

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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April 15, 2016

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Ken Blackshaw W1NQZ

## ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Minutes of the Meeting

March 15, 2016

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

We had   19   members and   four   guests present for this meeting, three from Venice, plus our speaker.

Secretary's Report – A motion to approve the minutes as published in the last newsletter was made and passed.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report as written in the newsletter was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Post Office Box Bill.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Sunshine – Pam Eggleton – no activity.
- RACES – Pam Eggleton – Met with Joe & Roger at Ainger – no digital yet. Fred Grouell reported ECH site doing okay..
- Publicity –None
- Testing –See bulletin
- DX – Ray Magsby, - see bulletin
- Hamfest/FD – 7 people went to Punta Gorda. See FD Comments under old business.

OLD BUSINESS: Report of Relocation Committee. Various sites were surveyed but the two that rose to the top were the Englewood Chamber of Commerce - \$127 per year, and Lemon Bay High School - \$100 per year but this might involve continuing support of the school scholarship program. A site visit to LBHS will be made in the near future to further evaluate their facilities and requirements.

Mike Daly made the motion that we move from our current location and it was passed unanimously.

Fred Grouell moved that we do an e-mail survey in two weeks giving members an opportunity to choose the next meeting location. Our lease with the CGA runs out next month, so it was felt we had to move quickly. Passed.

Mike Daly moved that we join the Chamber now since it would be good to have that connection in any case. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Daly discussed the sensitive subject that we have a few senior members who are unable to respond to dues requests for one reason or another and suggested we keep them on in 'Emeritus' status. So moved – and passed.

Andy Durette, KB1HIP, Venice, handed out brochures from DARN, the Disaster Amateur Relief Network (part of Catholic Charities). More info at [www.qsl.net/darn/](http://www.qsl.net/darn/)

Andy also reminded us of the Shark Tooth Festival where the Tamiami Club will be active – coming up April 9 and 10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Matthew, KE4VEM – reminded us he still has a vertical antenna of unknown parentage – looking for a home.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. so we could move to the program.

PROGRAM: Will Wehner, WB8FXJ, from Cincinnati, showed us the program on Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) that was presented at the Dayton Hamvention last year. This involves the use of new digital HTs, made mainly by Motorola, that work through digital repeaters that provide linkage to hams all over the world. These repeaters are in the 440 range only and apparently a new one will be activated at the WENG site on River Road in May.



**Will Wehner, WB8FXJ**

If you want more detail on this, it will be available on our club's website -<http://www.fcrosby.com/ears/>

Matthew Henry generously provided and ran the computer hookup to show these slides.

Respectfully submitted, Ken Blackshaw  
Secretary

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 19th**  
**7:00 pm**  
**Englewood Chamber of Commerce**  
**601 South Indiana**  
**rear entrance**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**



**Treasurer Mike K4MWD**

Date	Description	Type	Status	\$Amount	\$Available Balance
Amount included in Available Balance					
04/11/2016	Deposit		C	15.00	6,051.64
Statement as of 04/01/2016 (view statements) >					
03/22/2016	Check 1017: Englewood CofC		C	-152.00	6,036.64
03/15/2016	Check 1010: k4mwd reimb PO Box		C	-70.00	6,188.64
03/14/2016	CHECCARD 0310 RISK STRATEGIES C BOSTON MA 55207396071000071019062 CKCD 6300...		C	-200.00	6,258.64

Current account:  
income: \$15.00 dues  
expenses: \$420.00 CofC, PO Box, Insurance  
balance: \$6051.64

Respectfully submitted  
Mike Daly K4MWD  
Treasurer

DX



Ray Magsby KK4LGF

<http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxod.html>

DXers around the Globe should have (if they were on the air) and could get thru, might well have caught one of the rare stations P5/3Z9DX, North Korea: VP8STI, South Sandwich; VP8SGI; Palmyra; FT4XU/FT5XT, Kerguelen: FT4JA, Juan de Nova, and VK0EK, Heard Island. Maybe you didn't get them all, but they were on the air. At press time, the documentation for December P5 operation was being reviewed by ARRL DXCC Desk.

For the upcoming month the DX annual International gathering (Convention), hosted by the Southern California DX Club will be held in Visalia, Ca. on April 15, 16, and 17. Convention web site for more information address: [dxconvention.org](http://dxconvention.org)

1S----Spratly Islands----Mike DF8AN has permission and licenses from the Malaysian Government from April 19-29 Transmitting mostly on CW with some PSK 31 and RTTY.

