

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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September, 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our August meeting was relocated to another wing of the EUMC. There, we had a presentation by Frank Maren, W4VV, of a switching device that allows one to operate multiple radios without extra cables, connectors and accessories cluttering up the ham shack. Following the explanation of how the kit works, we watched a video on the manufacturing and testing process for radio production. Thank you, Frank, for providing an enlightening program that evening. Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX, has offered to demonstrate a product for a program at the September meeting. Anyone else who wishes to share a gadget, story, or otherwise present to the club should simply let one of

the officers know what it is you wish to offer and when you are willing to do it.

Pam Eggleton, K1UEG, operated from the Boca Grande Lighthouse for the Lighthouse Weekend event. We hope others will join in the fun in the coming year. Congratulations to Mike Stopak for earning his license and receiving his new call sign, KJ4WXE. Our 146.865 repeater was relocated from the fire station tower in Grove City to the Charlotte County Sports Park (Rays/Stonewall stadium) tower at somewhere above 175 feet and using a giant 6db antenna. Reports of the extended repeater coverage area continue to come in. The N4XJQ Lambifest is coming October 2, 2010; more details will follow at the next meeting. ARES/RACES is planning another Simulated Emergency Test (S.E.T.) for November 13, 2010 at 9AM; so, if you like to plan ahead you can mark your calendars now.

I hope to see you all at the September 16 meeting. We believe we should be back in the normal location in the Fellowship Hall again; however, if you arrive late and don't see anyone, then look around for us.

73,

Matthew Henry,
KE4VEM

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT

Minutes of the Meeting

August 19, 2010

President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had 17 members and no guests present for this meeting.

A motion by Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX, to accept the minutes of last month's meeting as printed in the newsletter was seconded by Keith Kelly, KC5AS, and carried.

Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX, read the report for our Treasurer, Mike Daly and reported a net worth balance of \$ 5,763.81.

A motion to approve this report was made by Keith Kelly, KC5AS, and seconded by Steve Churchill, N9USZ, and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received a bill for our P.O. Box that Vic informs me has been paid.

We received a birth announcement (Sarah Elizabeth) and also a thank you note for the Club's gift from Nicole and Matthew Henry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Sunshine** – Joe Riccio, W2ORP, has been in the hospital and back out again. Ken Anderson, W4JQT, seems to be doing fine as people have spoken with them on the Snowbirds net. SK Jim O'Rourke, N1KKE.
- **RACES** – Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, reported that Wednesday night nets continue on 146.745 at 8 p.m. On the last week of the month there is a net on Thursday at 9:30 on 146.865 and then at 10:00 a.m. on 146.745.
- **Publicity** – No report this month

- **Testing** – Mike Stopak passed his Tech exam, no callsign yet. And Mark Mull, KJ4UVQ, also passed his Tech exam..
- **DX** – Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, and Frank Maren, W4VV, both commented on activity from Marion Island, ZS8M.
- **Other** – Field Day – Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX, reported all expenses have been logged and checks mailed.
- Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, commented on Lighthouse Weekend, Aug. 21 and 22. Anyone can set up and operate.

OLD BUSINESS: The Simplex Net Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on 146.550.

NEW BUSINESS: Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX read a notice about the ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund and how it was a good cause. He then moved the Club send them \$100, 2ndd by Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT.

In subsequent discussion, Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, 2ndd by Keith Kelley, KC5AS, suggested amending this to \$50. – Passed.

The club then voted on sending \$50 to the Spectrum Defense Fund and this passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Last Saturday, Keith Kelly, KC5AS, Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, and Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX, went to the Fort Pierce Hamfest, and sold items donated to the club from the estate of W2MEL, and netted \$420, added to the Club Treasury.

Meeting room – apparently our old meeting location on the first floor of the Methodist Church is now being used for choir practice. Future meetings will be held in Fellowship Hall.

PROGRAM: Frank Maren, W4VV, provided the program, first showing us and describing a

versatile two station control unit. Then showed a five minute video about the Ten-Tec manufacturing operation in Sevierville, TN.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Ken Blackshaw
Secretary

Treasurer's Report



Mike Daly - K4MWD

Our last bank statement shows 2968.93 in our checking account, CD of 2,794.88, total \$5763.81.

Deposits this month \$270 from new member Mike Stopak \$15 and \$255 club table tower and balun.

Payments made this month total \$320.19. Pam Eggleton reimbursement 100.00 (Henry gift card). Michael Fox 7.50 (Churchill name tag) Vic Emmelkamp reimbursement 212.69 (printer ink and w4jqt microphone)

Submitted 8/19/2010

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.

Weekly Area Amateur Breakfasts:

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

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 @
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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>

Check out these sites on the Internet:

An interesting article by our very own Ken
Blackshaw-W1NQT:
[www.yesterdaysisland.com/2010/people/16-
ham.php](http://www.yesterdaysisland.com/2010/people/16-ham.php)

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