

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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February, 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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I was pleased by the wonderful turnout EARS had for the January meeting. Our organization's new T-Shirts came out looking very nice and were distributed at the January meeting. We held an election to install our new officers, at some point before the meeting was through ☺. I wish to thank the past officers for their dedicated service to the club. We also are appreciative that PRRA has taken the initiative to take the lead on this year's Charlotte County Hamfest on March 13-14 at the Tropical Gulf Acres. Any EARS members who wish to help out with the hamfest should contact a PRRA officer and probably attend the February 25th PRRA meeting.

I hope the excellent meeting attendance continues, as Vic is working to line up

speakers for our meeting programming. In February, Bob, W0AC, plans to bring Tom, N4XJQ, with him to share information on IRLP and EchoLink, and how to properly use the local equipment on 146.59 MHz.

On a personal note, I remain very busy despite becoming unemployed this year. I have been filling as many days as possible with substitute teaching positions. I have enrolled at the State College of Florida's Alternative Certification Program for Teacher to earn my teaching certificate, so my evening classes prevent me from being able to check in on the Wednesday night EARS simplex net. Nicole and I are trying to get the house ready for our future little one. Michael and Katie are preparing for their little girl to arrive just shortly before ours. My dad spends most of his week going to various doctors, including four hours of dialysis three times a week (which takes much longer than just the time on the machine), now chemotherapy for his stage four cancer, and physical therapy for his leg issues (related to the cancer). On the positive side, he has lost a good deal of weight and his diabetes is under control so that he has not had to take anything for it in quite some time. He asked me to let you know he misses everyone.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Ken Anderson, W4JQT

Following are the minutes of the January 21, 2010 meeting of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society.

The meeting was opened at 7:40 pm by President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM with the pledge of allegiance to our flag. Introductions were then made around the room, with special recognition for visitor John Babbitt, WB2SQX, who became a member a little later during the meeting. There were 25 members in attendance at the meeting.

Secretary's Report - A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of last months meeting as shown in the January news letter.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Daly, K4MWD gave the treasurer's report. Mike reported as of January 31, 2009, our checking account was \$2165.50 and the savings account was \$2786.78. Mike also reported that the 2009 budget vs. actual was on the plus side with \$331.20. Mike presented the 2010 budget. A motion to accept was made and carried.

Correspondence – Dues was received from Don Spencer, WA4IWL. There was some discussion about Don being a life time member and did not need to pay dues. Gene Fowler, KA1GCU who is a member of the by-laws committee says he does not remember any provision for life membership. Don is usually referred to as WA4IWL Emeritus.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine – Marcia, KA1GCV gave the sunshine report. Cards were sent to Mary Lou House, Claire Kuhlman, and John Cerniglia. Matthew gave a report on his father Marty, KE4UFS. A suggestion was made to send Marty Henry a card. Marty is on dialysis now.

Races – No Report

Testing – No Report

DX – ARRL Sweepstakes contest this week end.

Haiti – Some thought is being given to how amateur radio could help during the earthquake disaster in Haiti.

Hamfest – There will be a Charlotte County Hamfest after all. The Peace River Radio Association has made arrangements to have a hamfest on March 13 and March 14 at Tropical Gulf Acres Club House on US-41, South Punta Gorda. If you are going on I-75 south, take exit 158 over to US-41. Go five blocks south on 41, and turn right on St Ives Drive, (Camperland). The Club House is straight ahead.

Old Business – Interest was expressed to try to revive the 2 meter SX net on 146.55 MHz on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. Mike, K4MWD said he would send out an e-mail to remind all.

Mike, K4MWD has updated the annual corporation fee on line.

Frank, W4VV says the 146.865 MHz repeater license has been renewed for 2 years.

New Business – an Audit Committee was formed. The members are Gene Reilly, KI4FJJ, Keith Kelly, KC5AS, and John Cerniglia,

WD9JAC, with a report due for the March 2010 meeting.

The program for the February meeting will be a talk on IRLP by Robert Mott -W0AC.

Comments – Jerry, K4JWB read a letter written by Don Spencer, WA4IWL dated 1988, suggesting organizing a radio club in Englewood.

