

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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September 14, 2014

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

EARS
August 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Steve N9USZ, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 13 members and 1 visitor present. The Secretary's report by Marcia KA1GCV was accepted as read in the newsletter. The Treasurer's report by Skip K4WDH was accepted as read. As of 8/19/14, our balance was \$7072.50. Correspondence: A letter of thanks to the EUMC was written by Pam K1UEG, read to the group, and voted on to sending. They had allowed our meetings and Field Days for quite a while.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Sunshine: No reports received.

RACES: Charlie K1QNF reported still no changes in our status at ECH. He and Mel plan to meet with the ECH head and offer an ultimatum. Our last drill there will be at the end of this month.

Testing: Reports of time and place are in the newsletter.

DX: Tom WA3PRC reports he worked some on the Borneo chain, South Korea, and Hong Kong, but was not loud enough to call back. Ohio+North Dakota ARRL continue.

Hamfest: Lambifest will be held Sept. 13 to support So. Punta Gorda.

Old Business: Our Field Day storage will be allowed at the CGA station....we need to have an inventory done. Pam asked and was allocated money to purchase more supplies for Field Day.

A motion to adjourn was made and accepted by all present at 7:30 pm.
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 (3rd Tuesday) at 7:00pm at the CGA Station on 776.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Fowler KA1GCV, Secretary

Next Meeting
Tuesday September 16th
7:00 pm
Coast Guard Auxiliary Station

LOCAL

Ray Magsby KK4LGF

Vic reports "I just talked to Ray's wife Mary and she reported that Ray is doing well after having his heart valve repaired yesterday (9/11/14). He is sitting up and eating whole foods. But is still on 6 monitors. at Peace River hospital."

DXCC Rule Proposal Survey

From: ARRL Members Only Web site

Date: Wed, Sep 10, 2014 at 1:31 PM

Subject: DXCC Rule Proposal Survey

To: ekamp3@gmail.com

A motion was passed at the July 2014 Board of Directors Meeting to task the Programs and Services Committee (P&SC) with looking at the use of remote stations in the DXCC awards program. Here is the actual motion:

"WHEREAS the DX Century Club (DXCC) is the premier ARRL award program, and has amateur operator participants worldwide; and

WHEREAS remote controlled stations are becoming more popular and represent new advancements in computer and radio technologies; and

WHEREAS remote controlled stations both commercial "for hire/rent" and private pose both opportunities and challenges within the DXCC program;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the ARRL Board of Directors hereby tasks the Programs and Services Committee to closely examine this issue and consider the possible advantages, disadvantages and any potential ethical issues as it relates strictly to the DXCC program. The PSC should report its findings and any recommendations back to the ARRL Board no later than the January 2015 Annual Meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors."

As I am a member of the P&SC, I'll be directly participating in the examination. I'll try to summarize the basics and to impartially summarize the arguments on both sides.

Currently the DXCC rules require that all contacts for a DXCC award must occur from the same entity. In other words, If you move around the continental United States, contacts made in any of the 48 states count towards that DXCC award. Other than requiring the operator to be in the same entity as the receiver and transmitter, the rules are currently silent on the use of remote stations that are located in the same DXCC entity.

Years ago there was a rule that said all contacts for an DXCC award had to be within 150 miles, but that language was removed quite some time ago.

With the advent of the Internet, it has become commonplace for amateurs to be able to remote control their stations while they travel or otherwise are away from their home station. There are now clubs that offer remote access to a well constructed station as a membership benefit. There are also now commercial operations that charge for the use of their remote stations which may include stations located throughout the continental United States (and elsewhere).

Below are the arguments from both sides that I have heard most frequently. There are other arguments on both sides of the issue.

The arguments in favor of restricting the use of remote stations generally center around what is perceived as an unfair advantage available to amateurs using premium stations located in other parts of the country. It is often easier for a station in the Northeast to work stations in Europe and stations in the Northwest to work stations in Asia. The argument is that, for example, a station in Florida using a well equipped remote station on the West Coast to work a rare country in the Pacific is not fair.

