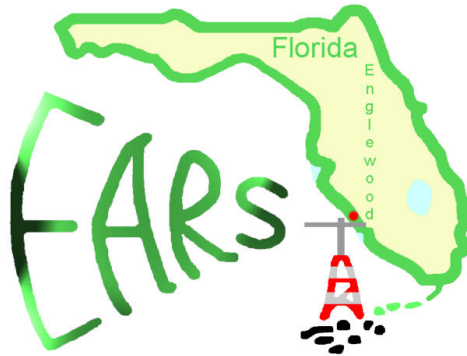


WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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February 6, 2018

President's Message



Herm - WA9LFQ

CQ & Hello Members of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society

This my first monthly blurb/blog to the membership of EARS as your President. I suspect it might be brief and boring but try it anyway. First I want to thank everybody for participating in the last monthly meeting and for being members of our family/community. I enjoyed the Tuesday morning breakfast get togethers since I started showing up uninvited last year. I will enjoy into the future I'm sure as well. Some members switched roles, taking

over officer and support positions. Without that my job would be very difficult if not impossible. My thanks for that and help given to me while trying to figure out what I'm doing.

I like putzing and pondering and we already have a project where I can do just that. The IRLP/Echolink project is filling my requirement for P & P. I want say TNX to Jim Nelson W4AII, Jon Pellant W1JP, Klaus Rung VE3KR, Dave Trost W0RVR, Vic Emmelkamp K4VHX and all the members offering suggestions and help. All of these connections do help and enlighten.

Beyond this point we will be able in the next month or so to test and trial operate equipment that may play a part in projects of the future. If you have a favorite project that can be developed for the good of Ham Radio, Emergency Services, interesting articles or other activities please write them up or discuss them and bring attention to them. My pitch is how we can we make Ham Radio relevant to people outside our sphere of influence so they can learn of our group and what we do.

Tom & I will be driving together to the Annual Orlando Hamfest on Friday the 9th of February. Traveling in caravan style with all of the other club members. We may discover a gem or two that cannot be passed up.

Please take care in your travels and 73's, WA9LFQ
50+ years of Little Fast & Quick

Next Meeting
7:00PM
Tuesday February 13th
Englewood Chamber of Commerce
601 South Indiana Ave
Englewood

Secretary's Report



Ken Blackshaw W1NQT

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Minutes of the Meeting

January 9, 2018

Dave Trost W0RVR, opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had 21 members and no guests present for this meeting.

Secretary's Report – A motion to approve the minutes as published in the last newsletter was made by Joann Adamy, KC4WJ, seconded by Mike Daly, K4MWD, and passed.

Treasurer's Report – A motion to approve the report as published in the most recent newsletter was made by Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, seconded by Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT, approved and passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Sunshine – Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX is the normal Sunshine person. But Vic is still recovering from his hip replacement. Jon Pellant has hurt his foot badly and couldn't be here tonight. Mel and Maryann Rathbun are now at Royal Palms assisted living (Pam E).
- RACES – Jim Nelson, W4AII, – Lemon Bay antenna problems are limiting digital. Now they are talking about working on 'go-kits.' DARN

(Disaster Amateur Radio Network) which is the Catholic version of RACES. Mainly used for emergency distribution of goods in an emergency. Can they use the K8ONV repeater? Consensus we have no problem since our repeater is public.

- Publicity – Jim Nelson, W4AII – question on meeting being on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Wants someone else to be doing publicity. Samir Djeralfia, N4HLN, volunteered and is now our Publicity person.
- DX – Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, can barely hear PA! Bad propagation. No new details on Bovet Island. Tom is now at 335. Question was asked if anyone here is at that level and both W2YJ, Geo Krickovich, and NB3P, Jim Reske responded they are at that level and higher! 14.343 at 8 o'clock every morning.
- Hamfests –Fort Myers – Jan. 19-20. Arcadia is the 27th, and Orlando starts the 9th of Feb.
- Field Day – Ray Magsby – FD June 23 and 24 in the Pavillion in South Gulf Cove. Pavillion has been reserved. Need to do this early because there are more residents over there now and the facility is in demand. Discussed the requirement for a deposit - \$25. Last year we had an official visit from the County Sheriff. Some concern that people were unable to find the FD site last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Election of new Officers – There was a final discussion of the Slate for this year. After discussion, here is the slate. Herman Hoffman for President, Jim Nelson for Vice President, Ken Blackshaw for Secretary, Joann Adamy for Treasurer, and Trustees, Ray Magsby, Matthew Henry, and Dave Trost. All candidates were unanimously elected.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was discussion of Yahoo Group usage and

also FB Group usage as a club communication tool. It was pointed out that only a small part of the membership uses these tools and we are better off just using an email mailing list for communication.

- The new President, Herman Hoffman, came up and co-ran the rest of the meeting with Dave Trost.
- Tom Hawes announced he has two push-up poles and if anyone needs one or both of them, contact him.
- Jim Nelson moved that the monthly net be moved to Tuesday at 7:30 on the K8ONV repeater. WINQT seconded. Pam has a conflict with that day and time. Discussed using a preamble. Perhaps run it as a 'round-table.' 7 o'clock was suggested as 7:30 conflicted with other nets. So the motion became 7 pm. Unanimously adopted.
- Pam Eggleton presented the two meter handheld that the club has bought (under \$50), so that we won't have members say they can't get on the radio because they don't have one. Discussion about how we'd decide who gets to use it and where it would be stored. Pam has the radio and people wanting to use it may contact her. Dave Trost 'so-moved,' Ken Blackshaw 2nd'd, and it passed unanimously.
- Jim Nelson mentioned the ARRL Winter Field Day and wanted us to consider participating – Jan. 27, this year. It was suggested we are a bit too late to formally do this, this year, but people can participate from home.
- Banquet will be at the Hills in Rotunda on February 7th. Prime Rib or Chicken Marsala, and an hors d'oeuvre tray. Cost is \$27. It is at 5 pm. Discussion of the Club picking up part of the cost. The Club will pick up the hors d'oeuvre tray expense. Dave asked for a show of hands about who would be there. The response was somewhat under-whelming. We had fifteen hands raised (counting guests). We need more members to be attend. [disregard last transmission over, annual

dinner canceled due to lack of interest - Editor]