Ken Anderson – W4JQT Gene Reilly – KI4FJJ
Secretaries for the month of January, 2010



Mike Daly, K4MWD

ADDENDUM

New Business – An election of Officers for the year 2010 was held. Each office was voted on separately, and each candidate agreed to serve. Following are the results:

Officers
President Matthew Henry – KE4VEM
Vice President Tom Hawes – WA3PRC
Treasurer Mike Daly – K4MWD
Secretary Gene Reilly – KI4FJJ

Trustees
Vic Emmelkamp – K4VHX
Marty Horowitz – N4FA
Ken Anderson – W4JQT
Don Spencer – WA4IWL (Emeritus)

The above is an addendum to be attached to the minutes of the January 21, 2010 meeting of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.
 Ken Anderson**

TREASURER'S REPORTS

Treasurer's Report
 January Meeting 2010
 Bank statement 12/31/09



Summary of Accounts

2002790125951	FOR PROFIT CHECKING	2,180.00	12/31
210221774833808	TIME DEPOSIT 12/30/09	2,789.78	12/31
Total		4,969.78	

Deposits and Other Credits

Date	Amount
12/05	135.00
12/16	45.00
12/21	44.00
Total	\$224.00

All deposits related to EARS Pay, Club Table, and Dues

Checks

Check #	Amount	Date	Payee	Amount	Date
1200	81.00	12/07	1238	674.10	12/21
1206	50.00	12/14	1231	223.00	12/21
1207	1.50	12/14	1255	354.00	12/31

Bank name: 281 E. Main St., P.O. Box 1000, Englewood, FL 32025
 EARS Pay, Dues: \$277 Remains for checks written on personal acct.

Submitted: 01/01/10

Mike Daly: K4MWD Treasurer

2009 Budget vs. Actual



INCOME	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Dues	600.00	653.00
Club Table	500.00	1776.02
Booster	25.00	19.00
Hamfest	300.00	163.00
ARRL Renewals	20.00	14.00
Cert Deposit Interest	0.00	108.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1445.00	\$2733.02

EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL
Corp. Fees	62.00	61.00
Donations	600.00	600.00
Field Day	300.00	301.15
Insurance	370.00	327.00
Meeting Room Rent - EUMC	180.00	180.00
Name Badges	21.00	45.00
Newsletter	80.00	0.00
P.O. Box #572	42.00	44.00
Xmas party	300.00	230.00
Other		613.67
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1955.00	\$2401.82
OPERATING LOSS	(\$510.00)	
OPERATING PROFIT		\$331.20

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Daly - Treasurer

Approved 2010 Budget

INCOME	
Dues	600.00
Club Table	500.00
Booster	25.00
Hamfest	300.00
ARRL Renewals	20.00
Certif Deposit Interest	100.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1545.00
EXPENSES	
Corp. Fees	62.00
Donations	600.00
Field Day	300.00
Insurance	370.00
Meeting Room Rent - EUMC	180.00
Name Badges	38.00
P.O. Box #572	42.00
Xmas party	300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1892.00
OPERATING LOSS	(\$347.00)

Respectfully Submitted:

Mike Daly - Treasurer

EARS OPERATOR PROFILE

A chance to get to know your fellow EARS members better.

Name: Keith Kelly

Call Sign: KC5AS

Previous Call Signs: WN9JCV, WA9JCV, WB5PAO, G5BBE, VK2EKK

Originally Licensed in Illinois in 1960.

Currently my main rig is a recently acquired Yaesu FT-950 feeding a Hy-Gain AV-640 Vertical. I also have a Yaesu FT-857 in mobile service, Yaesu FT-897 for portable emergency use, Yaesu FT-2800M for 2 meters, and a Kenwood TH-F6 handheld. And then there is my "green" collection, an assortment of about 20 pieces of Heathkit gear I felt I just had to have.

Previous equipment over the years has included Globe Scout Deluxe Xmtr., Hallicrafters SX-110 Rcvr., Viking Valiant Xmtr., Drake TR-4 Xcvr., and a Kenwood TS-440SAT Xcvr.