The arguments in favor of continuing to allow remote operations for DXCC award credit include: DXCC is an individual achievement, not a contest; someone who has physically moved around or visited within the 48 continental States gets credit for all DXCC entities contacted from any of those states— technological advances now allow that "movement"

to be electronic; and some amateurs have two homes located in different areas of the country and use an Internet connection to operate the main station when they are at the other home.

If you support the idea of limiting the use of remote stations for DXCC award credit, send an email before 9/15/2014 to yes@arrl.org that includes your callsign in the body of the email.

If you oppose the idea of adding any new restrictions to the use of remote stations for DXCC award credit, send an email before 9/15/2014 to no@arrl.org that includes your callsign in the body of the email.

Please only send one email and add any comments you would like to. Comments that explain specific restrictions or conditions you would be in favor of are particularly helpful. I won't have time to respond individually, but I will read all emails received.

Thanks & 73,
de K4AC

ARRL Southeastern Division
Director: Doug Rehman, K4AC
k4ac@arrl.org

Testing

Please email the contact to confirm dates and times.

Sponsor: SCARE

Date: Third Wednesday of each month

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Gino J. Ferranti

(941) 629-7933

Email: ke4tjo@arrl.net

Location: North Port VFW Post

Corner of Pan American Blvd

and Trott Circle

North Port FL 34287-9999

Sponsor: Tamiami ARC

Date: Second Saturday each month

Time: 10:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: John R. Sproat

(941) 475-1929

Email: w4js@juno.com

Location: Venice Public Library Conference Room

300 Nokomis Ave S

Reservations Appreciated!

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Venice FL 34285-2416

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

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:

Chapter 53 now has its summer lunches the first Wednesday of each month, June through September, around 11:15 AM at the Hibachi Grill Buffet in the Bird Bay Plaza shopping center on US 41 Bypass, Venice.

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

Miscellaneous Charlotte County Amateur Radio Activity

All local repeaters use PL Tone of 136.5 Mhz Except the Englewood 146.865 Mhz or the Gator 147.015 Mhz Repeater

Sunshine Net Everyday at 8:30 Am on 146.745 Mhz and 444.975 Mhz.

SW Florida Traffic Net Everyday except Sunday at 10:00 AM on 147.345 Mhz and 146.685 Mhz.
PRRA Sunday Night Net Sunday at 8:00 PM on 147.255 MHz and 442.925 Mhz

North Port Net Tuesday at 8:00 PM on 147.120 Mhz.

Sky Warn Net Tuesday 9:00 PM Big Stick (NI4CE repeater sys) 145.430 PL 100 and 442.950 PL 100

Voip and Tech Net (Naples) Tues 7:30 PM Naples 146.670 PL136.5, Arcdia 147.180 PL 100 and Venice 442.050 PL 100. also on Echolink at nodes 451949, 389568, 213895, and 205293

Windmill Net Sunday at 9:00 Pm on 28.475 Mhz SSB

75 Meter Vintage Equip Net Tuesday at 5:00 PM on 3.810 Mhz

EARS Simplex Net Wed at 7:30 on 146.550 Mhz

Food and Fellowship

Punta Gorda ELKS lodge, Shore Drive in Punta Gorda, 11:00 AM Every Friday.

Denny's Restaurant, corner of RT 41 and RT 776 in Murdock, 7:30 AM Every Saturday

IHOP Punta Gorda, diagonally across RT 41 from the Police and Fire Station and directly across Grace St. from the Golden Corral. 1145 Am Wednesday.

Denny's – Englewood, SR 776 and Placida Rd (next to Bay Harbor Ford) : 7:00 AM every Tuesday

HAMFESTS

08/23/2014 | TARCfest XXXII

Location: Tampa, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tampa Amateur Radio Club

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

FROM THE EDITOR



Mike K4MWD

This week marks the first time since June I think that your high temps will be under 90. Fall must be coming and I look forward to my month long visit with my Army buddy Jerry. Can't wait.

73,
mike

Letters to the editor should be emailed to:

99wentworth@gmail.com Put Editor in the subject line.