

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message

Everyone should be sure to check the minutes to see what's going on in the club. Note the changes to the EARS scholarship, the passage of a budget, and anticipation of the upcoming Field Day and Pioneer Day Parade. See you at the April meeting! Happy Easter!

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



Secretary's Report

Following are the minutes of the 17 March, 2011 meeting of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society.

The meeting was opened at 7:35 PM by President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, with the pledge of allegiance to our flag. There were 17 members present and no guests in attendance.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as recorded in the EARS February Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Treasure John Cerniglia, W4JAC, presented his Treasurer's report. As of 17 March, 2011 our bank statement shows \$3,683.47 in our checking account, CD of \$2,800.98, for a total of \$6,484.49

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Marcia Fowler, KA1GCU reported that a "Get Well Card" had been sent (17 February) to Ron McLeod, K1FTB, who is recovering from a stroke and doing well.

RACES: Mel Rathbun-, W9BSM, reported that on Saturday 26 March all the EOCs from the Central and the Northern part of Florida will be meeting at the Charlotte County Airport restaurant at 11:00 AM. One of the agenda items will include preparation for the SET that will be held on Saturday 2 April from 8:00 AM until about 4:00 PM. We'll be on 40 meters, 2 meters and reach into "Big Stick" as well. The good

news for us is that we have been successfully training on the new Digital Communications System. Englewood Community Hospital will be picking up the tab for the new equipment via a grant. Be assured that in Englewood Community Hospital's eyes EARS "can do no wrong" – they are very supported of our efforts. If you wish more information about RACES please contact Mel.

Publicity: Regarding the QST article on potential FCC band changes – apparently there may be some positive changes as well as some negative changes. There is discussion regarding a pending bill to take back or auction off part or all of the 70 cm band. In addition, there are rumors that the 420 - 435 bands will be given to the Homeland Security Department. Check the ARRL site for more information and contact your U.S. Representative to voice your opinion.

DX: Report by Tom WA3PRC follows.

Testing: Matthew Henry and John Cerniglia informed us about their positive experiences with Andy Durette's, KB1HIP, Extra Class Prep Course. Please refer to the March EARS Newsletter 2011 Issue for more information.

Field Day: Chairman Steve Churchill, N9USZ, reported that he has confirmed the arrangements with the church for the Field Day. An assessment and location of required equipment for the Field Day was discussed.

Hamfest: Tom Haws, WA3PRC, stated that the Lambifest was poorly attended and unfortunately there was not a lot to see. However, it's still important for us to keep supporting the Lambifest.

Old Business: 1) Reminder that members dues are past due. Please check with John Cerniglia to be sure that your dues are paid for this year and to be included in the EARS Directory.

2) RE: The Annual Pioneer Day – unfortunately, Mike Stopak, KJ4XWE, was out sick and was not able to make his report.

New Business: 1) John Cerniglia made the motion that the 2012 EARS Annual Banquet be scheduled for

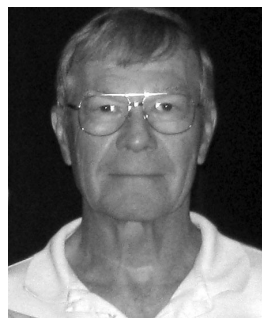
next January 2012 and be located at Rotonda Hills. The motion was approved.

- 2) Treasurer John Cerniglia made motion that we use the same budget for 2012 as we did for 2011. After discussion the motion failed.
- 3) Treasurer John Cerniglia made a motion that we use the same budget for 2012 as we did for 2011, but exclude the \$500.00 funding for the EARS Scholarship. An amendment was added to the motion to retain the EARS Scholarship, but it must to be privately funded by the volunteer EARS members. The motion was passed.

Meeting Adjourned - 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted by,
Gene Reilly, KI4FJJ
Secretary

Program: After adjournment, Steve Churchill, N9USZ, presented his program "Computer Programming of the WOUXUN Dual Board HT." His presentation was quite interesting and very informative. At the conclusion, Steve received a resounding applause from appreciated members. If you wish more information about the WOUXUN Program, please contact Steve.



DX Report:

DX for the past month has been normal to good, as usual many Europeans and South Americans on, but a few times during the weeks a strange one would appear on the cluster.

Some ZLs and VKs showed up along with a 9M6 and a VU4, Then I was surprised by a S21,XU7 and a T6, Then for Africa I saw posted a 6V,7X and a 7P8, also Mongolia was present, JTICO was out there.

Closer to home the 4A4A was still there for the

longest time,, than in the Carib we see several from the island of Curacao PJ2 to the Dxer, the YL association did show up and operate over the week and and will be there for a few more days.

Just a sampling of what can be out there to have fun with. Some of the above listed I did work and others I just listened to and some I had no copy at all. I leave it to you to check the prefixes to identify the country.

My friend Craig whom you guys met at Orlando is working from the Island of Jersey as MJ/K3PLV

TOM

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

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.

LOCAL AREA HAMFESTS

04/16/2011 | TARCfest
Location: Tampa, FL
Sponsor: Tampa Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://www.hamclub.org>

04/16/2011 | Brevard Emergency Amateur Radio Hamfest
Location: Cocoa, FL

04/16/2011 | Flamingo Net / UMARC Free Flea
Location: Coral Gables, FL

04/30/2011 | Lake Maggiore Swap Meet / Tailgate
Location: St. Petersburg, FL

04/30/2011 | GARS Poorman's Hamfest & Computer Show
Location: Gainesville, FL

05/28/2011 | WormFest 2011
Location: Pinellas Park, FL

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Next issue will be early May. Still time to submit an Operator's Profile.

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