

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Englewood Pioneer Days is Labor Day weekend. The cardboard boat races are usually fun to watch at Indian Mound Park. EARS will prepare for the parade on Sunday afternoon and then participate on the parade on the morning of Monday, September 5. The parade staging area is at St. Raphael's Catholic Church parking lots and then heads down Old Englewood Road and then through old downtown on W. Dearborn Street. EARS will be handing out bumper stickers, pens, and literature as Vic's truck rolls down the road with the EARS banner and a radio display. Give Vic a call if you're interested in being involved. Hope we all enjoy the festivities.

If you have any program ideas or guest speakers you would like to invite to our club meeting, please let me know. I'm sorry our meeting room has been moved back and forth between the fellowship hall and the office meeting rooms, we are trying to sort out the issue or at least provide better notification of our meeting location to members.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Minutes of the Meeting

August 18, 2011

Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, opened the meeting at 7:36 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had 14 members and no guests present for this meeting.

Secretary's Report – A motion to approve the minutes as published in the last newsletter was made and passed.

John Cernaglia, W4JAC, read the Treasurer's report and reported a net worth balance of \$ 5,785.91. A motion to approve this report was made by Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT, and seconded by Nicole Henry, KG4TGI, and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: Just our bill for our P.O. Box, \$46 for the year, which will be paid.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

2) Sunshine – No report

3) RACES – Mel Rathbun had surgery so there

is no RACES report this month. Sunshine will send a card out.

Charlie Utz, K1QNF, reported that they are still attempting to communicate (unsuccessfully) using 70 cm.

- 4) Publicity – No Report
- 5) Testing – John Ceraglia, W4JAC, commented they tested and passed two candidates, one to Extra and one to General Class. These two hams are apparently people who are involved with traveling around the world by yacht, and are returning to Thailand to pick up their boat and continue.
- 6) DX – Frank Maren, W4Victor Victor, commented that South Sudan went QRT on August 18, and that their logs are instantly available over the internet.
- 7) Hamfest/FD – Matthew Henry reported that he has declined reimbursement for the \$46.14 he spent for fuel. Instead he will contribute that amount to the Scholarship Fund.

There was also a discussion of changing the oil on the generator and fixing a flat tire. Steve Churchill, N9USZ, volunteered to handle both of those matters.

Fred Grouell, KB3UTS, said he would donate his end fed Zepp antenna for next year's FD activity.

- 8) Lighthouse Weekend – Lighthouse Weekend – Seems that the Fort Myers club beat us to the punch on this one and they will be running a station at Boca Grande Lighthouse for that event. It was suggested that we might go along and visit with them.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussed Pioneer Days Parade – Vic Emmelkamp is not yet back from traveling, but will coordinate our presence in this event. Watch for an email on this subject.

The FD computer question came up again. Bill Stevens, W1AMU, wanted to know what had happened to the Panasonic "Tough-books" he had

provided. Turns out these had proved unusable due to battery and other problems. We discussed being ready next year with computers that function easily and having loggers – non-hams?? – practice with the software ahead of time. This item remains open.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was mentioned.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Were covered in the discussions above.

PROGRAM: We had no program this month. Matthew Henry commented that if anyone has ideas for programs, they should contact him.

The meeting was adjourned at __8:22__ p.m.

Ken Blackshaw
Acting Secretary

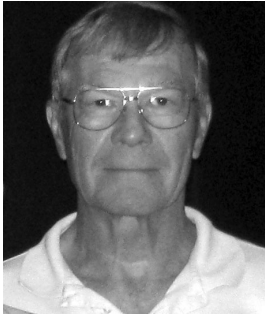


PIONEER DAY PARADE

EARS is planning on participating in the Englewood Pioneer Day Parade. Our application and check has been sent in and now I need 4 or 5 volunteers to help get my truck ready Sunday and then to ride with me on Monday, Labor Day. If you are available to help out call or email me. Email: ekamp2@msn.com ; Phone: 473-5560. Thanks and 73.

Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX

DX REPORT



DX,, WELL THERE HASN'T BEEN MUCH DX THE PAST FEW MONTHS OTHER THAN THE REGULARS,, ALSO PROPAGATION HAS NOT BEEN ALL THAT GOOD

FOR THE MONTH OF JULY AND AUGUST THE INTERESTING DX WAS,,, JAN MAREN ISLAND JX5O,, SOUTH SUDAN ST0R (NEW DXCC ENTITY),, BENIN TY1KS,, MARKET REEF OJ0UR AND SOUTH KOREA D9A

HOPEFULLY PROPAGATION WILL BE BETTER AS SUMMER WINDS DOWN

TOM WA3PRC

LOCAL:

HAMFESTS/CONVENTIONS

09/17/2011 | [Bahia Shrine Amateur Radio Unit Tailgate](#)

Location: Orlando, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Bahia Shrine Amateur Radio Unit

Website:

<http://www.bahia Shrine.org/~radio/Tailgate.htm>

09/24/2011 | [Pasco County Hamfest](#)

Location: Odessa, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Suncoast Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/sarcmail>

09/24/2011 | [Lambiefest](#)

Location: Punta Gorda, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Peace River Radio Association

Website: <http://www.w4dux.net>

10/08/2011 | [Florida State Convention \(Melbourne Hamfest\)](#)

Location: Melbourne, FL

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://pcars.org>

FOR SALE BY KIUEG

Kenwood TS-930S HF Transceiver w/SP-930 Speaker and MC-60 microphone (manual on paper and CD) \$400

AEA Pakratt 232 Model PK-232MBX (no cables) (manual included) \$40

MFJ-653 Speech Articulator (manual included) \$50

CDE CD-45-11 Rotor System w/mounting hardware and manual \$50

Lafayette HE-10 Receiver w/ HE-14 speaker \$50

Icom IC-215 2m Transceiver w/microphone \$25

Astatic T-UG9 Microphone \$20

Kenwood TR-7400A 2m Transceiver w/microphone & mounting bracket \$20

2m mobile antenna (glass mount) FREE

Micronta 21-525B Field Strength/SWR Tester FREE

Icom 728 Original Manual w/attached schematics FREE

Call Pam for more info. 475-9727

VE Exam Sessions: The exams are given at 10:00 A.M. the 2nd Saturday of each month in the conference room of the Venice public library, 300 South Nokomis Avenue, Venice, FL. The exam cost is \$15.00. Contact Jack Sproat-W4JS, w4js@juno.com, 475-1929.

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 14.293 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 146.580 - Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
TARC 146.805 - Thursday 7:30 p.m.
PRRA 146.255 - Sunday 8:00 p.m.
NICE 146.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m.

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

Letters to the editor should be emailed to: K4MWD@arrl.net Put Editor in the subject line.

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Next issue will be early October. Still time to submit an Operator's Profile or send photos of your activities.



Mike Daly K4MWD
Editor

Emmelkamps visit Canada and didn't drive right past the Dalys this year!