Next meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Program: Ken Blackshaw gave a stimulating and informative slide show about his trip to the Baltic, including St. Petersburg, Russia in September.

Respectfully submitted, Ken Blackshaw, Secretary





Interested in becoming an EARS member?

An application is located on the last page.

Treasurer's Report



Joann Adamy KC4WJ

Date ↓	Description	Type ▼	Status ▼	Amount	Available Balance
▶ 02/01/2018	CHECK ORDER00075 DES:FEE ID:1DFR0018 INDN: CO ID:0000000075 PPD PMT INFO:...		C	-21.00	5,942.79
▶ 02/01/2018	Check 1056		C	-16.05	5,963.79
▶ 01/29/2018	Check 1057		C	-8.56	5,979.84
▶ 01/23/2018	Deposit		C	302.50	5,988.40

Activity:

Checks: Reimbursement for nametags (2) and bank deposit slips.

Deposit: \$302.50 dues-15, nametag-1 equip sale-1 dinner-1

Balance: \$ 5,942.79

LOCAL

Tuesday Breakfast

A record attendance at Dennys last Tuesday 22 hungry hams. We may be outgrowing our space there. Well done all.

Dues

It's that time of year again. Dues are \$15 single and \$18.50 family.

Annual Directory

The 2018 Preliminary Directory has been sent by email to all members. Please check your data and send any changes to Mike mdaly@twc.com.

If your entry is missing a photo (or it's time for a new one) please email a selfie to Mike.

Hamfests

02/09/2018 | Florida State Convention (Orlando HamCation)

Location: Orlando, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Orlando Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.hamcation.com>

03/11/2018 | Charlotte County Hamfest

Location: Punta Gorda, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Peace River Radio Association

Website: <http://prra.club>

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:

Suncoast Chapter 53 meets October through May at the Oriental Buffet, 4458 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota at 11:15 AM on the first Monday of the month. Cost is \$11/person. Dues are \$5/year for members.

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 444.100 +5MHZ PL 100 Tuesday 7:30 pm.

TARC 146.805 – PL 100 Thursday 7:30 pm.

PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.

NI4CE 145.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m WCF ARRL Traffic net

TESTING

Use this link to search ARRL for a site near you:

<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

Port Charlotte FL 33952-2551

EXAM SESSION

02/15/2018 (3rd Wednesday each month)

Sponsor: SCARE

Date: Feb 15 2018

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Gino J. Ferranti

(941) 629-7933

Email: ke4tjo@arrl.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Port Charlotte United Methodist Church

21075 Quesada Ave

Port Charlotte FL 33952-2551

Food and Fellowship

Denny's – Englewood, SR 776 and Placida Rd (next to Bay Harbor Ford) : 7:00 AM every Tuesday

Punta Gorda ELKS lodge, Shore Drive in Punta Gorda, 11:00 AM Every Friday.

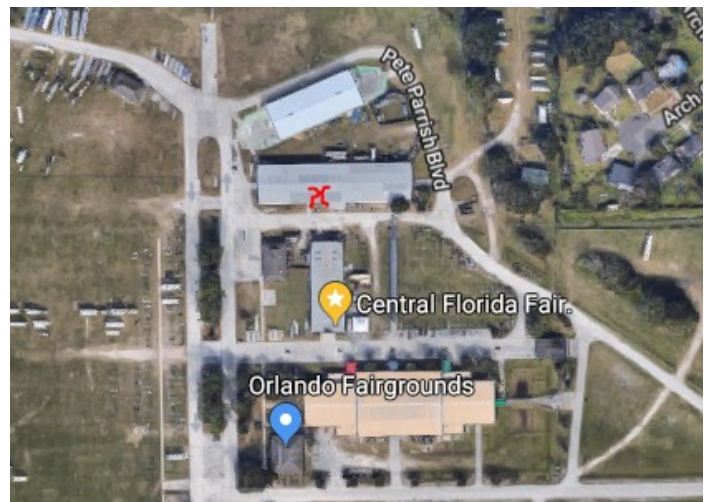
Denny's Restaurant, corner of RT 41 and RT 776 in Murdock, 7:30 AM Every Saturday

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.



From the Editor

Many of us are off for the annual trek to Orlando for Hamcation. Look for the club table in the swaps building near the "X". Hope to see you there.



Englewood Amateur Radio Society
Membership Application

Name: _____ Call Sign _____ Class _____

Local Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Local Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Secondary Address: _____ City/State : _____ Zip Code: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ ARRL Member: Yes/No _____

Please check activity interests: Field Day ____ Contesting: ____ RFI/TVI ____ VE Testing: ____

Training: ____ Technical: ____ Computers: ____ Packet ____ Publicity: ____ Special Events: ____

Single Membership: \$15.00 per year ____ Family Membership: \$18.50 per year

Give to Treasurer or Mail to: E.A.R.S. PO Box 572 Englewood, FL 34295