

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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August 14, 2014

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

July 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Steve N9USZ, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 14 members present.

The Secretary's report by Marcia KA1GCV was accepted as read; also the Treasurer's report was \$7035.70 on 6.30.2014. Skip K4WDH was absent.

Correspondence: We received a confirming contact card from Sachse Amateur Radio Assoc., Sachse, TX dated 6.6.2013. I will send a thank-you card.

Also received an offer to buy one or multiple call sign pieces made of wood. I will have the offer again at

the meeting if anyone is interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine: No reports received. Please let me know if anyone is ill, sad, or needful of a card.

RACES: Mel W9BSM and Charlie K1QNF reported that there has been NO moves yet at ECH. Only promises, promises, promises. Drills are still going on.

Publicity: Old and new Field Days printed in the newspaper...these were passed around.

Testing: Reports of time and place are in the newsletter. Port Charlotte has no testing this month.

DX: Tom WA3PRC reports "normal Europe, islands' contacts" including Fiji Islands. Gerry K4JWE reports sporadic DX from northern states to Europe and Africa on 6 meters.

Hamfests: Orlando in July; Tampa in August.

Old Business: Field Day: Pam K1UEG has sent pictures and reports to Mike for the newsletter. The biggest problem discovered was the difficulty getting all equipment together; items were scattered in many members' homes. It was discussed that we need to consolidate, store, and secure all our Field Day equipment in one place so that set-up would be easier.

New Business: We have been offered a space to store our equipment at the CGA station as long as we identify and secure it. Thank you!! And...Gerry K4JWE states that a new air conditioner is arriving from Miami and should be up and running by our next meeting!!

A motion to adjourn was made and accepted by all present at 7:39 pm.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 (3rd Tuesday) at 7:00 pm at the CGA Station on 776.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV, Secretary

Next Meeting
Tuesday August 19th
7:00 pm
Coast Guard Auxiliary Station



FRED KB3UTS and Friend

LOCAL

EARS Field Day

Set up two antennas on Friday (Cushcraft R7 vertical and G5RV Dipole)
Set up three stations Saturday (2 HF Voice and 1 FM Digital/Voice)
Worked all stations Saturday into Sunday

20 Meter Contacts - 69 (USA, Canada, PR and Czech Republic)
40 Meter Contacts - 31
15 Meter Contacts - 11
2 Meter Radiograms - 12 (NTS Eagle Traffic Net)
70 cm Digital - 9 Contacts

15 Sign-Ins (Members, Visitors, Newspaper, and ARRL WCF Section Managers)

Enjoyed the camaraderie, donuts, pizza and soda.
Chico was welcome company during the night.

Tnx to all the faithful crew who set up, operated and dismantled.

Pam
K1UEG



RAY KK4LGF



Mark KV4FC Bill W1AMU
Steve N9USZ



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Matthew KE4VEM

Meanwhile out in Iowa

Guy's

Well, after a trip to Kansas to pick up my tower for Iowa, here are the results. . Comments and reviews were right on!! One hell of a tower...I see why they say they have handled 120mph.

Was going to wait till I got the antenna off the old tower before assembling this, but thought I better make sure everything worked. It did!!!!

Look close at the tilt-up rig built by the local blacksmith. The factory lifting unit was good for 100' tower, with that in mind this thing would be good for 200'. As normal he overbuilds everything he does, and it weighs a lot, BUT it will handle anything I will ever do. Best part..he did it for the challenge, and I only pay for the material!! A tenth of what the factory wanted.

73'

Dave W0RVR





And when not invited to Dave's antenna party these guys played golf...



