## **WA4IWL NEWSLETTER**

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#### **PRESIDENT**



**Steve Churchill N9USZ** 

The Presidents report for May

Greetings from Steve N9USZ from Englewood. Not too much this month. We only had a few members at our May meeting. It seems the winter people are mostly gone, OH well.

Anyway, we discussed field day and preparation for same and the Lighthouse weekend on Boca Grand. We have the pavilion at the church reserved and we have several members who are going to lend a hand setting things up. I got the Generators tires repaired and checked the oil on same. It is ready to go.

As an aside. On Monday May 28th, I was privileged to take part in the Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at Gulf Pines Cemetery in Englewood. I

received the wreath for the POW as a member of The Sons Of the American Legion and The Legion Riders. The Lemon Bay High School Rifle Drill Team put on a very impressive display of Precision Military Rifle Drill. Also, due to high wind conditions, the Boy scouts came out and supported all of the various flags. A wonderful time was had by all.

73 Steve N9USZ

PS:hope to see as many as possible for field Day.



Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

# Secretary's Report EARS meeting May 17, 2012

Steve N9USZ called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 10 members present. We had a problem finding out where we were supposed to be....therefore, the delay.

The Secretary's report by Marcia KA1GCV was accepted as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was not given as neither Vic K4VHX nor John W4JAC was present.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Correspondence:** nothing in the mailbox.

**Sunshine**: An encouragement card was sent to Joe Whitefall W4MKI who is going for weekly treatment visits to Moffitt.

All members are asked to please notify any of the officers of any illness, problems needing

encouragement, or death of our club or family members so we can acknowledge it promptly. Thank you.

RACES: Mel W9BSM and Charles K1QNF reported that there will be a test 24 May. Steve will be one of the trainees at EOS, and it will be "hands on". On 1 June the annual RACES meeting will be held at 7pm in the Council Chambers in Murdock. Next week ~ 8pm RACES general call-in. Thursday at 9:30am there will be the West County check and digital program at Englewood Community Hospital.

**Publicity:** We need to put an ad in after June 1 regarding Field Day, which is coming up on June 23+24.

**Testing:** no report.

**DX:** Steve reports that 10 meters was open....not super but could get something in the late morning/early afternoon.

"US Islands on Air" at Casperson on Saturday from noon to 6pm.

**Old Business:** EARS scholarship was presented to Rebecca Montgomery, who is very interested in computer science. She graduates from LBHS tomorrow, then comes to Fellowship Hall for the graduation party.

**New Business:** Pioneer Parade is coming up; there will be a meeting on June 20 at 6pm at Elsie Quirk Library. We will shelve our decision till next meeting when more members will be present.

**Announcements:** There was discussion about putting a notice in ARRL regarding our field day. The Lighthouse weekend should be in August...we think it has already been booked by us. Stay tuned....

A motion to adjourn was made by Mel W9BSM, seconded by Gene KA1GCU. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2012.

Respectfully submitted, Marcia Fowler KA1GCV Secretary



**Tom Hawes WA3PRC** 

#### **DX REPORT**

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Not much to report this month.. I have been in an non-operating but listening mode the past month. I have just one logged contact and that is a 6Y, Jamaica, RTTY and on 20m,

Also the bands have been nosiy and at times just no copy or reception on the station you would like to work. As usual there are many DX Stations on the air and looking at the DX Clusters will tell you that.. The following list of stations are the ones I found interesting.

4U1ITU Geneva, ET3AA Ethiopia, XX9E Macao, XV3 Viet Nam, XF4 Revilla Gigedo, JY4CI Jordan, 6V7S Senagal and the wind up of the Yemen and the Somalia DX Epeditions.

The two most interesting posts are SV2ASP/A Mount Athos and A5A Bhutan,, I had copy on Monk Apollo (Mt Athos) and no copy on the A5A So as you see it was a scarce month for DX from this QTH.

73, Tom

# Next meeting June 21st, 2012 7:30 PM

Englewood United Methodist Church

#### LOCAL:

#### HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

### 08/18/2012 | <u>TARCFest XXVIII</u>

**Location:** Tampa, FL **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Sponsor:** Tampa Amateur Radio Club **Website:** <a href="http://www.hamclub.org">http://www.hamclub.org</a>

#### **VE Exam Sessions:**

7:00 p.m. on the Third Wednesday of the month at the Century Link Building at the corner of Harbor and S Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL.

Bring 2 forms of ID, your current license if upgrading and \$15

Contact Gino at 941-629-7933 for more info.

Click here for the next scheduled session. <a href="http://www.arrl.org/exam\_sessions/port-charlotte-fl-33952-9999-18">http://www.arrl.org/exam\_sessions/port-charlotte-fl-33952-9999-18</a>

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., 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.

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



Mike Daly K4MWD Editor