

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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President's Message



Fortunately, we have seen many of our Friends and Members return At our Tuesday breakfasts and monthly meetings, we are seeing smiling faces and eager reports of Ham Radio adventures Us Southwestern Floridians welcome everyone home.

During the Summer hiatus we all received unemployment, ate Mangos and Oranges while drinking Margaritas to excess, but we still chug along. Well, at least the Mangos & Oranges are true But those of us that were here through the Summer were busy developing Training and Licensing opportunities for CERT and the general public Hoping they were interested in our hobby.

During the year of 2019, Jon Pellant, Steve Churchill,

Doug Frasier & I will deliver four Technician Class training sessions January, April, July and October are the lucky months Each class will take three successive weekends during the last three weekends of each delivery month We expect to use the Rotunda West Community Center as the location as we will be training CERT recruits, however, the public is invited to join them. Time is usually 8 AM to 2:30 PM each class day If date or time changes, we will inform all participants of the change Testing takes place on the last session for those who wish to be licensed by the FCC Currently the ARRL charges \$15 each for each testing victim.

Steve Churchill passed his Extra Licensing Exam, VE qualification and between Steve, Doug Frasier, Jon Pellant and I, we now have four members in the ARRL Voluntary Examiner program. My congratulations to Steve These members, as do many of our members, have a long history in Ham Radio and employment in the field of Engineering and Administration In addition, Jon delivered an Eagle Scout Ham Radio presentation for two Eagle Scout groups during a recruitment day with possible members Jon is a former Eagle Scout and is still able to get into the uniform he wore as an Eagle Scout That took courage & initiative.

We have tentative agreement to install a repeater originally intended for WENG at the # 4 Fire Department Building WENG is now remotely controlled from Arcadia and access to the equipment would be difficult We hope to have that completed as soon as approval is given by Charlotte County officials Waterfest this Fall will most likely end the year of 2018. We have many members who participate staffing that event whose proceeds go to charity.

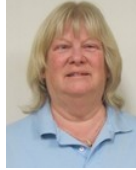
Also, this Summer Pam, Ray and Matthew and additional members organized Field Day in June and Lighthouse weekend in August We thank Ray & Dave for getting access to South Gulf Cove Community Activity Building for the Field Day event Pam deserves a special thanks for her, Ray and Matthews efforts making Lighthouse weekend a great success We successfully completed 143 contacts this year A new record, I believe I even made a couple of contacts while there.

While those are primarily Ham activates it is an opportunity for us to show off the skills and talents of our membership It is also enjoyable for this of us who are Ham Radio Operators.

Please recruit new members if you are able so that we can continue our 115-year history into the future Thank you for supporting our club.

73's & Tnx
Herman Hoffman
WA9LFQ

Treasurer's Report



No Input
Treasurer Joann KC4WJ

DX



ON THE AIR WITH A COUPLE OF INTERSTING DX OPERATIONS

I WAS ABLE TO WORK THE AUSTRAL ISLANDS, TX5T ON 15M,20M AND 17M CW WITH 100 WATTS

THAN RWANDA, 9X0T 2M SSB AND 17M CW. AGAIN WITH 100 WATTS

THEN DUCIE ISLAND CAME UP AND THAT ISLAND VP6D HAD MAOST HAMS ATTENTION

I WORKED THEM ON 5 BANDS CW AND BANDS SSB. ALL 100 WATSS EXCEPT 20M SSB, I USED 600 WATTS

AND 17M RTTY

IT WAS A GREAT DX OPERATION

**Next Meeting
7:00PM
Tuesday November 13th**

**Englewood Chamber of Commerce
601 South Indiana Ave
Englewood**

Secretary's Report



No Input

Secretary Ken W1NQT

I TOOK A BREAK FROM THAT TO WORK THE NEW IOTA ISLAND NA 249 ON 20M SSB THE PREFIX IS KP4

AND LAST IS Z23MD ZIMBABWE, I WORKED THEM ON 17M SSB WITH 100 WATTS. THIS STATION IS STILL ACTIVE AND I WILL TRY FOR OTHER MODES AND BANDS

