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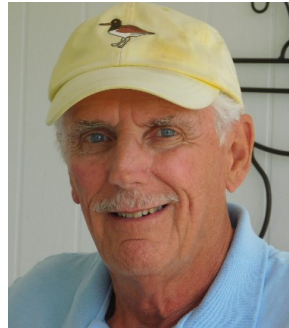
October 10th, 2017

From the Editor



Welcome to fall and the end of the newsletter dry spell. Summer has been active and will be remembered by all. From the Field Day and the Lighthouse Weekend through the hurricane season. Seems like we've been under assault from all directions lately. Next week I will return to Englewood with my army buddy Jerry Martin for a few weeks of fishing and clearing up the area around the Pink House. Looks like we lost a couple little trees and all control of the back yard. It will be nice to see all of you again.

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Ken Blackshaw W1NQT

EARS Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2017

The Englewood Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order by Pam Eggleton K1UEG, on May 16, 2017 at 7:09 PM at the Englewood Area Chamber of Commerce building. We delayed the start a few minutes to allow everyone time to come in from their cars through the pouring rain. We began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Eight members and two guests, Tom Filieo and Doug Phillips, attended.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary's Report was unanimously accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted as published in the newsletter.

Correspondence.

Only one junk mail item arrived in the PO Box.

Sunshine.

Fred was at the minute and announced that he will get a new hip July 31 and his second him 90 days later.

ARES/RACES.

A meeting was held with an assistant principal of Lemon Bay High School to discuss raising the antenna at the campus chiller room by about eight feet (members questioned why not even higher). It sounded like the high school was happy with the chiller room location rather than relocating equipment closer to the office area.

Pam said everything worked fine at Ainger Middle School at practice this past month. A possible lack of summer coverage was discussed.

Doug Frazier is filling in at Englewood Community Hospital while Fred is out. ECH is taking down the antenna tower on top of the roof and keeping only the antenna array on the side of the building at roof level so a digipeater is required for digital communications from the hospital. Hams share room space with the dietitian/food service person for the hospital.

Publicity.

Jim Nelson reported that he is looking into possibly demonstrating ham radio to Englewood Area Chamber of Commerce members, possibly at some community events, but will wait until September to pick the issue up again.

DX.

Ray's radio is in the shop. Tom says nothing is out there, with up and down bands. Tom says Earth has been in an exceptional magnetic field for about six months.

Hamfests.

Dayton Hamfest is being held at a new location this year.

Old Business.

Field Day is at the same location as last year with the same restrictions (no alcoholic beverages) at the South Gulf Cove pavilion. Tom bought a new cooler that Matthew took home to store with the generator and extension power cables; Tom says he'll wait until our Treasurer returns to turn in his receipt for reimbursement. The rest of the equipment is presumed to be stored in Howard Kuhlman's shed. It was suggested that Steve should have access to the shed, if Howard isn't available. Ray says the pole for the vertical antenna is at Ray's house. It was suggested that we could use a 2M station for GOTA (Get On The Air) since such a station would give more points and not count as a competition station. The plan is to pick up the equipment Friday and set it up on Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 AM.

The increase to membership dues that was brought as an issue and voted on by membership at the April meeting was discussed. There had not been prior notice that a change to the EARS bylaws was to be made before the issued was called to a vote, so members not at the meeting were not aware of the proposed change as well. There was very little discussion on the issue and the need for the increase was not clear. The matter could need more attention when meetings resume in the Fall.

Lighthouse Weekend is the third full weekend in August – August 19 & 20. Ray, Pam, and Mary went out to Boca Grande to investigate. The person they spoke with at the lighthouse was unsure, and referred them to the state park ranger. Ranger Chad wants an event application and an application fee of \$107 that should cover both days. There is also a \$6 bridge toll for each vehicle each of the two days to get onto the island. It is possible that work will be in progress on the lighthouse during the event, so we are permitted to use the ranger building instead, if that is the case. The idea of making a brochure for the club and Lighthouse Weekend event was also kicked around. It was decided we did not have a quorum present to vote on a motion to use the \$50 previous approved for donation to the Gasparilla Barrier Island Historical Society toward the newly required state park application fee and then have the officers use discretionary authority to authorize payment of the \$57 difference, as there will be no regular meeting before the event. It was suggested an email vote from membership on the issue might help us get approval.

New Business.

See the Lighthouse Weekend issue above in Old Business as it lead us into New Business.

Announcements.

George and Gerta Shreve are expected to be in town Friday for their son, George Jr's 60th birthday.

Doug Phillips brought a DVD which addresses how hams raised money for a tower in his community. He will bring the video back to share at a better attended meeting in the Fall.

Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

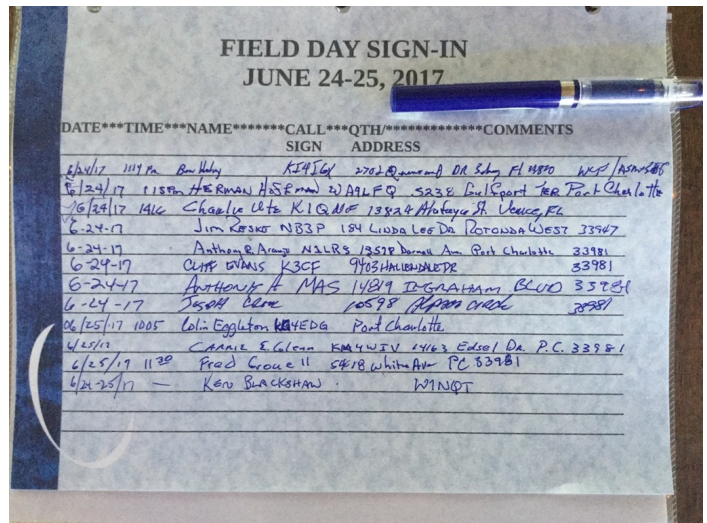
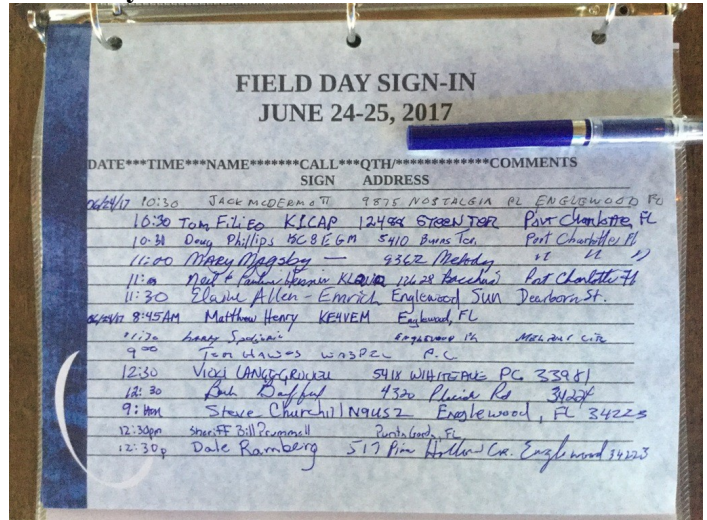
Program.

RACES in Sarasota County has a slightly different organization. It has an Auxiliary Communications System (ACS), LLC composed of ARES/RACES members and a president who interfaces with the Sarasota County EOC. They also have a hardened Internet connection (IXP) for their digipeater system.

Respectfully submitted,
 Matthew Henry KE4VEM,
 Acting Secretary



Field Day Photos



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

Next Meeting
7:00PM
Tuesday October 17th
Englewood Chamber of Commerce
601 South Indiana Ave
Englewood



TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Date ↓	Description	Type ▾	Status ▾	Amount	Available Balance
Amount included in Available Balance					
▶ 09/18/2017	Bill Pay Check 5005: Pam Eggleton		C	-27.60	5,686.10
Statement as of 08/01/2017 (view statements) »					
▶ 07/31/2017	BKOFAMERICA ATM 07/31 #000006965 DEPOSIT PARK AVENUE ROCHESTER NY CKCD...		C	50.50	5,713.70
▶ 07/12/2017	BKOFAMERICA MOBILE 07/12 3574979605 DEPOSIT *MOBILE FL		C	272.40	5,663.20
▶ 07/03/2017	Bill Pay Check 5004: Matthew Henry		C	-52.84	5,390.80
Statement as of 07/01/2017 (view statements) »					
▶ 06/13/2017	Check 1052		C	-107.00	5,443.64

Activity

Checks: \$107 Lighthouse rental, \$127 Annual CofC dues, Matthew Henry field day expenses \$52.84, Pam Eggleton lighthouse expenses \$27.60

Deposits equipment sales \$272.40, dues nametag income \$50.50

Balance: \$ 5686.10

Respectfully submitted
Mike Daly K4MWD
Treasurer

More field day...



