

# WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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February 20 , 2017

Editor Comment: Sorry for the late newsletter, thought I had another week. Mike

## SECRETARY'S REPORT



Ken Blackshaw W1NQZ

## ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Minutes of the Meeting

January 17, 2017

Dave Trost, WORVR, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was held at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce.

We had 19 members and four guests present for this meeting.

Secretary's Report – A motion to approve the minutes as published in the last newsletter was made and passed.

Treasurer Mike Daly gave a detailed report of the Club's financial performance for the past calendar year. Annual banquet budgeting covers subsidizing the extra amount of cost beyond what we collect from attendees. Discussed the effect of funds generated by selling donated equipment – very hard to anticipate. As things stand, we are losing about \$600 each year and this will have to be addressed at some point.

We have not budgeted for the LBHS scholarship. In the past it has been \$500, but we are now requiring the student possess an amateur license and at this point we have no applicants this year. If we have an applicant, perhaps we can solicit funds from the membership to cover this.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report and budget for 2017 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Provided info about JR House's address in Bradenton.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- 2) Sunshine – Vic Emmelkamp - Mentioned Fred Grouell's potential operation. We have some concerned about Skip since we haven't seen or heard from him recently. Vic spoke of our policy of sending cards for those in need.
- 3) RACES – Fred Grouell reported personnel are leaving that we have coordinated with in the past. Discussed Englewood Hospital being in Sarasota County but still part of our network. Problem with antenna tower not be guyed at that location.

Pam Eggleton mentioned she is no longer able to be at Anger Creek location and Charlie has moved also, so there is no one to cover that location. Also with Fred's medical issues, he won't be able to cover the hospital location for a while. Jim Nelson may be able to fill in.

- 4) Publicity – Jim reported difficulty getting stuff in the Englewood Review, finding the category that fits with their column.
- 5) Testing – No report.
- 6) DX – Tom Hawes reported contacting Big Corn I. on 20 and 17. Cluster is not providing room for enthusiasm. Tom’s worked all these places already, and generally conditions not good enough. Switzerland is talking to Austria so people are getting desperate.
- 7) Hamfest – Vic reported on Fort Myers, Jan 20 and 21. Discussed going to Orlando Hamfest next month.
- 8) Other – Jim
- 9) Field Day – Ray Magsby and Dave both live in South Gulf Cove and will handle making the reservation.

Trustees – Steve Churchill, Gene Reilly, and Ray Magsby

Mike motioned we approve the slate by acclamation. Carried unanimously.

Next meeting will be in February. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57p.m. so we could move to the program.

PROGRAM: Jim Nelson provided an excellent program about internet streaming providing various methods of getting TV programs via a web connection.

Matthew Henry generously provided and ran the computer hookup to show these slides.

Respectfully submitted, Ken Blackshaw  
Secretary

OLD BUSINESS: Dave Trost reported on our Banquet Feb 18 at the Hills in Rotunda – Cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7, discussed menu options which will be detailed in a subsequent note from Dave Trost. Cost will be \$15 per member.

Pam Eggleton mentioned having the Chamber provide us with a key. Ken Blackshaw said he would pick up the key for each meeting while here.

NEW BUSINESS: Vic mentioned selling T-Shirts for Rich who is physically unable to attend Orlando, for \$10 each and we would keep \$5 of this. Variety of styles and sizes supporting amateur radio. T-shirts are not dated. Motion was made to go ahead and sell less than 100 these shirts. Motion was passed with one dissenting vote.

Election of Officers – Vic Emmelkamp provided the agreed upon slate of officers.

Dave Trost – President  
Ken Blackshaw – Secretary  
Pam Eggleton – Vice President  
Mike Daly – Treasurer

**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday February 21th**  
**Englewood CofC**

**7:00 PM**  
**601 S Indiana Ave**

# TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Date ↓	Description	Type ▾	Status ▾	\$Amount	\$Available Balance
Amount included in Available Balance					
▶ 02/14/2017	BKOFAMERICA ATM 02/14 #000004642 DEPOSIT ENGLEWOOD ENGLEWOOD FL CKCD...	↘	C	375.00	6,675.85
Statement as of 02/01/2017 (view statements) »					
▶ 01/30/2017	CHECKCARD 0127 SUNBIZ.ORG / FL. TALLAHASSEE FL 05140487027720043959379...	📄	C	-61.25	6,300.85
▶ 01/25/2017	Check 1022: Venwood Awards	📄	C	-8.03	6,362.10
▶ 01/25/2017	Deposit	↘	C	331.50	6,370.13
▶ 01/23/2017	Check 1021: Dinner initial deposit	📄	C	-100.00	6,038.63

