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SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

EARS MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Tom Hawes WA3PRC in the Pavilion. There were 15 members and no visitors or guests present. We have a quorum. The secretary's and treasurer's report were accepted as read. We have \$5000.70 balance.

Our meeting tonight was a troubleshooting one as explained by Tom and Vic; and we needed to converse and straighten out our goals as a group:

I. Because of the diminishing numbers of our meeting group, we have been asked to consider changing our meetings to a Monday night, where there is available room for our small group. OR should we find another meeting place....Englewood Hospital was one suggestion that we could consider; other thoughts were to have informal meetings whenever we needed them; probably as a breakfast or luncheon meeting; OR should we disband our club altogether.

II. It is time to elect our officers again...no one seems interested in taking a position for many reasons...one is because once you take an office, it seems to end up being one that you take for your lifetime. We need to have more members take over an office even if you have already done it....maybe if we take it for one year, or even 6 months at a time, it would be less

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dreaded; OR should we disband altogether??

III. We need to discuss our “Christmas/New Year’s” party. Do we need to have a formal affair? Does it need to be an expensive evening? Can we have a BBQ, or have each bring something for the meal? Can we do it in an afternoon? Can we announce our officers at this time and renew our excitement for our club’s continuance? Can we use this time together to find out what our own members need for their interest in this; OR should we just give up and disband?

The simplest answer to these questions is to “get more young people interested in amateur radio” to join our club. Are you aware of the electronics that these kids use every day, and their ability to walk, talk, and even drive (although now illegal) with these instruments in their hands? Do you think that they would give that up for studying for their licenses and using radios that are controlled by a higher power? WE know that our radios are extremely important for helping in hurricanes, disasters, etc., but if they can’t have a lot of fun with them, they are not going to want to join a club so they can be “bored.” (My comment only.)

Anyway.....we were each asked these questions....we were all asked to think about them and come back with an answer. I challenge you all to come to our next meeting on MONDAY, NOV. 18 at 7pm in room 102 in the Lampp Bldg. at the EUMC with YOUR answers and your feelings.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV
Secretary

DX REPORT



Tom Hawes WA3PRC

No input this month.

Next meeting

Monday November 18th

7:00 PM

Englewood United Methodist
Church

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Ernest Keith Kelly KC5AS

Naples, FL

Keith Kelly, 75, died October 31, 2013 with his loved ones at his side after battling cancer for five years. He was born Ernest Keith Kelly in Venice, IL on October 16, 1938 and had lived in Florida for 15 years, splitting his time between homes in Naples and Port Charlotte. Previously he had lived in St. Louis, Chicago, London, and the Houston area with his wife, Deanna, and their two boys before he moved to Anna Maria Island and later to Naples.

He was predeceased by his mother, Lettie T. Kelly; and his father, Ernest J. Kelly.

He is survived by Mana Holtz, his 'Sweetie' of 13 years; sons, Bryan (Kim) of Houston, TX and Darren (Dana) of Louisville, CO; grandchildren, Celeste and Dylan; sister,

Glenda (Kelly) Madden of Bonita Springs; and many nieces and nephews.

Keith earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Southern Illinois University, while working full-time and helping raise two boys. He worked as a chemist at Granite City Steel and as a fire safety engineer for a variety of companies. He then created his own company as a fire protection consultant for several oil companies. He joked that he retired the first time at age 48, then again at age 52, and finally at age 60.

He loved spending time with Mana at their Port Charlotte home on the water, where they kept their Sea Ray for longer trips and their small catamaran for fishing. They often had bets on who caught the first fish, the biggest fish and the most fish. (He didn't always win.)

A master joke-teller, Keith was known for his quick wit, his charm, his cooking skills, and his fabulous hair. In addition to fishing, he loved boating, having spent years on his Californian and then enjoying many 'getaways' with Marine Max and other Sea Ray owners. He loved to read and had traveled extensively throughout the world, both for his job and his personal pleasure. He spent two years living in London, and worked extensively in the North Sea, the Middle East, South America, Africa and Russia, designing and inspecting fire protection systems. He was also an instructor at Texas A & M's Fire Safety School for several years.

