

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



President's Message

Here is a poem that was sent to me.

A little black box of jewels and rocks,
with lanterns that flicker and glow
Make lighter the gloom in my little back room,
where often I haste to go.
An anthem it peals of whistles and squeals
and voices so ghostly and queer
That you'd never decry, should you chance to pass by,
what a brotherhood foregathers here!
Each separate tone has a soul of its own;
each voice is the voice of a friend,
United through space in this gathering-place
at the radiant rainbow's end.
Reverberant sounds ride the wave that rebounds,
like the waves of the sea, from afar,

Reporting the doings, the comings and goings of
brothers, wherever they are.

A curious band, spread over the land,
yet joined from equator to poles,

Disperses the gloom in each little back room
by this magic communion of souls.

I could part with a lot of the things that I've got,
but I'll carry my love to the tomb,

Of that little black box and the joy it unlocks
when I enter that little back room!

Max P. Vander Horck, WA6HUW QST, November
1966

Steve Churchill
President

Secretary's Report



EARS meeting January 19, 2012

Matt KE4VEM, outgoing President called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 24 members and 4 guests: Dave Frost W1RVR, of South Gulf Cove; Sandra Nash K3SN, of Englewood; Jim Grimes KD8OCW, of Englewood; and Carol Witt (wife of Dave WD9W) of Venice and Fond du Lac, WI.

The Secretary's report by Steve N9USZ was accepted as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Vic K4VHX as follows:

Checking account.....	\$3,189.71
Investment account.....	2,804.03
Total amount.....	5,993.74

A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. The vote was all in favor.

Correspondence was not reported.

Committee reports:

Sunshine: A sympathy card was sent to the family of Al Wilde W8JZZ on 1/8/12. Al was a charter member of EARS; he died on 12/29/11.

RACES: A gentleman will be coming to give us a program on Skywarn. It will be held at the Suncoast Auditorium at Englewood Community Hospital on March 14. All are welcome to attend; there is no cost, we can seat up to 130 people. We are combining with Sarasota, Charlotte, and Lee counties. The program will begin at 1 pm, and will last about 1-1.5 hours. There is a Basic program, a break, then a Final program.

Testing: Two people came to the last testing. One passed the Tech class; the other has to come back for another try.

Publicity: ARRL is advertising on DOVE encouraging people to become a HAM. 700,000 have already received their licenses.

DX: Some in Europe, Asia, South America, and the South Pacific. Most interesting is from an island called . According to their QST, they may not be there for a long time because of the Columbian government. They have not been on for 12 years, so now would be a good time to try to get them. One around Cape Horn will be on next year, so listen for them.

Hamfests: Orlando on Feb. 10,11,12; Fort Myers and Arcadia this Saturday; Charlotte county/Peace River on March 10, 2012.

Scholarship committee: Nothing yet received from the schools. We are offering a \$500 scholarship.

Audit committee: Gerry K4JWE and Mike K4MWD volunteered to meet with Vic K4VHX to look over the books.

Old Business: Club shirts are available. First shirt ever is an EARS gift; additional shirts are \$10 each. All new members also receive a name/call badge.

The cost of our annual banquet has been reduced to \$20 per person. It will be held on Saturday, January 28 this year.

Dues are \$15 per person, or \$18 per family yearly. They are due now.

Please check your information for the new Membership Directory; especially your e-mail, as the newsletter is sent online monthly. You may also go to our website EARSradioclub.org to review our present newsletter and any other previous ones.

Both our radios are back from the repair shop and are in tip-top shape. We will sell one of them and we may have an interested buyer for the 746.

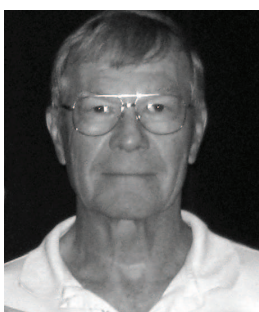
New Business: Nominations of new officers for the year 2012: Steve Churchill N9USZ for President; John Cerniglia W4JAC for Vice President; Vic Emmelkamp K4VHX for Treasurer; Marcia Fowler KA1GCV for Secretary. Trustees: Matthew Henry KE4VEM, Pam Eggleton K1UEG, and Tom Hawes WA3PRC. Motions were made and seconded for the new 2012 officers and trustees of EARS. The votes were all in favor.

A discussion followed about directional antennas.

Mike Daly K4MWD announced he will take pictures of all members for the Membership Directory for 2012. This is a great idea.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV
Secretary



ALSO YOU CAN GO TO QRZ.COM ,, THIS SITE WILL GIVE YOU THE DAILY PROPAGATION INFORMATION AND ALSO MORE DX SITES TO VISIT

73S TOM WA3PRC

**DX REPORT
IN ADDITION TO MY CLUB MEETING
REPORT I WILL ADD THAT THE NEXT
DAY WAS REALLY SURPRISING,,
SEVERAL NEW DX STATIONS POPPED
UP ON THE CLUSTER**

THE CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD FOR OPERATING THESE DX PEDTIONS,, AT THE MEETING I REPORTED THAT THE PJ4 WAS OUT THERE AND TAKING UP BAND SPACE BUT HE IS NOW GONE AND THE BANDS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE FOLLOWING STATIONS