## Activity

### Deposits:

1/25 dinner 60, misc 18.50, bal dues  
2/14 dues 15, bal dinner

### Checks:

1/23 deposit for dinner Hills Restaruant  
1/25 name tag

Balance: \$6,675.85

Respectfully submitted  
Mike Daly K4MWD  
Treasurer

## DX



DX NEWS. BEGINNING FEB 1ST "RADIO CHARLIE" BECAME "RADIO ACTIVE" FOR A SHORT TIME. I DON'T CHECK THE DX INDEX TO SEE WHAT DX RECEPTION IS I JUST CHECK THE DX CLUSTER AND CHECK THE BANDS ON THE RADIO

YOU ALWAYS HERE ME TALK ABOUT THE NORMALS ON THE DX BANDS SO I HAVE WORKED A FEW OF THESE STATIONS, MOSTLY EASTERN EUROPE. FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE STATIONS I HAVE WORKED.

AND THE OPERATING TIME HAS BEEN FROM 8AM TO 11AM

LY5A 17M SSB LITHUANIA  
S58J 20M RTTY SLOVENIA  
IS0DCM 17M SSB SARDINIA  
S57U 17M RTTY SLOVENIA  
7Z1JA 17M SSB SAUDI ARABIA  
TL8TT 20M RTTY CEN. AFRICAN REP  
LZ235SIR 17M SSB BULGARIA  
CT1R9DX 15M CW MADEIRA ISLE  
TL8TT 17M SSB CEN AFRICAN REP  
EA3NG 17M SSB SPAIN  
Z37CEF 15M CW MACEDONIA  
YT1A 20M SSB SERBIA  
ON4ENL 20M SSB BELGIUM  
US0AW 20M RTTY UKRAINE  
TK5JJ 20M RTTY  
OK2ZA 17M SSB CZECH REP  
PH17ANT 17M CW NETHERLANDS

AT PRESENT I AM LISTENING TO A VP6EU ON 15M OFF THE BACK OF MY BEAM AND HE IS 59 HERE AND HE IS WORKING EUROPE WHEN HE CALLS FOR NA I WILL TRY TO WORK HIM FROM THE BACK OF MY BEAM WITH 100 WATTS.. OH, VP6 IS PICAIRN ISLE

TURN ON YOUR RADIO AND YOU TOO CAN DO THIS

HAPPY DXing FROM "RADIO CHARLIE"

**LOCAL:  
Orlando Hamfest Photos**



**Record Attendance at EARS Breakfast 18**



## Longtime Member Ron McLeod SK at 84

### Ronald G. McLeod

Ronald G. "Ron" McLeod, 84, of Englewood, Florida, passed away Monday, Jan. 30, 2017.

He was born and raised in Waltham, Massachusetts, son of George and Etta McLeod of Waltham, brother of Theodore McLeod of Englewood and Waltham and Robert McLeod also of Waltham.



After serving 4 years in the U.S. Navy on the aircraft carrier FDR and the repair ship USS Hector as a Lithographer 3rd class he received an honorable discharge and worked as a printer for the Atlantic Business Forms Co. in Waltham.



He also played the organ in local nightclubs. In 1959 he and Virginia "Ginny" Armstrong were married and moved to Randolph, Massachusetts, where they lived for 13 years. Their love of sailing prompted a move to Cape Cod in 1971 where they lived in Yarmouth Port and Hyannis for 25 years. Ron retired as a Deputy Sheriff from the Barnstable County House of Correction and the couple retired to Englewood in 1994.

Ron was a Mason for 55 years and member of Englewood Masonic Lodge 360 and honorary Member of Venice Lodge 301 where he was organist for both organizations. He was also a member of the Elks For 52 years and organist for Englewood Elks Lodge for 17 years.

Ron had a love of electronics and computers and was constantly learning new technology. He has been a radio ham for more than 50 years and is a member of the Englewood Amateur Radio Club.

Ron is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Ginny McLeod. He is also survived by sisters-in-law, Jackie Timmons of Venice, Betty Roma of Massachusetts and Mary-Ellen McLeod of Massachusetts and Englewood; brother-in-law, Bernie Roma, of Massachusetts also nieces and nephews Laurie and Angel McLeod, Christine and Matthew Bovarnick of Waltham, Vicki and Mike Vickers, Jimmy and Tina Timmons, Steve and Nicki Timmons of Northport as well as many great-nieces and nephews.

