

WA4IWL NEWSLETTER

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September 10, 2015

SECRETARY'S REPORT



Secretary Marcia Fowler KA1GCV

EARS MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Pam K1UEG, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 11 members present.

The Secretary's report was accepted as written in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was rejected due to incorrect balance. Mike K4MWD sent out an email correcting the balance error.

Correspondence - Hamfest notification Shelby, NC
Committee Reports:

Sunshine - Vic K4VHX notified the members of Tom WA3PRC mother-in-law's passing

RACES - Gerry K4JWE will assist for drills at L.A.Ainger. Vic K4VHX and Ken W1NQT will assist for drills at Lemon Bay High School

Publicity - None

Testing - Refer to newsletter

DX - Ray KK4LGF mentioned atmospheric conditions have not been favorable 8-12 PM.

Contacts on 20 meters have included Chili, Guinea, Puerto Rico, Crete, Aruba, and the Turks/Caicos.

Hamfests - Tampa Hamfest August 22. Lambifest September 12.

Old Business - Vic K4VHX and Tom WA3PRC think vertical antenna needs to be tested to access condition. Vic K4VHX and Ken W1NQT will test in the next week. There was a discussion relative to installing the repeater at the CG building. Most members agree not to install the repeater. Some of the reasons stated by Gerry K4JWE, Vic K4VHX and Ken W1NQT were the lack of controlled environment to maintain the equipment, the antenna would need to be above the treeline, and there are at least four to five repeaters in the area already not being utilized.

Other - Gene KA1GCU had a question about the test exams for expired licenses and re-testing privileges. Vic K4VHX brought key limes to share (the first crop from the tree in 15 years!)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36PM. Our next meeting will be September 15 at 7pm at the CG building on 776.

Guest Speaker - Matthew KE4VEM gave a brief presentation on a Smartphone App called WiFi Analyzer. The App allows the user to analyze router channels and frequencies to better choose a channel with the least interference.

Guest Speaker - Marcia KA1GCV presented a brief history of Englewood and its founding "birthday" on August 17, 1896. She will submit her Englewood history to be included in the newsletter. She also baked a delicious chocolate cake to celebrate which all the members enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam K1UEG

Next Meeting
Tuesday September 15th
7:00 pm
Coast Guard Auxiliary Station

DX



Ray Magsby KK4LGF

I have not been on much, but here are contacts: 8R1—Guyana, (8-11), XR1—Chile Special Activation Mine, also XR4 and XR6 all part of the Special Activation Mine, Various days, VP5—Turks and Caicos. All contacts have been on 20 Meters.

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Current account:

Date	Description	Type	Status	\$Amount	\$Available Balance
Amount included in Available Balance					
07/15/2015	Check 1005		C	-23.65	6,493.42
Statement as of 07/01/2015 (view statements) >>					
06/17/2015	Counter Credit		C	30.00	6,517.07
06/02/2015	Deposit		C	35.00	6,487.07
Statement as of 05/30/2015 (view statements) >>					

income: 00
 expenses: 00
 balance: \$6493.42
 Respectfully submitted
 Mike Daly – treasurer

-- SOME DX TO BE LOOKING FOR --

FIGI, 3D2. 3D2YA by JA1NLX 23-28 Sept fm Yangeta Is; 40m-10m; CW, RTTY, SSB.
 TANZANIA, 5H. 5H3DX by NK8O 04-28 Sept fm Zinga; 20-6m; spare time; 100w.
 W. MALAYSIA, 9M2. SE station 9M10CSB is QRV until 31 October 31. Activity on 80m to 6m using CW, SSB and digital modes.
 SABLE IS., CY0. Aaron is QRV as CY0/VA1AXC until 23 September. Activity is mainly SSB on 20 meters around 2300z.
 S. COOK ISLANDS, E5. Milan-OK1DWC is QRV as E51DWC until sometime in September. CW and SSB on 160m to 10m.
 FRENCH POLYNESIA, FO. By DF1YP as FO/DF1YP fm Moorea 05 Sept to 01 Oct.
 ALAND ISLANDS, OH0. Stefan-DL3SEM is QRV as OH0/DL3SEM until 06 September.
 SLOVAK REPUBLIC, OM. SE station OM2015TITANIC is QRV from Bratislava during the Titanic exhibition until the end of the year.
 DODECANESE, SV5. Volker-DL1ZB is QRV as SV5/DL1ZB from Kos until the end of September. SSB, RTTY, SSTV and PSK63 on 20 to 6 meters.
 TUVALU, T2. LZ1GC and OM5ZW as T2GC from Funafuti 24 Sept-14 Oct; 160m-6m; CW, SSB, RTTY.
 PALAU, T8. T88KH by JP1RIW 12-16 Sept fm Koror I (OC-009, PJ77fi); 80-6m.
 PALAU, T8. T88QB by JF2SQB 20-22 Sept.
 VIETNAM, XV. VK6LC as XV2VTC and 3W2HCM from 24 Sept to 23 Oct. CW and SSB on 20m, 17m, 15m.
 VANUATU, YJ. YJ0NH by JA0JHQ fm Port Vila, Efate Is, 03-07 Sept; 80-6m; CW SSB
 (From NG3K Contest/DX Page and ARLD033 DX news. 20 August 2015)

