



The WA4IWL Newsletter



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Hi all,

I do not have a lot to report this month other than the weather has been pretty good and the daylight hours are getting shorter. We did have a successful lighthouse weekend. The weather that weekend was great and a great time was had by all who participated. About 25 hams showed up over the weekend. The bands were OK and several good contacts were made. Thank you to all who made that weekend happen!

Our picnic with the Peace River Club will be on November 15th at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds. (Where we had the hamfest). Please bring your own lawn chairs and if you have an easily transportable table, bring it along also.

Our next meeting is September 19th. See ya then
73 Keith WL7CKY

August 15th Meeting Minutes

Call to Order - President Keith Herve -WL7CKY called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. A loyal following of twelve members were in attendance introductions were skipped since we all knew each other.

Secretary's Report - A motion was made by Al-KA9KAZ to accept the minutes as published in the July Newsletter, seconded by Bill-W1AMU and the motion carried.

Treasurers' report - Treasure Bruce-K2OY reported the club checking account balance was \$5317.39 as of 8/15/2003. Expenditures this month included \$20.00 for new member badges and a \$100.00 donation to the church youth group who set up and tore down the tent we used for Field Day. Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Don-WA4IWL and was 2nd by Howard-N4MLJ. The motion carried.

Correspondence

A "thank you" card was received from Mary Magsby of the Englewood Charlotte Library thanking the club for putting on the amateur radio program for the Kid Club Day Camp on June 26th. The amateur radio program at the Library included a HF station, a VHF station, a CW demo and an

CLUB MEETING

Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3rd Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. Meeting location is at the Englewood United Methodist Church 700 E. Dearborn St. (near Pine St. & River Road). Contact one of the officers for directions to the meeting room.

After Meeting Program Providers

September: Ted-KB8UXK, October: Bruce-K2OY, November: George-KA4JKY

Echo Link demo. The kids attending had a good time and impressed all of us with their interest and enthusiasm.

Many thanks to our club members who made it all possible, they were: Pam-KG4EDF; Gerry-K4JWE; Ken-W4JQT; JR-K9HUY; and Vic-K4VHX.

The only other correspondence was advertising and miscellaneous brochures.

Announcements

This Saturday and Sunday, August 16, 17, we will be participating in the International Lighthouse-Lightship weekend. Tom-WA3PRC will be on site at the Boca Grande light house from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. All members and their guests are invited to come to this beautiful location and operate.

Sunshine - Al-KA9KAZ-was sent a 'get well' card after his recent surgery. Apparently he took the suggestion, as he appeared fully recovered at our meeting.

We have news that John K-N1KEN's wife Ann is recovering from a stroke and so John will not be able to be active for a while as he attends to her needs.

We also had news that Freeman-W1NPR's wife, Etta passed away unexpectedly after surgery on August 5th. A card was passed around for the members to sign.

You can visit Freeman's web site at: <http://fcrosby.com/> then click on "More information" under Etta's picture for the funeral notice and obituary. Also be sure to sign the guest book.

RACES - Since the room we formerly used at the San Casa EOC is no longer available for our RACES drill as a result all check-ins will be from our respective home QTHs.

Publicity - nothing to report.

Testing - No testing is scheduled for this coming Saturday.

DX - Bruce -K2OY reported that the bands are down and his station is in the process of being moved and is not operational at this time.

Old Business

As published in the July Newsletter a motion had been made, seconded and approved to purchase a used 5KW gas generator from Bruce-K2OY for \$300.00. A vote was taken for final approval and passed by a majority of hands. The treasurer is authorized to write a check in the amount of \$ 300.00 for this purchase.

Howard-KD4MMY has agreed to store the generator at his house along with the other club generator.

Bruce-K2OY volunteered to present the program in October replacing Freeman-N1NPR who requested to be excused.

New Business

The annual joint picnic with the PRRA club will be held Saturday, November 15th at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars!

First of all we need tables so if you have a suitable picnic table call Vic-K4VHX and let him know it's available. Vic will be coordinating the picnic with Jack Keim-KE4IM of the PRRA. Second you will need to bring your own chairs and a covered dish or desert the day of the picnic.

Charlotte/Sarasota County Club news

The PRRA club has a new President, Jack Keim-KE4IM and a new Vice President, Dan Wharton-KG4MJM.

A new club has formed in Northport. The President is Mike Swaider-KA9WIE and the Vice President is Bill Norris-KC7TSG. Both were former members of the PRRA club.

The program for the evening was a video explaining the various forms of digital communication modes used by amateurs i.e. CW, RTTY, Practor, Amtor, and Packet.

Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX

Acting Secretary

EARS Directory Changes

Joe Ventura (KB4OCM) has a new Email address (Lawdog1@Verizon.net). Please make this correction in your EARS directory.

