

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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April 19, 2014

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



**Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV**

March 13, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:15pm by Steve N9USZ, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 16 members present. The Secretary's report by Dave W0RVR was accepted as written in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report by Vic K4VHX was accepted as written/explained. We did have a postal penalty of \$20, but renewed the box for 12 months. Sunshine Committee: A sympathy card was sent to Steve N9USZ and family as his Mother died. So sorry, Steve.

RACES: We now have 2 antennae with new coax on the Tower!

Testing info is in the newsletter. There will be no Hamfests until Fall.

Old Business: Income from 2013's dues/table sales was \$2542.00, which is \$693.00 ahead!

New Business: Gerry K4JWE, who is also in our Coast Guard Auxiliary, explained about their new purchase of land and building and invited us to have our meetings there. Those present were full of questions; much was discussed and more will have to be done before this can be agreed upon. So....think on this; ask questions; talk among all of us, and we will have answers soon.

Adjournment was at 8 pm. Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7 pm, in the outdoor Pavilion. If raining, go into the main room with the stage.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV  
Secretary

**Next Meeting**  
**Monday April 21st**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Englewood United Methodist Church**  
**Outdoor Pavilion**  
**Please attend, important decision**  
**on the agenda.**

## LOCAL

This meeting EARS will consider moving meeting site to a new location offered by the Coast Guard Auxiliary located at 1749 Englewood Road (Route 776) just north of the Lemon Bay Plaza, home of Big Lots.

Today I (Mike k4mwd) visited the site and met with Gerry K4JWE and Dane Hahn. Gerry is President of Lemon Bay Boating Inc. owner of the building and Dane is the Coast Guard member in charge of the station for U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 86.

Location the building is at 1949 Englewood Road or 776. It is the second building before the flashing lights for the Englewood Fire station.



The site is made up of the main meeting building, a stand alone big shed and 3-smaller sheds connected to the main building.



There is ample room for parking and for field day operations.

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Inside on the north half of the building is the meeting room which seats about 35 and a back room where training classes can take place. Maybe we can start test preparation classes again.



Here Dane Hahn the head of the local auxillary shows me the meeting room and below the training area with Jerry Mecklenberg.





The big shed is still being converted from the former owners wood shop; it will offer cover if rains on field day.



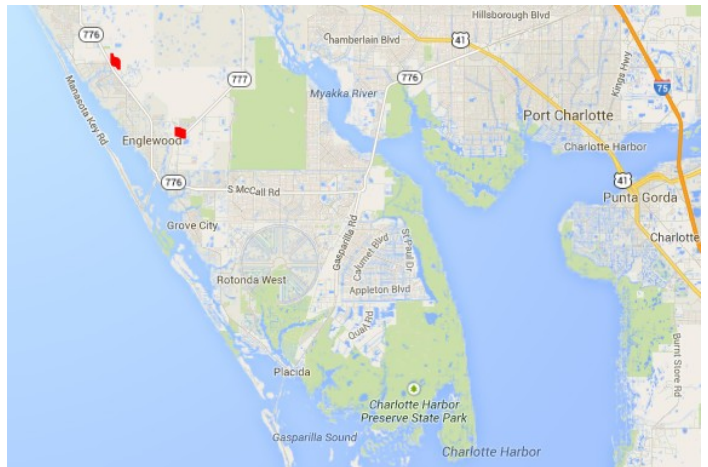
The back yard offers lots of room for antennas and grill equipment for field day or picnics.



A nice little kitchen will let us make coffee and snacks during our meetings. There are also two rest rooms.



In my opinion the only downside is for those of us who will have to drive another 4.3 miles if coming from the east.



Information Net begins at 8 PM on 146.745.(-)MHZ with a PL of 136.5

## Testing

Please email the contact to confirm dates and times.

Sponsor: SCARE

Date: Third Wednesday of each month

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

Contact: Gino J. Ferranti

(941) 629-7933

Email: ke4tjo@arrl.net

Location: North Port VFW Post

Corner of Pan American Blvd

and Trott Circle

North Port FL 34287-9999

Sponsor: Tamiami ARC

Date: Second Saturday each month

Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: John R. Sproat

(941) 475-1929

Email: w4js@juno.com

Location: Venice Public Library Conference Room

300 Nokomis Ave S

Reservations Appreciated!

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Venice FL 34285-2416

## HAMFEST/CONVENTION

Start Date: 05/16/2014

End Date: 05/18/2014

Location: HARA Arena

1001 Shiloh Springs Road

Trotwood, OH

Website: <http://hamvention.org>

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.94, 442.100 & others announced as necessary

Public Contact: Dayton Amateur Radio, W8BI

Box 964 Dayton, OH 45401

Phone: 937-276-6930

Email: [info@hamvention.org](mailto:info@hamvention.org)

## RACES: Communications Training Nets are held on

the last Wednesday and Thursday of each month.

The Wednesday night Emergency Communications

### 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

## Miscellaneous Charlotte County Amateur Radio Activity

All local repeaters use PL Tone of 136.5 Mhz Except the Englewood 146.865 Mhz or the Gator 147.015 Mhz Repeaters

Sunshine Net Everyday at 8:30 Am on 146.745 Mhz and 444.975 Mhz.

SW Florida Traffic Net Everyday except Sunday at 10:00 AM on 147.345 Mhz and 146.685 Mhz.  
PRRA Sunday Night Net Sunday at 8:00 PM on 147.255 MHz and 442.925 Mhz

North Port Net Tuesday at 8:00 PM on 147.120 Mhz.

Sky Warn Net Tuesday 9:00 PM Big Stick (NI4CE repeater sys) 145.430 PL 100 and 442.950 PL 100

Voip and Tech Net (Naples) Tues 7:30 PM Naples 146.670 PL136.5, Arcdia 147.180 PL 100 and Venice 442.050 PL 100. also on Echolink at nodes 451949, 389568, 213895, and 205293

Windmill Net Sunday at 9:00 Pm on 28.475 Mhz SSB

75 Meter Vintage Equip Net Tuesday at 5:00 PM on 3.810 Mhz

EARS Simplex Net Wed at 7:30 on 146.550 Mhz

## Food and Fellowship

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.

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

## FROM THE EDITOR



Mike K4MWD

Letters to the editor should be emailed to: [99wentworth@gmail.com](mailto:99wentworth@gmail.com) Put Editor in the subject line.

## Items for Sale

**Icom 207H**  
**Dualband Mobile (2/70)**  
**\$100**  
**(N9USZ first dibs)**





**Yaesu FT2800M**  
**2M Mobile**  
**\$80**



**Larsen Mobile Antenna**  
**Glass Mount**  
**(no original adhesive)**  
**2M**  
**\$10**



**Pro-Am Mobile Antenna**  
**Half-Wave**  
**Magnetic Mount**  
**2M**  
**\$15**



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Also, let me know if my prices are out of line.  
Tnx  
73  
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