CHRISTMAS ISALND IS ON THE AIR AS VK9Q BUT I HAVE NO COPY ON THEM

IT WAS A FUN 4 WEEKS

TOM WA3PRC

Local

MaryAnn Rathbun Passing

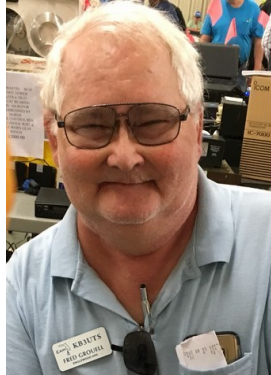
It is with sadness that I inform the group of Mel's wife, MaryAnn, passing away 11/02/18. Reach out to Mel at:

Mel Rathbun
Village Place Health & Rehab
2370 Harbor Blvd
Port Charlotte, FL 33952
941.766.5347



Pam
K1UEG

WATERFEST 18



Fred KB3UTS

We need volunteers for Safety/Security See attached flier.



To: Former Waterfest Volunteers and Friends
From: Steve Gardiner; Security and Safety Committee
Subject: Englewood Beach WaterFest 2018 Volunteers

What is WaterFest you say? Speed, Power and excitement come to Englewood Beach for a 3-day festival, November 16th thru the 18th, with thrilling off-shore competition November 17th and the 18th. This will be the World Championship for the Offshore Powerboat Association (OPA) with expected attendance of over 50 boats running at speeds up to and over 150 miles per hour. We expect over 35,000 people to attend this year.

Various water related events are scheduled to run thru out the month of November to coincide with WaterFest. Please visit the website at www.Englewoodbeachwaterfest.com for the complete schedule of events and other interesting Waterfest information.

The reason I am reaching out to you is that I need your help! We need approximately 35 more slots filled for the event . Many of you who said you were going to volunteer have not even registered on the web site yet and we are only 16 days away from the

event. Please visit the web site and review all the open positions we need volunteers for this year.

Help us spread the word. An event of this magnitude needs a large number of dedicated volunteers-over 300. You will work hard, but will have a lot of fun along the way. Our public entities have stepped up, the Business community has stepped up, and now it is time for the citizens to step up and help us stage this world class event. If you own a business, consider being a sponsor or purchasing a fence banner to advertise your business. See website for details.

You may sign up as a volunteer on the web site at www.inglewoodbeachwaterfest.com and click on the Volunteer tab in the Home Page. Look for the committee of your choice and sign up for your shift. **We are requiring each person who signs up for the Security and safety Committee to do multiple shifts (at least 2) over the course of the weekend this year in order to keep the number of personnel down.** Make sure you sign up for each shift term on the Volunteer tab on the website. In total there are 5 Security and Safety shifts over the 3-day event. I will need 35 Security and Safety people per 4 hour shift and 8-10 Rescue Divers per race for both days of racing.

Please send me an email at pmg_inc@comcast.net or call me at (office) 941-698-1376 or (mobile) 941-661-5308 to answer any questions about the particular duties involved for the Security and Safety Committee.

Once you sign up as a volunteer you will be contacted regarding the volunteer meetings we plan to have in the next few months prior to the event.

I want to thank those of you who have already volunteered this year and I look forward to seeing all of you that volunteered the last few years for WaterFest and to meeting all the new volunteers for 2018. Take care and be safe.

Editor's Message



As we approach a new year I am announcing that I am cutting back on my activities within the club. This affects newsletter editing, maintenance of the membership roster and producing the membership directory. It's time for "better hams than me" to take over. These activities amount to a couple hours a month for newsletter, 5-10 hours a year for roster, and 20-40 hours a year on the directory. I will help any volunteer get started.

Mike K4MWD

Englewood Amateur Radio Society
Membership Application

Name: _____ Call Sign _____ 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