



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



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Newsletter

Editor

Dennis Babcock  
K4NF

Hi ya'll. Here it is, September already. It certainly has been a busy summer for all of us.

Congratulations to Dennis-K4NF (our newsletter editor). Dennis is newly wed and we know he has had a busy and wonderful summer.

The ARRL library books have come in and have been donated to the Sarasota county library.

On a sad note, our member John Fogle W1JF, is having a tough bout with cancer. He is at home and welcomes company. Please call before you visit. Our prayers are with you John!

Our club participated in the International Lighthouse weekend again this year at the Boca Grand Lighthouse Aug 17th and 18th. The weather was beautiful and our stations were set up very comfortably right under the lighthouse. Unfortunately propagation was poor. Thanks to all who helped set up/tear down the stations for the weekend and to all who came out to visit or get on the air. An impressive number of club members came out to have fun.

Our Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday December 14th so reserve that date on your calendars. More information will follow as the holidays grow closer.

We have had a great member turnout for our summer meetings and the meetings have been lots of fun. Our next meeting is September 20th and our guest speaker will be either, a gentleman from England speaking about code during the war or a woman from the Punta Gorda museum speaking about dinosaur fossils in Englewood.

73, see ya on the 20th.

Gay-KL0LV, President

### July 19 EARS Meeting Minutes

President Gay-KL0LV opened the meeting promptly at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 23 members and guests at the meeting.

Ken-W4JQT introduced a newly upgraded ham, Vic-KF4VHX, who has just qualified as an Extra Class ham - congratulations!

A motion by Keith-WL7CKY to accept the minutes of last month's meeting as printed in the newsletter was seconded by Don-KD9SJ. Jim-N4JBZ pointed out that the word numismatic was used in last month's minutes when 'philatelic' was actually intended. The Secretary pled guilty and the minutes were approved as amended.

### CLUB MEETING

Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. Meeting location is at the Englewood United Methodist Church 700 E. Dearborn St. (near Pine St. & River Road). Contact one of the officers for directions to the meeting room. **Next meeting: Friday September 20. Our program after our business meeting will be either, a gentleman from England speaking about code during the war or a woman from the Punta Gorda museum speaking about dinosaur fossils in Englewood.**

Bruce-K2OY gave the Treasurer's report showing an ending balance of \$4531.85 after paying for the Field Day tent and producing our newsletter. A motion for acceptance of the report was made by Keith-WL7CKY, seconded by Ken-W4JQT, and carried.

### **Correspondence**

The Secretary reported no new correspondence. Bruce-K2OY brought forth several newsletters from other clubs that he has received.

### **Committee reports**

**Sunshine** Gene-KA1GCU, reported we have sent two cards to John-W1JF. He also commented that John would very much enjoy visitors.

**RACES** Frank-W4VV announced there would be a meeting at the EOC on San Casa on Thursday, July 25, at 9 a.m. Also, there will be a net the preceding evening at 8 p.m., on 146.745. Frank also reported that Don Campbell, the West Charlotte County Emergency Management Coordinator, passed away during the past month.

**Publicity** Jerry-K4JWE reported no publicity releases this month.

**Testing** Ken-W4JQT commented there would be no testing this month and there were no candidates for upgrade.

**DX** Bruce-K2OY commented on current DX happenings. The current North Korea activity has been approved but only for RTTY at this point. Also discussed the problem that 7OYGF's (Yemen) validity. It's a North Yemen, South Yemen discussion.

### **Old Business**

Ken-W4JQT reported that just about all of W1JF's equipment has been sold.

Frank-W4VV talked about Ursula, who has had a stroke and returned to England. Frank has assumed responsibility for disposing of her antennas. He still has a quad antenna for 10, 15 and 20, also an R5 Vertical available. He also has two rotors for sale.

### **New Business**

Ken-W4JQT reported that the club has a wonderful old Hallicrafters S-38C for sale which was donated from Pam Eggleton's grandfather. It was on display on the table at the meeting and subsequently picked up by K2OY.

Bruce-K2OY talked about the ARRL license renewal service and that he had a five day turn-around in getting his license renewed.