LOCAL

At the meeting last night, I read this excerpt from "The History of Early Englewood" by Josephine O. Cortes. Everyone was just spellbound! They wanted me to send it to you to include it in the next newsletter. Marcia KA1GCV

FOUNDING OF THE TOWN Sarasota Herald-Tribune

It was on August 17, 1896, that the first plat of the town of Englewood was recorded in what was then Manatee County by three brothers, Herbert, Howard, and Ira Nichols, who named the new community after their hometown of Englewood, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

Their plan for Englewood, Florida, was a unique one. The 2,000 acre town was laid out in 24 city blocks and 96 grove lots. The lots sold for \$30 an acre. The idea was that purchasers could buy a city lot of one acre only if he purchased a grove lot of ten acres on which lemons were to be raised for income, a plan doomed to failure before it ever was put into practice.

The residential area of the city was bounded by Lemon Bay and Dearborn, Elm, and Stewart Streets. It included Perry, Wentworth, Yale, and Harvard Streets, all named after streets in their hometown. Along Lemon Bay from Stewart St. to Dearborn, the plat called for a scenic drive, named Bay Street. No names were given to streets in the grove lots area, which extended southward to what is now Church Street, eastward to Indiana Avenue and north to include what is now Bay Vista subdivision.

The Nichols brothers first heard about southwest Florida at the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893, where one of the hits of the show was a booth extolling the beauties of the Town of Grove City on Lemon Bay, founded in 1886.

Here, said brochures distributed at the fair, was a land where lemons would thrive, where the bays teemed with fish in countless millions. Where the climate was second to none and where game was more plentiful than anywhere on earth. Inspired by this advertisement, the Nichols proposed to create a rival town north of Grove City and would cash in on the

demand throughout the nation at that time for lemons, a product imported from Spain and sold in this country at very high prices because of its popularity in the treatment of scurvy.

The Nichols brothers bought their land here in 1894, and a street plan for the dream town was drawn up by Chicago engineers. The developers received much publicity in the northern press, especially in the Midwest, of the Utopia that awaited those who were first to settle in this land of plenty. Lots were bought sight unseen, and several wealthy Chicagoans were among the first purchasers. They planned to build winter homes on their bay area "city" lots and hoped to encourage northern farmers to live on the grove lots and care for the lemon groves that would bring wealth to all.

Everything that the Grove City promoters had said at the 1893 fair about Lemon Bay area was true, and everything Nichols and the first settlers of Englewood believed was not exaggerated. The climate in November 1894 was as balmy as a northern June day and the forests were filled with wild hogs, cattle, deer, turkey, and quail in profusion. The bay was so rich in seafood that merely rowing a boat across its broad expanse would often result in a boatful of mullet who leaped into the boat, a phenomena that delighted the early settlers and is recalled by Mrs. Isabel Hanlon, who as a child here 10 years later was rowed across the bay to school and had to "shake the fish out of my lap" on arriving at the mainland. It was also true that the Lemon Bay area lived up to its name, as seen in Grove City where the thriving lemon trees bowed under the weight of their vitamin-rich fruit.

The only thing that had not been foreseen was the Great Freeze of 1894 that hit in December and continued throughout January of 1895. The invalids of the Biorseth colony were placed close together for warmth on pallets on the earth floor of the large one-room palmetto shack they all lived in, and Grace Biorseth, weakened with pneumonia, almost lost her life. It was only because her mother kept the child constantly surrounded with jars of hot water that she survived the brutal cold of that winter. But the lemon trees did not survive. Every one of them was killed on the entire southwest coast of

Florida, and with them died the Nichols brothers' dream of a town that would profit from the cultivations of lemons. The temperature on December 17, 1894 dropped to 17 degrees, followed by a warm spell and new growths on trees. But on January 8, 1895, the temperature plunged to 14 degrees, causing disastrous damage to citrus, especially lemons, over most of the state.