5W----Samoa. Haru, JA1XGI, is planning to be active from Apia as 5W0XG from 12 – 20 April. QSL Thru JA1XGI.

A3-----Tonga, Hiro JA6WFM/NP3J will have the call sign A31MM for his time Nuku'alofa the capital and will be active with A TS-480 and long wire on 1.8— 50 MHz. Utilizing a 2 element yagi for 15 meters and a four element yagi for 6 meters.

QSL thru EA5GL or LoTW.

A9----Bahrain The Bahrain Amateur Radio Group plan to activate the Hawar Islands (AS-202) for the first time. The Activation is expected to take place April 28---May 1. Plans are to have 4 active stations call sign A91HI. Check web Site [a91hi.com](http://a91hi.com).

VK9/N—Norfolk Island. Doug, VK4ADC is planning to be active for 9 days for a holiday- style operation as VK9NU starting April 23, using various antenna. Doug has a website at [www.vk9nu.net](http://www.vk9nu.net). QSLs should be sent direct to VK4ADC and a couple of “green stamps” to help with the return postage. QSLs may also be sent via the VK QSL bureau; clearly mark them for VK4ADC.

GOOD LUCK and HAPPY DXing.

### LOCAL:

#### Get ready for our new meeting site

Starting Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our meetings at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, located at 601 South Indiana Ave (RT 776). The chamber is at the corner of Hosmer St.



Looking North toward the fire station



**Parking in marked spots as well as the rear driveway**



**After hours entry through either door at rear opens to the community room. (north half of the building)**



**Meeting room. Flag, wi-fi, and projection screen**



**Coffee counter in meeting room**



**Kitchen if needed**



**Main entrance. Note cell tower near fire station**



**With pass through to meeting room**



As members each of us is entitled to use the Chamber's web site ...



for all kinds of information on the area. The main reception area contains business cards and handout material for each member. We'll certainly want to produce some materials to help introduce ourselves to the community and visitors.

Recent Photos



## Hamfests

### 05/28/2016 | Wormfest 2016

Location: Pinellas Park, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: The Glorious Society of the Wormhole

Website: <http://w4orm.org/>

### ARRL EXPO

at 2016 Dayton Hamvention®

May 20, 21, 22 -- 2016

[Forums](#) · [Exhibit & Activities Guide \(PDF\)](#) · [Youth Rally \(registration\)](#)



**Where:** Dayton Hamvention at the Hara Arena Conference and Exhibition Center, 1001 Shiloh Springs Road Dayton, OH 45415

#### Official websites:

- [hamvention.org](http://hamvention.org)

## Testing

Please email the contact to confirm dates and times.

Sponsor: SCARE

Date: Third Monday of each month

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

Contact: Gino J. Ferranti

(941) 629-7933

Email: [ke4tjo@arrl.net](mailto:ke4tjo@arrl.net)

Location: Edgewater Methodist Church, 19190

Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL.

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](mailto:w4js@juno.com)

Location: Jacaranda Public Library, 4143

Woodmere Park Blvd, Venice

Reservations Appreciated!

<http://tamiamiarc.org/ve-exam-sessions>

Venice FL 34285-2416

**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:

QCWA Suncoast Chapter 53 meets year round. From October through May, we meet at 11:15 AM the first Wednesday of every month at Denny's, 3701 Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota. From June through September, we have informal lunches at the Hibatchi Grill Buffet. FYI, there are no chapter dues, all are welcome, and we have pretty good programs at our Sarasota lunch/meetings.

**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

## **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

## **LOCAL REPEATERS**

Please look on the last page for repeater tables.

## **FROM THE EDITOR**



**Mike K4MWD**

If you run into an article you'd like to see included, please email me at [mike@mmdaly.com](mailto:mike@mmdaly.com).

**Below is a different listing of nearby repeaters. Please give us a month or two to merge all of our data. How do you like this format?**



27 repeaters found within 50 MILES of 34223 26.9779941, -82.3560389.

● = On-Air   ● = Off-Air   ● = Testing   ○ = Unknown

Click on the frequency for additional details.  
Click on a header to sort.

