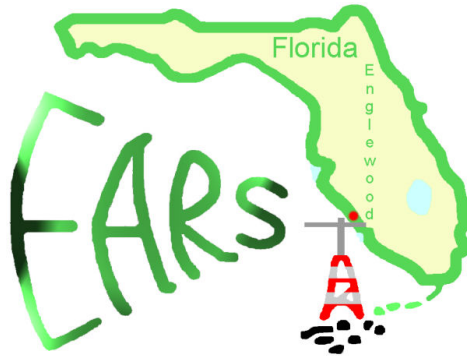


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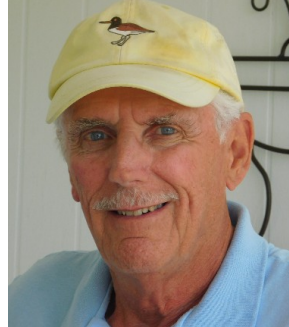
President's Message



Herm - WA9LFQ

**Next Meeting
7:00PM
Tuesday March 13th
Englewood Chamber of Commerce
601 South Indiana Ave
Englewood**

Secretary's Report



Ken Blackshaw W1NQT

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Minutes of the Meeting

February 13, 2018

Herman Hoffman, WA9LFQ, opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had 23 members and 4 guests present for this meeting.

Secretary's Report – Mike Daly, K4MWD moved, 2nd by Jim Nelson, W4AII, waived the reading of last month's minutes as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report – Mike Daly, K4MWD moved, 2nd by Dave Trost, W0RVR, waived reading of the treasurers report as published in the newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE: Two QSL cards in from our Lighthouse Weekend activity. I'll pass to Pam for response if needed. Two dues checks, passed to treasurer and one new membership form – passed to Mike Daly.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Sunshine – Vic, K4VHX is feeling better and so is Jon Pellant, W1JP. Fred KB4UTS, reported the passing of our club mascot, green parrot named Chico, done in by a raccoon! Fred also reported he'll be getting the other hip replaced. JR House and Mary Lou still at Heron Cove. Mary Lou is continuing to have medical issues.

- RACES – Jim Nelson, W4AII, Hospital antennas still not performing well, need to be moved. Can't hit digipeaters. Still doing drills. West County net on K8ONV repeater, last Thursday of the month – check in! Need west county activity. Put note to membership the week before.
- Publicity – Samir is doing a great job. Meeting notice was in the Englewood paper.
- Testing – Information is in the newsletter.
- DX – Tom Hawes, WA3PRC, propagation very poor – Europe working Europe, etc. Did work Kosovo on CW and Sideband, 20 meters. Bovet I DX-pedition has had to be canceled. Discussed 'countries,' vs. 'entities,' for DX status.

Tom Hawes, mentioned 'Elmering.' Wanted to know if anyone needs help with their rigs or getting on the air. Generated a good laugh as everyone felt they need help. But Tom continued – discussed DX operation, working splits, interpreting DX Cluster advice, etc., good information.

- Hamfests – Herman reported, He, Dave, Vic, Tom, went to the Orlando Hamfest. Well attended. Lots of things to buy. Great weekend. Vic, K4VHX, reported that we did well financially, over \$450 in club sales. Still more to sell though!
- Repeater – Jim Nelson, W4AII, reported on the set up for getting Echolink and IRLP on K8ONV. Looking for contributions for equipment. You will be able to activate the repeater from up north once this is operational. Discussed use of existing repeater call signs. Also discussed weekly net activity – as many as nine stations checking in.
- Field Day – June 23 and 24th. Ray Magsby, KK4LGF, gave directions to the South Gulf Cove pavillion. 776 to Gasparilla Road, 771 – 3rd exit, Ingraham, south side. Discussed available rigs.

OLD BUSINESS: Vic Emmelkamp commented the Club Banners are still missing. Last seen at the Lighthouse Weekend last August.

Mike Daly, moved (Vic 2nd'd) that the six or seven regular items paid every year be made into a budget and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay those items without having to have them be voted on individually by the membership. Insurance, Post Office Box, Chamber Membership, Sun Biz, Field Day, Lighthouse Weekend. Passed unanimously.

Tee Shirts are available if you need another. The Treasurer has them and will sell them for \$10 apiece. Question about nametags and how much they cost if you need another one, \$8.50. If you need another nametag.