In 1895 their sales campaign was modified, and after the plat was recorded on August 17, 1896, brochures describing the town of Englewood on Lemon Bay listed these pleasures to be found here: "Tarpon fishing, mind resting, deer stalking, surf bathing, quail shooting, duck hunting, health restoring, and boat sailing in a climate that can be described in a single word: superb."

The brochure went on to say that "Englewood is a perfect sanitarium for consumption and for all those who find the climate of the North too severe," but qualified this statement by adding that "there is hardly a day when you cannot enjoy yourself out in the open." It was hailed as a "paradise for the hunter and pleasure seeker, the Mecca of winter tourists."

Not one word was said in the new post-freeze literature about living off the fat of the land while lemon groves produced a steady cash crop. The dream was abandoned, and the Nichols were successful in making Englewood one of the first winter resort areas where George W. Baker of chocolate fame, Andrew Jergens who invented the famous hand lotion, and many Chicago socialites as frequent visitors.

Recent Denny's Breakfast





Vic K4VHX helping with Ken's vertical



K8ONV procedures

Hi, This is how I set the time on the repeater, read the attachment. All you need to do it use your 2M T/R keypad to enter the DTMF codes shown.

The repeater loses time over time. I set the correct time plus a couple of minutes every couple of months.

Instructions on next page

TRUCK

Save Active Memory (1-4) [DX]

Save the current settings of active memory to be recalled later. Memory space is provided for four files. Configure the active memory to suite your special requirements. Use the [*19X] programming command to save the current settings of the control channels, codes, timers, twelve voice messages and CW buffer. Example: Save active memory as File #2. Key-up and send [*192]. Un-key and the voice will say: "PROGRAM FILE TWO OK."

Load Active Memory With Default Values [DX]

Key-up and send [*199]. Un-key and active memory will be loaded with the default values. The voice will say: "CONTROL OK." This programming command only changes the control channel settings, codes, timers, CW ID buffer and the twelve voice message buffers.

Send the Time of Day [DX]

Key-up and send [*20]. Un-key, the voice will read the time, day of week, month and day of month. Example: "THE TIME IS TWELVE FIFTEEN PM MONDAY JUNE FIVE."

Setting the Clock [DX]

Key-up and send [*21] followed by the hours, minutes, day of week, day of month, and month of year. See Figure 5-3 for the number that represents the day of week. Un-key and the voice will say "CONTROL OK." Example: 2:55 PM Monday January 25th. All entries must be double digit, except the day of week.

send 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 TO ACCORD CAT 300

Minutes..... : Day of Week
Hours..... : Day of Month
 Month of Year
 *21 14 55 2 25 01

.....
• Hour	0-23	• Sun=1	•	•
• Minute	0-59	• Mon=2	Fri=6	•
• Day of Week	1-7	• Tue=3	Sat=7	•
• Day of Month	1-31	• Wed=4	•	•
• Month of Year	1-12	• Thr=5	•	•
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Figure 5-3

Select 24 Hour Clock Operation

To select 24 hour clock announcements, key-up and enter [*222], un-key and the voice will say "CONTROL" OK." To return to 12 hour clock announcements, key-up and enter [*221]. To read the current selection, key-up and enter [*220].

Voice Synthesizer Memory Storage

Space is provided for twelve user programmable messages of up to 23 words each.

Send Synthesized Voice Message Locations (01-12)

Key-up and send [*30XX]. Un-key and the voice synthesizer will say the message stored at memory location "XX".

Program Synthesized Voice Message Locations (01-12)

Key-up and send [*31XX], followed by the three digit numbers that represents the words required to construct the message. Memory space is provided for twenty-three entries. Refer to Chapter 9, Voice Vocabulary Word List. Example: Load Repeater ID #1 with "W4XYZ Repeater"

Message Number.. W 4 X Y Z ..Repeater
Programming..
Command *31 01 890 004 920 930 950 746

1,2,3,4,5,6,7

**21 08 15 2 06 11 *φ (E.N.)*

5-4

**21 19 40 3 30 07 *φ*

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**21 10 30 214 04 *φ* **21 09 05 6 27 03 *φ*

From...

The Writer's Almanac.
with GARRISON KEILLOR



Monday, Aug. 31, 2015



The first radio news program was aired on [Detroit's 8MK](#) on this date in 1920.