THE MOST ACTIVE ARE HK0NA (MALPELO ISLAND, 182D) AND THE VP6T (PITCAIRN ISLAND, 224D).. THESE TWO STATIONS HAVE KEPT THE AIRWAYS HOT AND INTERESTING AS THEY ARE OPERATING ALL BANDS AND ALL MODES

THAN TN2T (CONGO 90D) CAME ABOARD AND MADE IT ALL THE MORE FUN

THAN TO4M (MAYOTTE ISLAND 90D) CHECKED IN ON THE BANDS ALONG WITH C21 (NAURU ISLAND 290D AND A TJ (CAMEROON 86D)

ALSO SPOTTED WAS A 4U1 (ITU GENEVA 53D)

THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO CHECK THE DX CLUSTERS I WOULD SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING SITES

www.dxscape.com/ or
www.dxsummit.fi/dxspots.aspx

Next meeting February 16, 2012

7:30 PM

Englewood United Methodist
Church

Speaker Ed Allen

Circular polarization for
mobile communications

Dues are due

Just a reminder from your Treasurer; it is time to renew your membership.

Individual memberships are \$15 per year and family memberships are \$18.50.

Don't miss out on this coming year's meetings and activities! Our by-laws require that you be a paid up member by the end of February to retain your voting rights and be included in the membership directory. .

Make checks payable to: E.A.R.S.

Mail your dues today to:

Victor Emmelkamp – K4VHX
1181 Manor Rd
Englewood, FL 34223

Thank you and 73 from the Club Officers.

LOCAL:

Annual Dinner Party







Tuesday Breakfast Group



Associate Member Donna

HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

02/10/2012 | Northern Florida Section Convention (Orlando HamCation)

Location: Orlando, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Orlando Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://hamcation.com>

02/18/2012 | Brooksville Hamfest

Location: Brooksville, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hernando County Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://hcara.org>

02/18/2012 | Highlands County ARC Hamfest

Location: Sebring, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Highlands County Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://strato.net/~hamradio/>

03/10/2012 | Charlotte County Hamfest

Location: Punta Gorda, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Peace River Radio Association

Website: <http://www.w4dux.net>

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 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 14.293 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 7:30 p.m.

NPARC 147.120 Tuesday 8:00 p.m.

CARS 146.745 - Daily 8:30 a.m.

TARC 444.100 – Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
TARC 146.805 - Thursday 7:30 p.m.
TARC 146.805 – Wednesday 8:00 p.m. DX net
TARC's website is at: <http://tamiamiarc.org/>

PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.

NICE 146.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m.

ForSale

FOR SALE: One bedroom one bath mobile home, 12x50 ft, on an approx. 60x100 ft. lot in Grove City. Two blocks from Lemon Bay. Totally updated throughout. New kitchen with oak cabinets, stone tile counter top, smooth top range, refrigerator with ice maker, dishwasher, garbage disposal and pantry. New bathroom with large glass shower. Large bedroom with wall mounted heat pump. Three closets: his, hers and a second hers. Huge laundry room with washer and dryer, 40 gal. hot water heater, built in laundry table and hanging clothes rack. Family room and kitchen have a separate wall mounted heat pump. Large lanai. Patio/carport. 8x12 ft. storage shed with electricity available. No deed restrictions and no association fees. Price \$45,000. For further information or to schedule an appointment call Bernie Silverberg, K4KUO, 697-0006, Bernie@silverkeys.com.

Neat Web Site

<http://www.artscipub.com/repeaters/local-repeaters.asp?zip=34223>

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The Repeater database is updated daily thanks to the support of Amateur radio operators around the country. Visit: www.artscipub.com Become a member: [click here](#)

[See the state Map with Popular repeaters](#)

Select City
ENGLEWOOD

OR. Enter in a zip code
 Search Now

Select Distance
Select Distance



City	Output	PL	Call Sign	Distance	Key	AutoPatch	Comments
Englewood	146.700-	77.0	N4EAR	0	A	NO	Click here for More Info Add
	146.775-	77.0	K0DGF	0	A		Click here for More Info Add
	146.865-		K8ONV	0	A	Yes	Emergency Power - RA... Add
	444.625+		K0DGF	0	A	NO	Emergency Power - RA... Add

Presenter: Mr. Daniel Noah (He's great!)

For Reservations Call: (To be determined)

Specific Courses (Beginner and/or Advanced): (To be determined)

For additional information at this time, or a cross check on the above information, please read the forwarded messages below. I did not receive the referenced attachment. I will send you more detailed information as I receive it. Your existing certifications are only good for three years and might be running out this year as is mine.

73,
Bob Speck, W4MPJ
DRO/AEC

Upcoming training

From: Bob Speck
To: Bob Speck
Cc: Wayne Sallade
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2012 9:51 PM
Subject: Fw: Fwd: SKYWARN in Englewood

To all ARES/RACES Members:

Hello Everyone:

We are starting off the new year with a bang!

Subject : We will have Skywarn (weather) training in Englewood.

Place: Suncoast Auditorium at Englewood Community Hospital

Date: March 14, 2012

Time: 1:00 pm Sharply (per Mel)

Letters to the editor should be emailed to:
K4MWD@arrl.net Put Editor in the subject line.



Mike Daly K4MWD
Editor