Vic-KF4VHX reported that the Peace River Repeater Club had contacted us about the potential for a fall picnic with this

club and CARS. A straw vote of members present demonstrated enthusiasm for this venture.

Don-WA4IWL commented that now we had gotten books for the Charlotte Library at Tringali and that it would be nice to do the same for the Elsie Quirk Library in Englewood since they are done remodeling. ARRL has a special library package. The Secretary was directed to follow up on this.

Dan-K4OU pointed out that our club call, K8ONV, is not mentioned in our directory. As a new member, information about this call sign would be helpful.

Ken-W1NQT discussed the upcoming International Lighthouse Weekend. There was some discussion as to the correct date for this activity. Subsequent research shows it to be August 17 and 18. There is considerable enthusiasm for this event which will take place after the next meeting.

Bruce-K2OY commented that he would like printed Field Day Logs. Ken-W1NQT said he would get them to Bruce.

The meeting was adjourned prior to the program at 8:10 p.m. There were 22 members present.

### **Program**

Ken-W1NQT gave a short program showing how our Field Day score was attained, and some lore on how the exchanges are developed which are used in Field Day contacts.

Keith-WL7CKY had earlier given us a demonstration of Echo Link with a QSO with his Dad in Spokane, Washington over on 146.54 MHz. He then gave us a quick run-down on how this contact actually happened, showing the portions that are internet and those portions that are radio, and how the software is used that makes all this happen.

Ken-W1NQT  
Secretary

### **August 16 EARS Meeting Minutes**

President Gay-KL0LV opened the meeting promptly at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. We had 12 members and 3 guests at the meeting.

A motion was made by J.R. House, K9HUY, to table the reading of last month's minutes until they can be printed in the newsletter, was seconded by Keith Herve, WL7CKY, and approved.

Vic-KF4VHX gave the Treasurer's report for Bruce-K2OY who was absent. The reported expenses were \$100 for Field Day and \$67.46 for the newsletter resulting in an ending balance of \$4364.39. A motion for acceptance of the report was made and seconded and carried.

### Announcements

The Secretary reported no announcements.

### Correspondence

The Secretary reported no new correspondence.

### Committee Reports

**Sunshine** Gene-KA1GCU said he had sent a card to Bill-W1AMU.

**RACES** Frank-W4VV was not present so we did not have a RACES report.

**Publicity** No publicity report.

**Testing** Vic- KF4VHX reported that Jack Sproat will be running a testing session tomorrow (the 18th) and that they needed VE's.

**DX** J.R.-K9HUY reported some six meter DX to the Caribbean.

### Old Business

Ken-W1NQT, reported that the books have arrived for the Elsie Quirk Library and he will get together with Vic Emmelkamp to deliver the books for them. This is a very complete set of books, which would have cost \$320 individually not including shipping. So our getting these books for \$200 delivered is a great deal.

Vic-KF4VHX, reported on plans for the EARS Christmas Party. Rotunda Hills Restaurant has given us a proposal including several choices for dinner, salads, etc. The cost would be \$15 per person. The date is Saturday, December 14th. There was some discussion about whether \$15 was expensive or not. Consensus was that this was a good deal.

Vic-KF4VHX discussed this weekend's participation in the International Lighthouse/Lightship weekend planning operation on SSB and CW on all the major HF bands. There's a good chance that there will be a docent there to open the Lighthouse museum and give tours. Our group will be operating right underneath the Lighthouse (safe from lightning strikes) from 10 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. each day. It is published in ARRL's web page of special events and also in QST. Vic reported that we have publicity in the Englewood Sun and also the Boca Beacon.

### New Business

Pam-KG4EDF discussed the subject of children's books on ham radio. Keith-WL7CKY indicated he knows a source for seven children's books on ham radio.

The meeting was adjourned prior to the program at 8:00 p.m.

### Program

Keith-WL7CKY gave us a very informative and entertaining program and demonstration on APRS (A Position Reporting System).

Ken-W1NQT  
Secretary

### Member Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale

None listed for this newsletter.

### Donated Equipment Sales

The following is a status report of the donated equipment sales during the Charlotte County Hamfest in March, 2002 and until August 31.