Please note our EARS president Keith Herve's call sign is WL7CKY not KL7CKY. Please make this correction in your EARS directory.

Due to the change in the office of Vice-President the listing for this office is now Martin Horowitz, KA1DCD 473-1123, olddocbubbles@comcast.net. Please change the officers listing in the directory front page.

Ham Radio Operators Step into the Breach When Tech Failed!

Ref: USA Today,
http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/techinnovations/2003-08-18-ham-radio_x.htm

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) - When technology failed on a massive scale last week, some old-fashioned broadcasting stepped into the breach as ham radio operators took to the airwaves to reach emergency workers. For millions of people in the Northeast and Midwest last week's massive blackout took access to e-mail and the Internet with it. Land-line and cellular telephones were jammed by a crush of calls.

But the ham radio, which came into being in the World War I era, connected firefighters and police departments, Red Cross workers and other emergency personnel during the most extensive blackout in the Northeast since 1977.

Ham operators are not dependent on a server or cell tower, and with battery backup can operate when grids fail.

"When everything else fails, the ham radio is still there," said Allen Pitts, a ham operator in New Britain. "You can't knock out that system."

The radios are operated by a network of volunteers organized by the Newington based American Radio Relay League.

For complete article go to web site reference.

International Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend

My thanks to Vic-K4VHX, Vin-KG4IAV and Joe-W2ORP for the help in raising the 2 verticals antennas and to Bruce K2OY for the use of his R7.

The bands were not cooperative, Sunday being the better day, a total of 137 contacts were made. 16 contacts were lighthouses and 1 was a battleship. Total operating time was 16-1/2 hours.

Thanks to Vin and JR for operating the CW station, Pam, Ken and several others for operating SSB. Thanks also goes out to Jackie-N4XKG from the PRARC for commanding the 2m station on Saturday, those others who operated 2m on Sunday and the "take down crew." Equipment in use was a ICOM 746, a KENWOOD 570D and a YAESU 2500M.

All in all it was successful and a lot of fun!
Tom-WA3PRC



Tom, Floyd, Hugh, Bobbie, Joe, Regina



Tom & Pam

Weekly Ham Operator Breakfasts

“Come and acquaint yourself with other hams!”

Each week on Tuesday mornings area ham operators gather at two restaurants here in Englewood. The first to meet are the ones that “rise and shine” early for breakfast at Tiffany’s when they open at 7 a.m. Tiffany’s restaurant is in Tiffany Square at the intersection of San Casa and SR 776. The second group of Hams to meet are the ones who like to sleep in a little later and they meet at the Country Hound around 8 a.m. The Country Hound restaurant is in the Palm Plaza shopping center at the Intersection of SR 776 & 775 (Placida Road). They also meet at Mel’s Diner in Venice on Friday’s at 8 a.m.

VE Exam Sessions

These exams are given at 9:30 AM the 3rd Saturday of the month, on a reservation basis only, in the conference room of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce building, 601 South Indiana Avenue.

Internet Sites to Explore

Do you have any Internet sites which might be of interest to hams? Please forward them to the editor

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want-To-Buy

If you have any personal Ham related equipment for sale to be added to the newsletter, contact the editor.

Englewood Amateur Radio Society Membership Application

Name _____ Call Sign _____ Class _____ ARRL (Y/N) _____

Local Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Local Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Secondary Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Spouse’s Name _____ Email Newsletter (Y/N) _____

Please check activity interest: Field Day ____ Contests ____ RFI/TVI ____ Newsletter ____ VE Testing ____
Training ____ Technical ____ Computers ____ Packet ____ Publicity ____ Hamfest ____ Special Events ____

Single Membership @ \$15/Year ____ **Family Membership @\$18/Year** ____

Florida Hamfests September/October

Listing from: <http://www.arrl.org>

13-14 Sep 2003 Platinum Coast ARS, Melbourne, FL
<http://pcars.org/hamfest>, Contact: Joe Mitchell, K4AW
3 Oliphant Circle, Indialantic, FL 32903
Phone: 321-720-9967, Email: k4aw@arrl.net

20 Sep 2003 Suncoast ARC, New Port Richey, FL
Contact: Tim Robinette, WD8MVU, PO Box 1992,
New Port Richey, FL 34656
Phone: 727-848-0353, Email: trobin@home.com

27 Sep 2003 Bahia Shrine Amateur Radio Unit, Orlando, FL
<http://www.bahiashrine.org/users/radio/>
Contact: Warren Hill, W4WHH, 177 Hanging Moss Drive,
Oviedo, FL 32765
Phone: 407-365-6682, Email: w4whh@aol.com

11 Oct 2003 Cy Harris W4MAQ Memorial Free Flea,
Plantation, FL,
<http://www.geocities.com/bcepn/freeflea.html>
Contact: Richard Block, KG4CHW, 10018 Winding Lake
Road, Apt. 103, , FL 33351-5859