**VOIP Legend: A=AllStar; E=EchoLink; I=IRLP; W=WIRES**

Frequency	Offset	Tone	Call	Location	ST/PR	Use	VOIP	Mi	Dir	
145.1700	-0.6 MHz	136.5	KG4VDS	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
145.2100	-0.6 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Lake Placid, Lake Placid	FL	OPEN		64.8	E	●
145.3300	-0.6 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Avon Park, National Guard Armory	FL	OPEN		66.8	NE	●
145.3900	-0.6 MHz	136.5	K4QCW	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
145.4300	-0.6 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Varina, Cox radio tower	FL	OPEN		28.8	N	●
145.4700	-0.6 MHz	97.4	WA4PAM	LaBelle, EOC	FL	OPEN		55.5	SE	●
146.6250	-0.6 MHz	127.3	N4EMH	Wauchula	FL	OPEN		51.6	NE	●
146.6850	-0.6 MHz	136.5	KF4QWC	Punta Gorda	FL	OPEN		19.4	ESE	●
146.7300	-0.6 MHz	100.0	N4SER	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
146.7450	-0.6 MHz	136.5	WX4E	Punta Gorda	FL	OPEN		19.4	ESE	●
146.7600	-0.6 MHz	136.5	W4KR	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
146.7750	-0.6 MHz		K0DGF	Englewood, Florida	FL	OPEN		1.1	S	●
146.8200	-0.6 MHz	100.0	K4GG	Bradenton	FL	OPEN		38.4	NNW	●
146.8650	-0.6 MHz	136.5	K8ONV	Port Charlotte, Charlotte County Sports Complex	FL	OPEN		16.3	ESE	●
146.8800	-0.6 MHz	136.5	KI4PTZ	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
146.9100	-0.6 MHz	100.0	W4IE	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
146.9550	-0.6 MHz	100.0	K4BRC	Bradenton	FL	OPEN		38.4	NNW	●
147.0750	+0.6 MHz	100.0	W4MIN	Arcadia	FL	OPEN		34.7	E	●
147.1200	+0.6 MHz	136.5	K4NPT	North Port	FL	OPEN		8.7	E	●
147.1800	+0.6 MHz	100.0	W4MIN	Arcadia	FL	OPEN E		34.7	E	●
147.1950	+0.6 MHz	103.5	KF4MBN	Bradenton	FL	OPEN		38.3	NNW	●
147.2700	+0.6 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Sebring, Highlands County EOC	FL	OPEN		65.6	E	●
147.2850	+0.6 MHz	136.5	W1RP	Lehigh Acres, Lehigh Medical Center	FL	OPEN		50.2	SE	●
147.3000	+0.6 MHz	141.3	KD4MZM	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.8	NNW	●
147.3450	+0.6 MHz	136.5	WG4K	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
147.3750	+0.6 MHz	123.0	N2FSU	Lehigh Acres	FL	OPEN E		51.3	SE	●
147.3900	+0.6 MHz	100.0	N4SER	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		25.4	NNW	●

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<a href="#">442.3500</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	W4HCA	Avon Park	FL	OPEN		67.4	NE	●
<a href="#">442.9500</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Verna	FL	OPEN		30.6	NNE	●
<a href="#">444.1000</a>	+5 MHz	CC1 100.0	W4AC	Englewood	FL	OPEN		1.1	S	●
<a href="#">443.9500</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Lake Placid, Happiness Tower	FL	OPEN		64.8	E	●
<a href="#">444.4500</a>	+5 MHz	77.0	WB4FOW	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
<a href="#">442.4500</a>	+5 MHz	136.5	WB2FAU	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
<a href="#">444.9750</a>	+5 MHz	136.5	WX4E	Punta Gorda	FL	OPEN		19.4	ESE	●
<a href="#">443.2750</a>	+5 MHz		AC4FL	Naples, Wiggins State Park	FL	OPEN		58.1	SE	●
<a href="#">444.5500</a>	+5 MHz	141.3	KD4MZM	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
<a href="#">444.9250</a>	+5 MHz	CSQ	W4IE	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
<a href="#">444.8000</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	N1DP	Hancock	FL	OPEN		35.2	SE	●
<a href="#">444.2000</a>	+5 MHz		W4MIN	Arcadia	FL	OPEN		34.7	E	●
<a href="#">444.8250</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Avon Park, Bombing Range	FL	OPEN		77.6	NE	●
<a href="#">443.8750</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4MX	Lakewood Ranch	FL	OPEN		30.3	N	●
<a href="#">444.8750</a>	+5 MHz		K4TAP	Bradenton, Mixons Fruit Farm	FL	OPEN		38.4	NNW	●
<a href="#">442.1500</a>	+5 MHz	94.8	KA2LAL	North Port	FL	OPEN		8.7	E	●
<a href="#">444.7000</a>	+5 MHz	CC1	N4SER	Laurel	FL	OPEN		12.1	NNW	●