Living in Englewood was a dream come true for Ron. He has been very happy here and often gave thanks to God that he has been able to live in this wonderful community among amazing friends and loving relatives.

A memorial service will be held at the Sarasota National Cemetery Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017, at 12:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice Philanthropy Department, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

## EARS 2017 Banquet

This year's banquet held at the Hills Rotonda Golf Course was attended by about 30 members and guests. Dinner was excellent and the service was great. Dave W0ROR presented Ron Magsby KK4LGF with the outstanding member award for his work in field day and other activities.





## Hamfests

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

### 02/25/2017 | West Central Florida Section Technical Conference (3rd Annual TECHCON)

Location: Sarasota, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: West Central Florida Section

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

### 03/11/2017 | CHARLOTTE COUNTY HAMFEST

Location: Punta Gorda, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Peace River Radio Association

Website: <http://prra.club>

## Testing

Please email the contact to confirm dates and times.

Sponsor: SCARE

Date: Third Monday of each month

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Gino J. Ferranti

(941) 629-7933

Email: [ke4tjo@arrl.net](mailto:ke4tjo@arrl.net)

Location: Edgewater Methodist Church, 19190

Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL.

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](mailto:w4js@juno.com)

Location: Jacaranda Public Library, 4143

Woodmere Park Blvd, Venice

Reservations Appreciated!

<http://tamiamiarc.org/ve-exam-sessions>

Venice FL 34285-2416

**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:**

Suncoast Chapter 53 meets October through May at the Oriental Buffet, 4458 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota at 11:15 AM on the first Monday of the month. Cost is \$11/person. Dues are \$5/year for members.

**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.

**PA/Florida Connection Net:** Net is twice daily at 8:00 -9:00A.M. on 14.340 MHz and at 6:30-7:00 P.M. on 7.233 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 +5MHZ PL 100 Tuesday 7:30 pm.

TARC 146.805 – PL 100 Thursday 7:30 pm.

PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.

NI4CE 145.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m WCF ARRL Traffic net

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### 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

## LOCAL REPEATERS

Please look on the last page for repeater tables.

## FROM THE EDITOR



**Mike K4MWD**

It was great to see the turnout at Saturday's dinner. I wondered if this would be our last but a flurry of activity on Tuesday brought the numbers up to a reasonable number. With only about 30% of club members attending it makes me question the \$300 subsidy which more than repays each of us our annual dues. Is this what we want?

If you run into an article you'd like to see included, please email me at [mike@mmdaly.com](mailto:mike@mmdaly.com).

New repeaters for the list...

WENG Radio 145.250 T100

K0DGF 146.775 T77

K0DGF 444.625 T77

Thanks Pam and George, now I have to figure out how to edit the lists.



## LOCAL REPEATERS

27 repeaters found within 50 MILES of 34223 26.9779941, -82.3560389.

● = On-Air   ● = Off-Air   ● = Testing   ○ = Unknown

Click on the frequency for additional details.  
Click on a header to sort.