Lighthouse Weekend

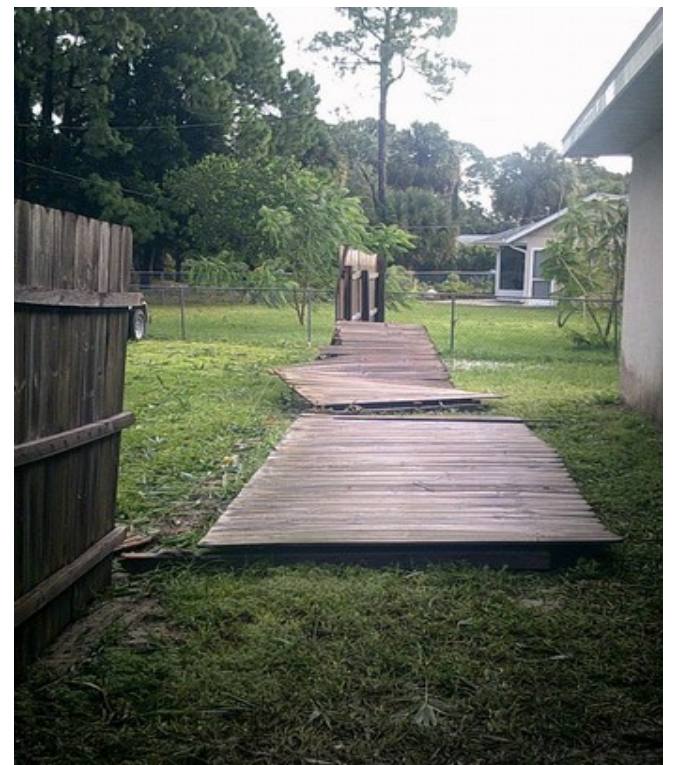




branches, yard debris, trellis and some panel fencing down. Have reconnected my J-pole but at ground level right now. Appears 146.865 repeater is operational.

Hope everyone stayed safe.

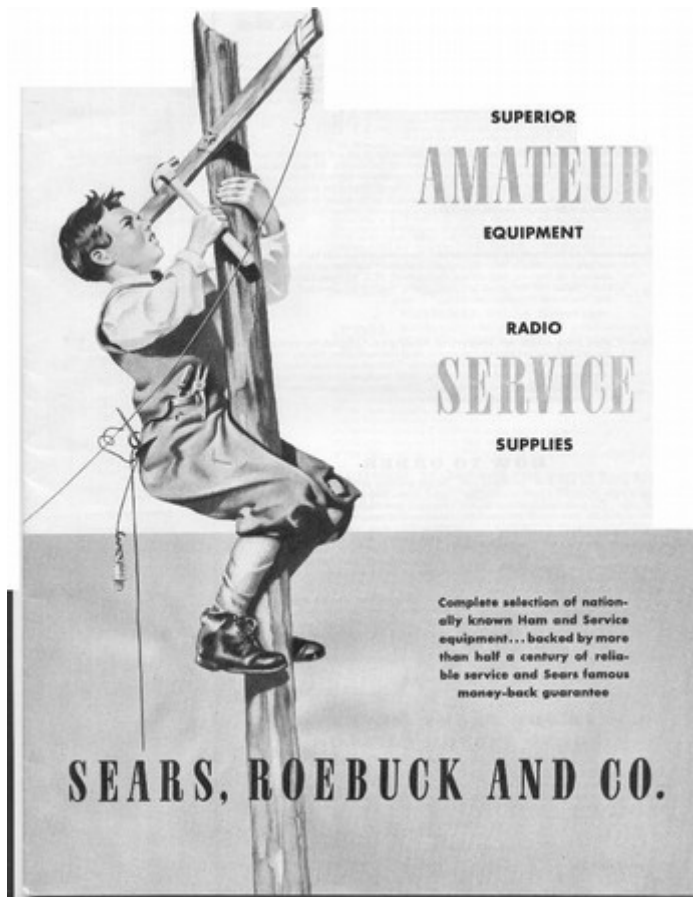
73
Pam
K1UEG



Wondering how our radio family fared Hurricane Irma. If possible, send me information about your QTH, damage reports, radio/antenna status etc and I will compile the information for our October meeting.

At my QTH, we never lost power, sheltered here at home. Before storm, took down both my HF vertical and J-Pole antennas. After storm, small

Steve Churchill suggests some nostalgia from the Sears Radio Catalog from 1940



For more visit: <http://www.gotcomms.com/1940-ham-catalog/>

Also from Steve



It's like something out of a war story from the past — a man sends Morse code messages to let people know he's alive in the worst of times. It wasn't years ago though. It was just under a month ago, Sept. 11, the day after Category 4 Hurricane Irma passed over the Florida Keys and wiped out most forms of communication with the outside world.

But there was one method to get information out that worked every time: Ham radio.

For more visit: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/community/florida-keys/article177639671.html>

That's about all I can find in the summer's mailbag.

See you on the 17th.

Mike