NEW BUSINESS: Awards – Vic Emmelkamp presented awards to Dave Trost, outgoing President, and Mike Daly, outgoing Treasurer, as retiring officers. Very nice plaques from Venwood Awards.





Interested in becoming an EARS member?
An application is located on the last page.

Treasurer's Report



Joann Adamy KC4WJ

Englewood Amateur Radio Society			
Englewood, FL			
Treasurer's Report			
Feb-18			
Balance			5,979.40
Income			
Dues		215.50	
Sale of Equipment		507.00	

Total Income			722.50
Expenses			
Awards		97.37	
Bank Fees		21.00	
Corporate Filing		61.25	
Hamfest		45.00	
P O Box		82.00	

Total Expense			306.62
Ending Balance	#NAME?		6,395.28

One last item – Fred Grouell brought a GIANT straight key in for people to see and wonder over.

Next meeting will be the 2nd Tuesday in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Program:



Ron Farley, KG4UIV, from Punta Gorda, gave an extremely informative and interesting program on Echolink and IRLP and how it allowed people in hospital rooms or other places like that, to still make contacts through repeaters that are linked to the internet.

Respectfully submitted, Ken Blackshaw, Secretary

LOCAL

Dues

It's that time of year again. Dues are \$15 single and \$18.50 family. Mail your check to Joann KC4WJ

Annual Directory

The 2018 Directory (Final) has been sent by email to all members. Please check your data and send any changes to Mike mdaly@twc.com.

If your entry is missing a photo (or it's time for a new one) please email a selfie to Mike.

Orlando HamCation

Once again we make the trek, this time a little out of the usual because the Kirkland Road exit is no longer a left hand exit. We persevered. The club table sold \$452 worth of fine slightly used stuff. Here are some photos.



Notice the banner, the real one is still AWOL





Recent Denny's Breakfast Photos



Did you notice any new faces in these photos. We've got a lot of new members. Come to the meeting or breakfast to meet them.



Jonathan Blincoe KJ4HBW



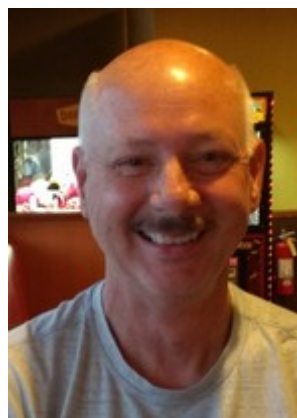
Doug Frazier KE5ODR



John Harris KN4BZS



Doug VanderLaan K8RFT



Mark Thurston KB8WXI



Jim Reske NB3P



Byron Myrick KG4SFL



Charlie Troxell KH2OP

Hamfests

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

03/11/2018 | Charlotte County Hamfest

Location: Punta Gorda, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Peace River Radio Association

Website: <http://prra.club>

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 Denny's 3701 Bee ridge Road, Sarasota at 11:00 AM the first Monday of the month. Cost is \$13/person. Chapter dues are \$5/year. June through September, members have lunch on the same schedule at the Hibachi Grill Buffet, 549 US 41 Bypass, Venice.

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 146.865 PL 136.5 Tuesday 7:00 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

TESTING

Use this link to search ARRL for a site near you:

<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

Port Charlotte FL 33952-2551

EXAM SESSION

02/15/2018 (3rd Thursday each month)

Sponsor: SCARE

Date: March 15 2018

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

Contact: Gino J. Ferranti

(941) 629-7933

Email: ke4tjo@arrl.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Port Charlotte United Methodist Church

21075 Quesada Ave

Port Charlotte FL 33952-2551



From the Editor

Not too much to report from here except that I'm up to my neck in tax prep. Time of the year I guess.

Hope to see all at the meeting on TUESDAY.

Food and Fellowship

Denny's – Englewood, SR 776 and Placida Rd (next to Bay Harbor Ford) : 7:00 AM every Tuesday

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.

Englewood Amateur Radio Society
Membership Application

Name: _____ CallSign _____ Class _____

Local Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Local Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Secondary Address: _____ City/State : _____ Zip Code: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ ARRL Member: Yes/No _____

Please check activity interests: Field Day ____ Contesting: ____ RFI/TVI ____ VE Testing: ____

Training: ____ Technical: ____ Computers: ____ Packet ____ Publicity: ____ Special Events: ____

Single Membership: \$15.00 per year ____ Family Membership: \$18.50 per year

Give to Treasurer or Mail to: E.A.R.S. PO Box 572 Englewood, FL 34295