WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

SECRESSECRETARY'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 heard about the Charlotte County vou 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.

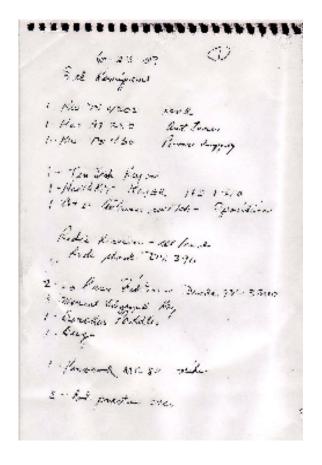
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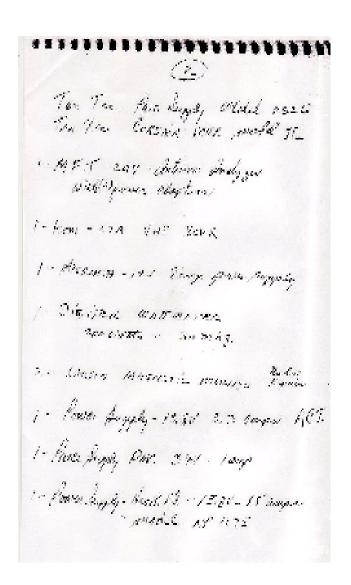
Attention EARS Members

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.

It's all for sale but there is no good way I know of identifying all that we have collected without a detailed inventory and photos. So attached are the <u>first four</u> pages of the big items which may be of interest to you. To find out about the rest call Tom or me and arrange to stop by our respective houses and peruse the boxes.

Tom and I (K4VHX) plan to go to the Ft. Pierce Hamfest August 8th and take a load of stuff with us to sell for the club. Contact us soon if you have any interest as August 8th is coming up soon.







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EARS Christmas Party

Place: Rotonda Golf and Country Club

Restaurant

Time: 6PM social hour; 7PM dinner.

Date: December 13, 2009

Appetizers: Cocoanut 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 Simplex146.550 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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