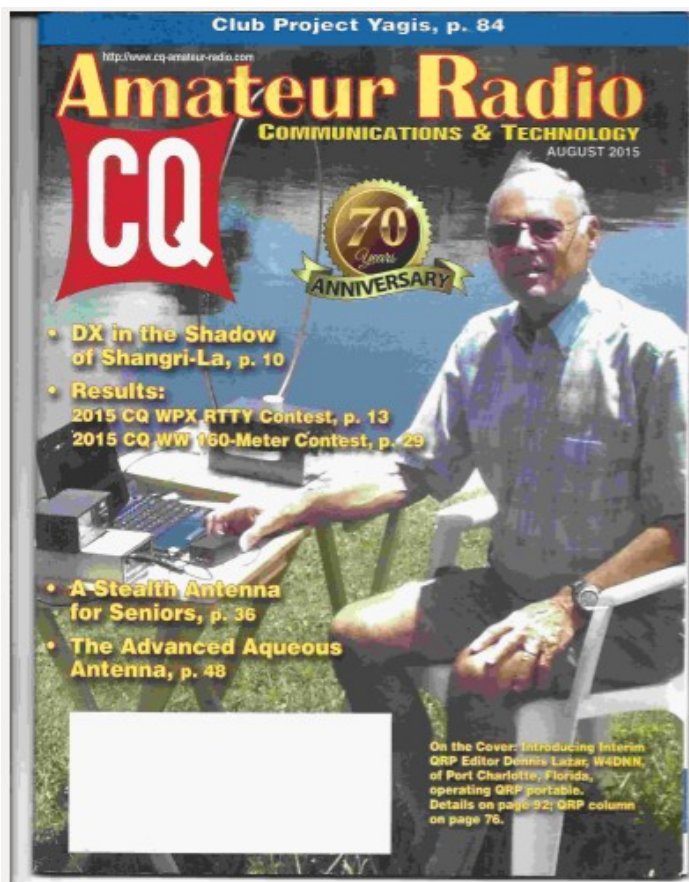
In 1920, radio was still a medium for hobbyists, and no one really used it for the widespread distribution of up-to-the-minute information. The Scripps newspaper family, which owned *The Detroit News*, provided the first push in that direction. They were worried that radio would put the newspapers out of business, but they were also worried that they would look bad if their radio news experiment failed to take off. They hired a teenager named Michael DeLisle Lyons to start up a radio station as a kind of trial. They told him to set it up in his own name, so that if it bombed, the Scripps name would not be associated with it. Lyons got government approval on August 20, and he played nonstop music for 10 days while he worked out the bugs. August 31 was the date of the primary elections, and *The Detroit News* reported

that returns would be announced that evening over the radio.

The next morning, the newspaper reported: "The sending of the election returns by *The Detroit News*' radiophone Tuesday night was fraught with romance and must go down in the history of man's conquest of the elements as a gigantic step in his progress. In the four hours that the apparatus [...] was hissing and whirring its message into space, few realized that a dream and a prediction had come true. The news of the world was being given forth through this invisible trumpet to the waiting crowds in the unseen market place."

The radio station that began as 8MK is still in business, operating under the call letters WWJ, and it is still an all-news station. *The Detroit News* would later launch Michigan's first television station.

Dennis Lazzar W4DNN from North Port has been named the interim QRP editor for CQ magazine. To read the article look for the attached file "My new job" in the email that brought you this newsletter.



Hamfests

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/12/2015 | LAMBIEFEST

Location: Punta Gorda, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: North Port Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w4npt.org>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

09/26/2015 | Pasco Co HamFest

Location: Odessa, FL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Suncoast Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://sarfcfl.com>

Testing

Please email the contact to confirm dates and times.

Sponsor: SCARE

Date: Third Monday of each month

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

Contact: Gino J. Ferranti

(941) 629-7933

Email: ke4tjo@arrl.net

Location: Edgewater Methodist Church, 19190

Cochran Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL.

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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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.

PA/Florida Connection Net: Net is twice daily at 8:00 -9:00A.M. on 14.340 MHz and at 6:30-7:00 P.M. on 7.233 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.
NI4CE 145.430 - Daily 8:30 p.m WCF ARRL Traffic net

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 Repeaters

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

FROM THE EDITOR



Mike K4MWD

With September came summer like temperatures to the Finger Lakes. A great time to do some trim painting and shingle staining. Look I've even got new safety harness and goodies. Naturally I'll bring that stuff with me for antenna parties. See you in 36 days.