JR K9HUY
Gene KI4FJJ
Ken W1NQT

7th ANNUAL

N4XJQ IS SPONSORING THE LAMBIEFEST

Saturday, September 13, 2014
6 AM – 2 PM

PRIZES

Good Deals – New Friends —And a Good Ole Time for Everyone
Pancakes & Sausage, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Coffee & Soda Available

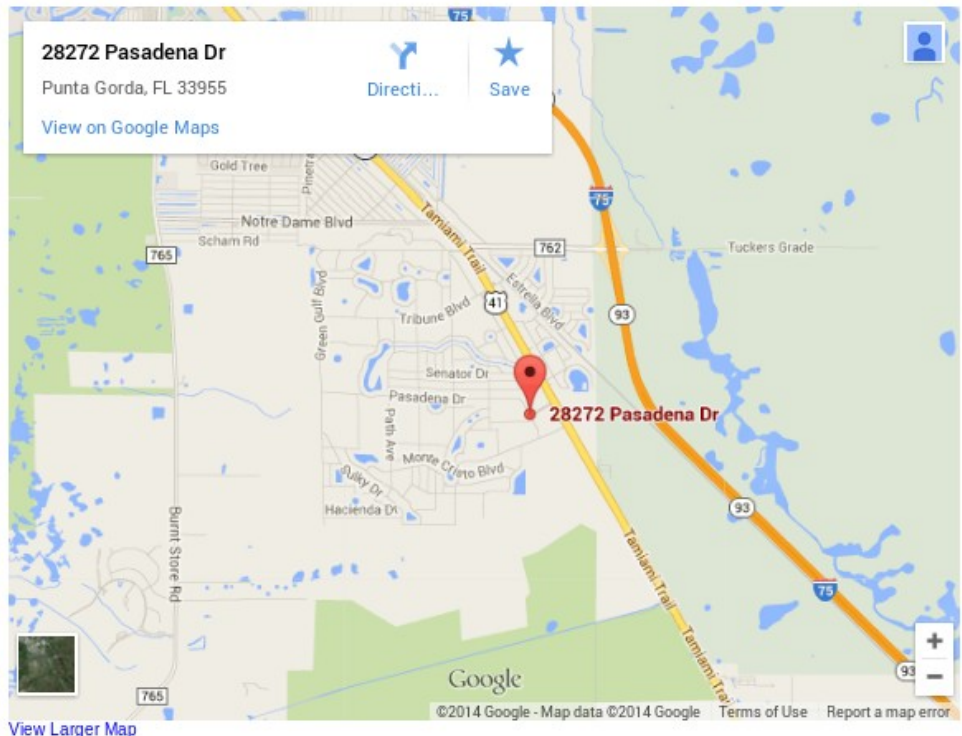
Location: Tropical Gulf Acres Clubhouse
Admission: \$5.00
Tailgate: \$5.00 per vehicle (bring your own table(s))
Inside Tables: \$10.00 (25 Tables available)

Some Electric, over night parking is OK (no hookups)
Talk-in 147.255

FOR GPS OPERATORS, ENTER
28272 PASADENA DRIVE,
PUNTA GORDA FLORIDA 33955

Directions

I-75 Exit # 158 Tuckers Grade
Turn Left on US 41 go-
5 Blocks South to St. Ives Drive
Turn Right (at Camperland) the
TGA Clubhouse is Straight Ahead.



Editor note: Not a PRRA event

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!

tamiamiarc.org

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

Public Contact: Dayton Amateur Radio, W8BI

Box 964 Dayton, OH 45401

Phone: 937-276-6930

Email: info@hamvention.org

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:

Chapter 53 now has its summer lunches the first

Wednesday of each month, June through September, around 11:15 AM at the Hibachi Grill Buffet in the Bird Bay Plaza shopping center on US 41 Bypass, Venice.

Snowbird Net: Net is twice daily; first on 14.317 MHz at 10:00 AM 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

HAMFESTS

08/23/2014 | TARCfest XXXII

Location: Tampa, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tampa Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.hamclub.org>

FROM THE EDITOR



Mike K4MWD

Happy August everyone. While we should be entering the dog days of summer, the weather here in the NY Finger Lakes Region is cold and damp. Low of 50 tonight – what's this? Possibility of snow in September being discussed. Sounds like another ice age coming. When all else fails, there's Ham Radio.

73,
mike

Letters to the editor should be emailed to:

99wentworth@gmail.com Put Editor in the subject line.