My interest in radio seems to have always been there. I built the usual crystal sets and other simple receivers in the late 1940's and early 1950's. I started college in 1956, we won't discuss how long it took me to finish, and in 1960 I was taking a Physics Department Electronics course when I decided to get a ham license. Got the Novice ticket and shortly after made the big trip to the FCC Office in St. Louis to take the General Exam. When the Advanced Class was authorized, I upgraded.

I have never directly used Ham Radio in any job, but Ham Radio got me a job that turned out to be my lifelong career. I was very active in the old "Civil Defense" exercises held in our

area in the early 1960's. In that regard I met a ham who worked for an industrial insurance company as a Fire Protection Inspector. He had been promised a promotion if he could find someone to take his place locally. Sounded good to me and I eventually specialized in petroleum fire protection systems relocating to England, Houston and traveling the world all thanks to Ham Radio.

My first contact was as a Novice with the Globe Scout, 75 watts of strictly crystal controlled CW.

My most interesting radio contacts were made while operating the Phillips Petroleum Station, LA1EKO, in the Ekofisk Oil Field off the coast of Norway. The station was located atop a 42,000,000 gallon oil storage tank about 350' above the surface of the North Sea.

I currently operate about 99% SSB. Occasionally I will put one of the Heath Rigs on the air and try good old AM. I also operate some straight key slow speed CW with 2 watts from a Heathkit HW-8.

I prefer the Rag Chew type of contact to the "you're 5 x 9, best 73's", but I do play that game because I love to collect QSL's.

73, Keith Kelly
KC5AS



+ Spotlight on Amateur Radio: 2009 Sees Surge of New Amateur Radio Licensees

This past year was a banner year for new Amateur Radio licensees. According to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, the FCC issued more than 30,000 new ham radio licenses. "In 2009, the demand for Amateur Radio exam sessions remained elevated and is still running at a higher rate than before the FCC's restructuring of the license requirements in 2007," Somma said. "This high level of exam session activity has produced an elevated influx of new applications, far outpacing recent years." A total of 30,144 new licenses were granted in 2009 -- an increase of almost 7.5 percent from 2008. In 2005, 16,368 new hams joined Amateur Radio's ranks; just five years later, that number had increased by almost 14,000 -- a whopping 84 percent!

From ARRL Letter January 7, 2010.

Local Happenings:

VE Exam Sessions: The exams are given at 10:00 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 8 p.m. on 146.745. On Thursday the West County Englewood EOC will conduct their Tactical Net beginning at 9:30 a.m. on 146.865. On Thursday morning at 10 a.m. 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 7.233+- 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	7:30pm
NPARC	147.120	Tuesday	8:00 p.m.
CARS	146.745	- Daily	8:30 a.m.
TARC	146.580	- Tuesday	7:30 p.m.
TARC	146.805	- Thursday	7:30 p.m.
PRRA	146.255	- Sunday	8:00 p.m.
NICE	146.430	- Daily	8:30 p.m.

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

LOCAL AREA HAMFESTS- FEB. & MAR

12-14 Feb 2010	*	Northern Florida Section Convention (Orlando HamCation) Orlando Amateur Radio Club http://www.hamcation.com
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20 Feb 2010	+	Highlands County ARC-Sebring, Fl. http://www.strato.net/~hamradio/
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13 Mar 2010	+	East Pasco Amateur Radio Society Dade City, FL RAIN DATE: March 20, 2010 http://eparsonline.org
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13 Mar 2010	+	Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club New Port Richey, FL http://www.gulfcoastarc.org
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13-14 Mar 2010	+	Charlotte County Annual Hamfest PRRA/EARS Punta Gorda, FL http://W4DUX.net
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Next launch:

Launch Target:	4:39 a.m. EST - Feb. 7, 2010
Orbiter:	Endeavour
Mission Number:	STS-130 (130th space shuttle flight)
Launch Window:	10 minutes
Launch Pad:	39A
Mission Duration:	13 days
Landing Site:	KSC

You can go to the ARRL web site below for details regarding all hamfest.

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>



Your Guide To Monitoring The Space Shuttle- HF, VHF and UHF.

Check out this site:

<http://home.flash.net/~av8tor/radios/shuttle.htm>

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