In high school, Keith became interested in ham radios and soon earned his operator's license. He was a lifelong ham radio operator and was active in The Englewood Amateur

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Radio Society, where he developed many close friendships. On Tuesday mornings he looked forward to getting together with his amateur radio buddies for breakfast. Over the years he collected old radios and took great pleasure in them.

A humble, soft-spoken man, he was a creative chef and was Mr. Fix-it around the house. He loved to dance, especially the jitterbug, and had a good time wherever he was. He had a joke for every occasion and would fascinate friends with his stories about his work experiences in exotic locations. He was also a very caring man, and for years he played Santa Claus on Christmas morning at the Shelter for Abused Women and Children, passing out gifts to the grateful residents.

Per his wishes, there will be no funeral service.

A celebration of his life will be planned at a later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Shelter for Abused Women and Children, P.O. Box 10102, Naples, FL 34101, or Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105.



Clockwise from bottom-left: N9USZ; Darren Kelly; Joann Adamy; Bryan Kelly; Frank Maren, JR House

Tom Hawes; Skip Hayes; Mike Daly; Jerry Martin; Vic Emmelkamp

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LOCAL

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

12/06/2013 | West Central Florida Section Convention (Tampa Bay Hamfest)

Location: Plant City, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council

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

12/07/2013 | North Port Hamfest

Location: North Port, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: North Port Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w4npt.org>

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 14.317 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's website is at: <http://tamiamiarc.org/>

PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.

NICE 146.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m.

LOCAL REPEATERS

MHz (-) Tone

145.130 (-) N4SER Laurel/SERC

145.430 100 NI4CE Verna/Big Stick

146.570 N4XJQ Punta Gorda

146.5900 W0AC 136.5 North Port

146.700 77 N4EAR Englewood/EARS

146.730 100 N4SER Sarasota/SERC

146.745 136.5 WX4E Charlotte

County/ARC

146.775 77 K0DGF Englewood

146.805 100T W4AC Venice/TARC

146.865 K8ONV Port Charlotte/EARS.

146.910 W4IE Sarasota/ARA (A)

146.925 N4ZNU Port Charlotte

147.015 KS4ST Port Charlotte

147.120 136.5 K4NPT North Port/NPARC

147.255 136.5 W4DUX Port

Charlotte/PRRA

442.050 100 KB2WVY Placida/Stewart

442.100. 136.5 KA9RIX North Port

442.700 136.5 N4FOB Port Charlotte

442.925 136.5 W4DUX Port

Charlotte/PRRA

442.950 100 K4WCF Big Stick

444.625 77T K0DGF Englewood

444.975 136.5 KS4ST Punta Gorda/CARS

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FROM THE EDITOR



Mike K4MWD

This month's activity has centered around the passing of a good friend. I will remember Keith for his conversations about ham radio and work related stories from all over the globe. His jokes, his love of good restaurants, and his boating skills. I remember a hamfest at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds; he invited me to sit in his little BMW roadster. He had a Yaesu 857d with the matching antenna, and we made three quick qso's with Germany while the car was pointed West. That combination of hardware is now my "shack" in my Toyota.

Last Tuesday the breakfast group had the honor of meeting his sons, Bryan and Darren. Darren is a university professor in Colorado, and Bryan a NASA engineer in Houston. It only took a couple questions about Space-X, the shuttle, and a couple other hi-tech things to get Bryan wound up and teaching a 3-credit hour class at Denny's. Poor Darren didn't get much opportunity to add to the conversation, but that's life for the little brothers.

It was Keith's wish for the club to receive all of his radio gear that the family didn't want. EARS now has a large quantity of Heathkit gear, test equipment, and ham shack stuff. If you want to help in the cataloging and testing of equipment, please contact Vic K4VHX.

I'm sure many join me in sending condolences to Mana, his sons, spouses and grandchildren and to all who love Keith.

As I was going through the archives to find pictures of Keith it became evident to me again how many have become silent keys in the few years that I've been with the club. I hope they have all found peace and rest.

Letters to the editor should be emailed to: 99wentworth@gmail.com Put Editor in the subject line.