meeting October 17th

7:00 PM

Rm 102 Lampp Building

Englewood United Methodist  
Church

5X1 Uganda on 15m no copy  
YC1 Indonesia on 15m and poor copy

Lets all listen for DX. If you want to check to see what DX is coming up for the week. Google 425DX news or the Ohio/Penn DX news

Have fun

73s Tom WA3PRC

## LOCAL

### TO ALL ARES/RACES MEMBERS:

Hello All,  
Saturday, September 21st, I went along to the 10-County meeting in Sarasota. Amongst the many things that we learned was that sending in to ARRL a listing of our ARES/RACES man-hours-worked is very, very important. ARRL forwards that information on to FEMA and Homeland Security. In return, we receive big grant money for radio equipment for our radio room at the EOC center and our tactical sites.

Contrary to what I said last month, they want all the hours including the onesies and twosies. Some people had more hours, but you all had the monthly Wednesday evening net which is good for two hours. We round all fractions up. To those who merely checked in to the tactical net Thursday morning, you have an hour there. If you drove to a tactical site, you have an hour more for each way for a total of two additional hours. If you also participated in the digital practice from 10:30 to noon, you have two additional hours. If you participated in the mid-month digital practice from 10:00 to noon, you have two hours more. If you also did other things for ARES/RACES during the past month, you have those hours to add. Please reply giving me your name, call sign, and total hours for the month.

I already have responses from Mel and Jackie.

Thank you very much for your help.

73,

Bob Speck, W4MPJ,

Deputy Administrative Manager,

Charlotte County FL ARES/RACES

## DX REPORT



**Tom Hawes WA3PRC**

## DX REPORT

This past week I decided to sit down and check the cluster and see what's up with DX. The following countries I find interesting.

3D2 Fiji Island on 17m and poor copy  
VR2 Hong Kong on 40m and no copy  
ZP6 Paraguay on 15m cw and poor copy  
JW1 Bear Island on 15m and poor copy  
3D2 Rotuma Island on 15m and no copy and then a day later a 15m 59 ssb contact  
CY0P Sable Island contact on 15m and 20m ssb also a 15m cw contact  
4U1ITU Geneva ITU Hq. on 30m no copy  
9M4 West Malaysia on 20m and no copy

## THE RESULT:

To: Ben Henley, KI4IGX  
Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator  
ARRL West Central Florida Section

Hi Ben,

Being that we were again reminded of the great importance that we get our monthly ARES/RACES man-hours-worked reports to you so that you can get your Citizen's' Core Report in to ARRL for forwarding to FEMA and Homeland Security such that we will benefit from significant monetary grant money, I am sending my Charlotte County ARES/RACES man-hours report to you. My report therefore for September 2013 is as follows:

Mel Rathbun	W9BSM	21
Clarice Forbes	N4XKG	7
Bob Speck	W4MPJ	33
Ken Johnson	KG4KQW	20
Virginia Johnson	KG4NKN	10
Charles Utz	K1QNF	20
Glenn Tuttle	K9TUT	3
Bill Bareither	N8XD	10
Wyatt McDaniel	W8HTD	3
David Weinstein	K3FHP	12
David Senkpiel	W4INN	8
David Hanson	KB0EVM	22
Joe Kliment	W3HZM	33
Roger Weatherly	W3IGM	41
TOTAL		243

Thanks for all your help!

73,

Bob Speck, W4MPJ

Deputy Administrative Manager

Charlotte County FL ARES/RACES

## HAMFEST/CONVENTION

### 11/02/2013 | [Lake ARA Hamfest](#)

Location: Leesburg, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Lake Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://k4fc.org>

### 11/09/2013 | [SPARCFEST](#)

Location: Pinellas Park, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: St. Petersburg Amateur Radio Club

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

### 12/06/2013 | [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.fgcarc.org>

#### VE Exam Sessions:

7:00 p.m. on the Third Wednesday of the month at the Century Link Building at the corner of Harbor and S Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL.

Bring 2 forms of ID, your current license if upgrading and \$15

Contact Gino at 941-629-7933 for more info.

Click here for the next scheduled session.

[http://www.arrl.org/exam\\_sessions/port-charlotte-fl-33952-9999-18](http://www.arrl.org/exam_sessions/port-charlotte-fl-33952-9999-18)

**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 14.317 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.

### 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.

NICE 146.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m.

### 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

## FROM THE EDITOR



**Mike K4MWD**

This month finds the newsletter on time, thanks for all your input. This on time performance is necessary because next week I be trekking to Englewood for a month of fishing and visiting. In preparation for that I recently finished installing my FT-857d in a 2012 Toyota Camry. Hiding wiring in these newer cars without blowing up an airbag has gotten tough; seems they're everywhere you need to get access. Long story short I have the combination to getting the front console open which reveals a ton of space beneath the cup holder and a wiring route from the battery to the trunk. Happy to share with anyone who has a similar car.

Regarding the Christmas Party, last year I was in charge and I resigned that honor because it was impossible to negotiate and hold hands with the Hills Golf Club from a distance. I think we need a volunteer.

See you soon,

mike

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