Phone: 954-275-0652, Email: kg4chw@arrl.net

11 Oct 2003 ARC-Bradford Area, Starke, FL

<http://www.ku4ay.net/starkehamfest.html>

Contact: John Bradley, KU4AY, 2363 NW CR 225

Lawtey, FL 32058

Phone: 904-782-1185, Email: hamfest@ku4ay.net

18 Oct 2003 Greater Jacksonville Hamfest Association

<http://www.jaxhamfest.com>, Contact: Richard Smythe,

KF4PBL, 4473 Hudnall Road, Jacksonville, FL 32207

Phone: 904-739-9713, Email: rsmythe2@bellsouth.net

WA7BNM Contest Calendar

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

September

- YLRL Howdy Days 1400Z, Sep 10 - 0200Z, Sep 12
- WAE DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Sep 13 - 2359Z, Sep 14
- Louisiana QSO Party 1400Z, Sep 13 - 0200Z, Sep 14 and 1400Z - 2000Z, Sep 14
- ARRL September VHF QSO Party 1800Z, Sep 13 - 0300Z, Sep 15
- North American Sprint, SSB 0000Z - 0400Z, Sep 14
- FISTS Coast to Coast Contest 0000Z - 2400Z, Sep 14
- Tennessee QSO Party 1800Z, Sep 14 - 0100Z, Sep 15
- QRP ARCI End of Summer PSK31 Sprint 2000Z - 2400Z, Sep 14
- AGB NEMIGA Contest 2100Z - 2400Z, Sep 19
- ARRL 10 GHz Cumulative Contest 0600 local - 2400 local, Sep 20 and 0600 local - 2400 local, Sep 21
- SARL VHF/UHF Contest 1000Z, Sep 20 - 1000Z, Sep 21
- Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW 1200Z, Sep 20 - 1200Z, Sep 21
- Collegiate QSO Party 1200Z, Sep 20 - 0400Z, Sep 21
- South Carolina QSO Party 1300Z, Sep 20 - 2100Z, Sep 21
- QRP Afield 1500Z, Sep 20 - 0300Z, Sep 21
- Washington State Salmon Run 1600Z, Sep 20 - 0700Z, Sep 21 and 1600Z - 2400Z, Sep 21
- Panama Anniversary Contest 1200Z - 2359Z, Sep 21
- Fall QRP Homebrewer Sprint 0000Z - 0400Z, Sep 22
- CQ/RJ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY 0000Z, Sep 27 - 2400Z, Sep 28

- Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB 1200Z, Sep 27 - 1200Z, Sep 28
- Texas QSO Party 1400Z, Sep 27 - 0200Z, Sep 28 and 1400Z - 2000Z, Sep 28
- Alabama QSO Party 1800Z - 2400Z, Sep 27

October

- SARL 80-Meter QSO Party 1700Z - 2000Z, Oct 2
- TARA PSK31 Rumble 0000Z - 2400Z, Oct 4
- Oceania DX Contest, Phone 0800Z, Oct 4 - 0800Z, Oct 5
- EU Autumn Sprint, SSB 1500Z - 1859Z, Oct 4
- California QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 4 - 2200Z, Oct 5
- QCWA QSO Party 1800Z, Oct 4 - 1800Z, Oct 5
- RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, SSB 0700Z - 1900Z, Oct 5
- YLRL Anniversary Party, CW 1400Z, Oct 8 - 0200Z, Oct 10
- 10-10 Day Sprint 0001Z - 2400Z, Oct 10
- Oceania DX Contest, CW 0800Z, Oct 11 - 0800Z, Oct 12
- EU Autumn Sprint, CW 1500Z - 1859Z, Oct 11
- Pennsylvania QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 11 - 0500Z, Oct 12 and 1300Z - 2200Z, Oct 12
- FISTS Fall Sprint 1700Z - 2100Z, Oct 11
- Iberoamericano Contest 2000Z, Oct 11 - 2000Z, Oct 12
- North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z - 0400Z, Oct 12
- YLRL Anniversary Party, SSB 1400Z, Oct 15 - 0200Z, Oct 17
- JARTS WW RTTY Contest 0000Z, Oct 18 - 2400Z, Oct 19
- ARCI Fall QSO Party 1200Z, Oct 18 - 2400Z, Oct 19
- Worked All Germany Contest 1500Z, Oct 18 - 1459Z, Oct 19
- W/VE Islands QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 18 - 2359Z, Oct 19
- Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW 0000Z - 0200Z, Oct 19
- RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, CW 0700Z - 1900Z, Oct 19
- Illinois QSO Party 1800Z, Oct 19 - 0200Z, Oct 20
- CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Oct 25 - 2400Z, Oct 26
- 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW 0001Z, Oct 25 - 2400Z, Oct 26