March 11, 2002	Hamfest sales	\$719
April 20, 2002	Additional sales	215
August 17, 2002	Additional sale	120
August 17, 2002	Hammarlund HQ180 Rcvr.	150
	Power Supply, 12 volt/20 amp.	30
	Receiver, Hallicrafters, S38C	35
	Antenna, G5RV	25
	Hammurland HQ180 Receiver	150
	Remaining miscellaneous items	<u>30</u>
	Total	\$1,474

Ken-W4JQT

### Weekly Ham Operator Breakfasts

#### "Come and acquaint yourself with other hams!"

Each week on Tuesday mornings area ham operators gather at two restaurants here in Englewood. The first to meet are the ones that "rise and shine" early for breakfast at Tiffany's when they open at 7 AM. Tiffany's restaurant is in Tiffany Square at the intersection of San Casa and SR 776.

The second to meet are the ones that like to sleep in a little later and the meet at the Hungry Hound around 8 AM. The Hungry Hound restaurant is Palm Plaza shopping center at the Intersection of SR 776 & 775(Placida Road).

## International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend

K8ONV was on the air for this special event all day Saturday and Sunday,

August 17th and 18th. We made approx. 16 CW, 31 SSB and 17 Two Meter contacts. The bands were pretty slow but the cool sea breeze and shade under the lighthouse made for some very pleasant operating. The food and drink at the South Beach Bar & Grille was pretty good too.

We had a great many visitors come by to operate and/or rag chew, not to mention the six iguanas that ran around the parking lot all day.

On Saturday, the lighthouse curator open the museum for us and a number of folks got a personal tour. The museum has an outstanding collection of photographs and memorabilia which has been collected from the local area.

If you were not able to attend this years special event plan to do so next August; "a day at Boca Grande is like being in the Bahamas for the day only a lot less expensive!"



73

Vic-KF4VHX

### Hamfests, Sept. Remainder & October

Source: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html>

**21 Sep 2002** Suncoast ARC, New Port Richey, FL  
Contact: Tim Robinette, WD8MVU, PO Box 1992, New Port Richey, FL 34656, Phone: 727-848-0353  
Email: trobin@homemail.com

**5 Oct 2002** Jacksonville FREE Hamfest, North Florida ARS & 7 Other Groups, <http://www.nofars.org>  
Contact: Billy Williams, N4UF, PO Box 9673, Jacksonville, FL 32208, Email: n4uf@nofars.org

**12 Oct 2002** Cy Harris W4MAQ Memorial Free Flea, Plantation, FL, <http://www.geocities.com/bcepn/freeflea.html>  
Contact: Robin Terrill, N4HHP, Phone: 954-583-3625  
Email: kg4chw@arrl.net

**12 Oct 2002** ARC - Bradford Area, Starke, FL, <http://www.ku4ay.net/starkehamfest.html>  
Contact: John Bradley, KU4AY, 2363 NW County Road 225, Lawtey, FL 32058, Phone: 904-782-1185  
Email: ku4ay@ku4ay.net

**19 Oct 2002** Greater Jacksonville Hamfest Association, <http://www.jaxhamfest.com>, Contact: Richard Smythe, KF4PBL, 4473 Hudnall Road, Jacksonville, FL 32207  
Phone: 904-739-9713, Email: rsmythe2@bellsouth.net

### Special Events & Contests

These are listed in your ARRL QST or go to this website: <http://www.arrl.org/contests>

### From The Editor

Suzie and I are having a wonderful time in Indiana since our marriage. Our home is on five acres around five miles from a small town with only one other house within 300 yards. How nice after having spent most of my adult life surrounded by homes and people. There is a possibility we might sell and move because of the upkeep. We are part of the older crowd now :-)

I have been trying to do work on my main computer in Florida making use of its' fast RF link Internet service but have had much difficulty with a terrible connection here in Indiana. In this remote location my only source for a decent Internet connection is satellite which is very expensive.

Around the 1<sup>st</sup> of October Suzie and I will be returning to Florida where we are looking forward to the good winter life away from the cold.

Dennis-K4NF