**VOIP Legend:** A=AllStar; E=EchoLink; I=IRLP; W=WIRES

Frequency	Offset	Tone	Call	Location	ST/PR	Use	VOIP	Mi	Dir	(up)
<a href="#">145.1700</a>	-0.6 MHz	136.5	KG4VDS	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
<a href="#">145.2100</a>	-0.6 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Lake Placid, Lake Placid	FL	OPEN		64.8	E	●
<a href="#">145.3300</a>	-0.6 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Avon Park, National Guard Armory	FL	OPEN		66.8	NE	●
<a href="#">145.3900</a>	-0.6 MHz	136.5	K4QCW	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
<a href="#">145.4300</a>	-0.6 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Varna, Cox radio tower	FL	OPEN		28.8	N	●
<a href="#">145.4700</a>	-0.6 MHz	97.4	WA4PAM	LaBelle, EOC	FL	OPEN		55.5	SE	●
<a href="#">146.6250</a>	-0.6 MHz	127.3	N4EMH	Wauchula	FL	OPEN		51.6	NE	●
<a href="#">146.6850</a>	-0.6 MHz	136.5	KF4QWC	Punta Gorda	FL	OPEN		19.4	ESE	●
<a href="#">146.7300</a>	-0.6 MHz	100.0	N4SER	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
<a href="#">146.7450</a>	-0.6 MHz	136.5	WX4E	Punta Gorda	FL	OPEN		19.4	ESE	●
<a href="#">146.7600</a>	-0.6 MHz	136.5	W4KR	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
<a href="#">146.7750</a>	-0.6 MHz		K0DGF	Englewood, Florida	FL	OPEN		1.1	S	●
<a href="#">146.8200</a>	-0.6 MHz	100.0	K4GG	Bradenton	FL	OPEN		38.4	NNW	●
<a href="#">146.8650</a>	-0.6 MHz	136.5	K8ONV	Port Charlotte, Charlotte County Sports Complex	FL	OPEN		16.3	ESE	●
<a href="#">146.8800</a>	-0.6 MHz	136.5	KI4PTZ	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
<a href="#">146.9100</a>	-0.6 MHz	100.0	W4IE	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
<a href="#">146.9550</a>	-0.6 MHz	100.0	K4BRC	Bradenton	FL	OPEN		38.4	NNW	●
<a href="#">147.0750</a>	+0.6 MHz	100.0	W4MIN	Arcadia	FL	OPEN		34.7	E	●
<a href="#">147.1200</a>	+0.6 MHz	136.5	K4NPT	North Port	FL	OPEN		8.7	E	●
<a href="#">147.1800</a>	+0.6 MHz	100.0	W4MIN	Arcadia	FL	OPEN E		34.7	E	●
<a href="#">147.1950</a>	+0.6 MHz	103.5	KF4MBN	Bradenton	FL	OPEN		38.3	NNW	●
<a href="#">147.2700</a>	+0.6 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Sebring, Highlands County EOC	FL	OPEN		65.6	E	●
<a href="#">147.2850</a>	+0.6 MHz	136.5	W1RP	Lehigh Acres, Lehigh Medical Center	FL	OPEN		50.2	SE	●
<a href="#">147.3000</a>	+0.6 MHz	141.3	KD4MZM	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.8	NNW	●
<a href="#">147.3450</a>	+0.6 MHz	136.5	WG4K	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
<a href="#">147.3750</a>	+0.6 MHz	123.0	N2FSU	Lehigh Acres	FL	OPEN E		51.3	SE	●
<a href="#">147.3900</a>	+0.6 MHz	100.0	N4SER	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		25.4	NNW	●

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<a href="#">442.3500</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	W4HCA	Avon Park	FL	OPEN		67.4	NE	●
<a href="#">442.9500</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Verna	FL	OPEN		30.6	NNE	●
<a href="#">444.1000</a>	+5 MHz	CC1 100.0	W4AC	Englewood	FL	OPEN		1.1	S	●
<a href="#">443.9500</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4CE	Lake Placid, Happiness Tower	FL	OPEN		64.8	E	●
<a href="#">444.4500</a>	+5 MHz	77.0	WB4FOW	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
<a href="#">442.4500</a>	+5 MHz	136.5	WB2FAU	Fort Myers	FL	OPEN		37.9	SE	●
<a href="#">444.9750</a>	+5 MHz	136.5	WX4E	Punta Gorda	FL	OPEN		19.4	ESE	●
<a href="#">443.2750</a>	+5 MHz		AC4FL	Naples, Wiggins State Park	FL	OPEN		58.1	SE	●
<a href="#">444.5500</a>	+5 MHz	141.3	KD4MZM	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
<a href="#">444.9250</a>	+5 MHz	CSQ	W4IE	Sarasota	FL	OPEN		27.0	NNW	●
<a href="#">444.8000</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	N1DP	Hancock	FL	OPEN		35.2	SE	●
<a href="#">444.2000</a>	+5 MHz		W4MIN	Arcadia	FL	OPEN		34.7	E	●
<a href="#">444.8250</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	W4HEM	Avon Park, Bombing Range	FL	OPEN		77.6	NE	●
<a href="#">443.8750</a>	+5 MHz	100.0	NI4MX	Lakewood Ranch	FL	OPEN		30.3	N	●
<a href="#">444.8750</a>	+5 MHz		K4TAP	Bradenton, Mixons Fruit Farm	FL	OPEN		38.4	NNW	●
<a href="#">442.1500</a>	+5 MHz	94.8	KA2LAL	North Port	FL	OPEN		8.7	E	●
<a href="#">444.7000</a>	+5 MHz	CC1	N4SER	Laurel	FL	OPEN		12.1	NNW	●



