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SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

EARS MEETING November 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Tom Hawes WA3PRC with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 16 members and 1 visitor present. We have a quorum.

The secretary's and treasurer's reports were both accepted as read. We have \$5016.81 balance.

Our Sunshine committee reports that Keith Kelly KC5AS died after a valiant fight with cancer. He requested no memorial services. A sympathy card was sent to Mana and family.

RACES continues with drills, but the set-up at the hospital is still up in the air. They have been in 3 locations so far; none of which are large enough for the number of people to work in.

DX is better than it has been recently. Okefenoki Hamfest is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Tampa Hamfest is December 6-7; place has changed to Plant City. There will be a table inside with SK Keith Kelly's equipment on Saturday.

So, anyway...we held our first Monday night meeting in Room 102. We were comfortable and quiet. We came together with our tails between our legs. It was obvious that last month's report was discussed amongst each other. Here, not much was actually said, but we did agree to look for a place to have our annual meeting. One of the places discussed was at the Elks...that will be looked into, as well as others. Hopefully, we will have it in January.

As far as nominations for officers, Steve would like to continue with the presidency for one more year; Pam and Joanne are willing to run for vice president; Marcia offered to take the secretary position for another year unless someone else is just dying to do it, and Vic thinks he has someone who might take the treasurer's position. The Trustees will probably remain the same. Hopefully, we can firm these decisions up at the next meeting so that we can vote at the annual hoopla. Obviously, this is definitely nothing like Robert's Rules, but at this loose point in our relationships, it's the best we can do.

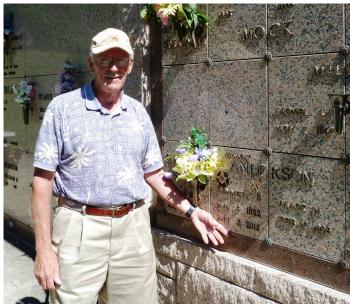
Let's think positively about each other; help each other learn about new things; let the older members tell us about the old radio days; the newer members about the new equipment. Let's see what we can do together to help the club to renew itself in the New Year....and God bless us, every one.

Adjournment was at 7:45 pm. Our next meeting is on Monday, Dec.16, 2013 at 7 pm, in Room 102 of the Lampp Building.

Respectfully submitted, Marcia Fowler KA1GCV Secretary On their annual trek North in September, Ken and Cindy Blackshaw stopped in Virginia to visit with Alice Anderson. Here are a couple photos.



Ken, Alice and Cindy



W4JQT Headstone



LOCAL

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

01/18/2014 | FMARC Hamfest

Location: Fort Myers, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club Website: http://www.fmarc.net

01/25/2014 | DeSoto County Hamfest

Location: Arcadia, FL Type: ARRL Hamfest Sponsor: DeSoto Amateur Radio Club Website: http://desotoarc.org

01/31/2014 | Southern Florida Section Convention (48th Annual South Florida Tropical Hamboree) Location: Miami, FL

Type: ARRL Convention Sponsor: Dade Radio Club of Miami Website: http://miamihamfest.net

02/07/2014 | Northern Florida Section Convention (Orlando HamCation®) -"REGIONAL ARRL CENTENNIAL EVENT" Location: Orlando, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Orlando Amateur Radio Club

Website: http://www.hamcation.com

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:

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 14.317 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

FROM THE EDITOR



Mike K4MWD

Today is Friday the 13th of December. Sky is overcast (probably more snow) temperature around 20 and windy. It's time to get out of here! Hope to be with you for the January meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Ray KK4LGF, hope you've busted out of the hospital. Get well soon.

mike

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Next meeting

Monday December 16th

7:00 PM

Englewood United Methodist Church