

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

August, 2009



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I am writing, Nicole and I are loading the car to visit my brother Mark, KE4UFT, and his family in South Carolina through the weekend. Therefore you all luck out this time and get a brief message from me. I want to thank Frank for his presentation on a Bluetooth configuration for use with amateur radio. I also commend Charlie and Mel for working with Englewood Community Hospital to ensure we have good relations and functioning equipment in the event it is needed. I regretfully note the passing of a ham who was trusted by the world, Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD. Hopefully most of you heard about the Charlotte County SKYWARN courses in time to sign up if you wished (the Sun published an announcement about it as well). A piece of correspondence we received also invites EARS members to participate in tactical drill with SERC on August 2, 2009 from 10am-2pm. See everyone at the August meeting.

73,  
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM

### ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Minutes of the Meeting

July 16, 2009

President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, opened the meeting at 7:36 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had 14 members and no guests present for this meeting.

A motion by Hugh Myers, KG4ZDX, to accept the minutes of last month's meeting as printed in the newsletter was seconded by Howard Kuhlman, N4MLJ, and carried.

Our Acting Treasurer Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX reported a net worth balance of \$ 4,680.71.

A motion to approve this report was made by Martin Horowitz, N4FA, and seconded by Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT, and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Sunshine – Matthew reported that his Dad, Marty Henry, KE4UFS, has been hospitalized for several problems but is recovering.

- John Combs, W4VMD, is now in a rehab center and is getting stronger.

- RACES – Charles Utz, K1QNF, reported on the antenna installation at Englewood Community Hospital. We are no longer maintaining stations at Tringali or San Casa. The hospital is quite welcoming to us since they get an insurance benefit by having emergency radio capability. Also mentioned Skywarn Training.
- Publicity – We had good articles in the Sun relating to our FD activities.
- Testing – Martin Horowitz, N4FA, reported we had three candidates show up for testing last Saturday, 2 for Tech and 1 for Extra – all passed.
- DX – J.R. House, K9HUY, commented on six meter DX opening to Portugal. Also commented on great six meter activity into the Caribbean. Frank Maren, W4VV, said that 40 meter SSB has been hot for DX in the early a.m. There are some sunspots showing up.
- Hamfest/FD – Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT, reported on our successful FD we had 215 CW contacts and 133 SSB resulting in a total of 1,126 points, submitted via their “applet” to ARRL. Also sent supporting documentation to ARRL. Score lower than last year due to not having a six meter station.
- Christmas Party – Martin, N4FA, reported the Christmas Party will be on December 13.
- OLD BUSINESS: Lighthouse Weekend QSL cards – no activity.

Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX reported on our new EARS tee shirts. Project continues.

NEW BUSINESS: Lighthouse Weekend will be the third weekend of August (15 and 16) before the next club meeting. Members commented that Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, will be operating at Boca Grande Lighthouse.

Vic commented he can always use articles for the Newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements

PROGRAM: Frank Maren, W4VV, gave an interesting program on how to use a Blue Tooth to remotely operate ham radio equipment. He showed us a Plantronics Headset and mike combination and discussed how it would be connected to various radios to facilitate being able to move around the house and still be able to hear and speak on the radio.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Ken Blackshaw  
Secretary

P.S. If you haven't paid Tom (WA3PRC) for your FD Tee shirt yet, please do so asap.

### **Equipment for Sale:**

### **Attention EARS Members**

Tom Hawes, Ken Anderson and I (K4VHX) were invited by Mary Kerrigan to sort through Sel Kerrigan's (SK) ham gear. This is about a forty or fifty year collection of goodies. We have not finished going through everything but we have a list about 11 pages long which is representative of what we found.



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- 3 - Head sets - mike / phone
- 8 - Components -- Dept. assigned
- 1 - EV Microphone --
- 1 - Radio Shack Microphone --
- 1 - CP's Microphone with microphone
- 1 - FANSON -- microphone
- 1 - OUBER -- microphone
- 1 - Speaker, amplified
- 1 - Antenna switch - 5 position <sup>model 595</sup> BNC
- 1 - Bobber -- H11 sudden surge to coast
- 1 - Bobber -- H11 Bobber with horn
- 1 - Marshall's Phonoflex model HD-15

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- 1 - FANSON MC 473 Mike (1943)
- 1 - Antenna switch - Radio Shack
- 1 - Microphone -- 29th Ave. Clark
- 1 - 100M - 10 471A 471M 471M
- 1 - 100M - 10 471A 471M all made
- 1 - Antenna switch - 5 position
- 1 - Bobber -- L20 3/10
- 1 - Microphone Battery tested with speaker
- 1 - 100M 471A 471M 471M
- 1 - Radio Shack JPS Mike-10
- 1 - Microphone - 29th Ave. Clark



## EARS Christmas Party

**Place:** Rotonda Golf and Country Club  
Restaurant

**Time:** 6PM social hour; 7PM dinner.

**Date:** December 13, 2009

**Appetizers:** Coconut Shrimp  
Cheese and Crackers  
Stuffed Mushrooms

**Entree:** Choice of:

1. Prime Rib
2. Chicken Piccata
3. Stuffed Grouper

All entrees come with carrots and red potatoes.

Cheesecake for dessert. Tea and Coffee.

**Price:** \$22.00

Please make your reservations with and send your **check made out to "EARS"** to:

Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX  
1181 Manor Road  
Englewood, FL 34223  
473-5560

or

Martin Horowitz, N4FA  
348 Ardenwood Drive  
Englewood, FL 34223  
473-1123

## Local Happenings:

**VE Exam Sessions:** The exams are given at 9:30 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 8PM on 146.745. On Thursday the West

County Englewood EOC will conduct their Tactical Net beginning at 9:30AM on 146.865. On Thursday morning at 10 AM the Charlotte County EOC will call a tactical net for all RACES members on 146.745.

**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 7.230+- MHz at 7:00 P.M.

**Connecticut Connection Net:** Net is twice daily at 8:00 A.M. on 14.340+- MHz and at 7:30 P.M. on 7.225 MHz immediately after the Snowbird net.

### Two Meter Nets

EARS Simplex 146.550 Wednesday 7:30pm  
NPARC 147.120+ Tuesday 8:00pm  
CARS 146.745- Daily 8:30am  
TARC 146.580- Tuesday 7:30pm  
TARC DX 146.805- Wednesday 8:00pm  
TARC 146.805- Thursday 7:30pm

### Weekly Area Amateur Breakfasts:

- Tuesday, 7 A.M. at Denny's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Good Times in Englewood
- Tuesday, 7:45 A.M. at Peach's in Venice
- Friday, 7:45 A.M. at Peach's in Venice



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