

The WA4IWL Newsletter



Englewood Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

www.earsradioclub.org

April, 2007



President's Message

This year's hamfest was a great success! Thanks to all who devoted their time to making it a fun and profitable event. If you haven't already done so, be sure to check out the nice

picture slide show Freeman-W1NPR created on the EARS website.

Now we can devote our attention to preparing for Field Day. We discovered at the last meeting it is on the same day as my wedding, so unfortunately I will not be able to attend. I guess my bride will miss me. :-) All kidding aside, you guys will have to have fun without me.

73, Matthew - KE4VEM



Ears Meeting Minutes March 15, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, followed by the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

There were 14 members and one visitor present. The visitor was Dave Sanders, N4FMO from Englewood.

New Member: Charles Smith, AC4BF joined the club at this meeting. Charles lives on Little Gasparilla Island. Charles gave a review of his background in ham radio.

Secretary's Report: ON MOTION, the February 2007 minutes were approved as published in the EARS March 2007 newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Vic-K4VHX gave the treasurer's report showing the following assets: Checking; \$2,743.98 and CD; \$2,538.35. The proceeds from the March 10th hamfest have not yet been deposited.

Correspondence: The secretary read a letter from the Northern California DX Association, offering a video on DX that could be used for a meeting program.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: - Howard-N4MLJ's wife had surgery last Tuesday. Gene-KA1GCU was asked to send her a card.

Publicity: – Keith-KC5AS reported on his work with the news papers about our hamfest. The Herald Tribune had a very nice story with pictures.

Testing: Marty-N4FA reported on amateur license testing at the hamfest. There were 12 candidates, 10 passing various tests.

DX: JR-K9HUY reported Spratley Island, 9M4 has been on 160, 80, and 40 meters, but propagation has been poor. Tom-WA3PRC mentioned Scarborough Reef, and Bob-KI4FJT reported all amateur operations in Iraq have been suspended.

Hamfest: Vic-K4VHX reported over 400 tickets were sold but it is too soon to have overall results. The club table sold over \$600.00 from donated items.

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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President Matthew Henry-KE4VEM 380-5980	Vice-President Keith Herve-WL7CKY 460-0507	Secretary Ken Anderson-W4JQT 475-3172	Treasurer Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX 473-5560
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EARS Meeting

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30PM. Meeting location is the ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 700 E. Dearborn St. (Pine St. & River Road).

Contact one of the officers for directions to the meeting room.

Interested in becoming an EARS member or becoming an Amateur Radio operator? Please contact one of the EARS club officers for details.

Field Day: Marty-N4FA reminded everyone field day is the last full week end in June, which is the 23rd and 24th. He asked that the tent be set up by the 22nd of June.

Old Business

Accounting Audit: President Henry-KE4VEM asked the audit committee to have a report for the April meeting.

Membership Directory: Babcock-K4NF has Emailed or mailed by postal the 2007 EARS directory.

New Business

Special Event Station: The Tamiami Amateur Radio Club (TARC) will set up a special event station to celebrate the Venice April 21 and 22 Sharks Tooth Festival in. It will be across the street from Sharky's Restaurant.

Adjournment

President Matthew-KE4VEM adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM Refreshments, delicious cookies decorated in green for St. Patrick's day baked by Pam-K1UEG, and conversation were enjoyed by all. Thanks Pam!

Ken Anderson – W4JQT Secretary Mailing advice: I received a phone call from Don-WA4IWL and he tells me that he and Edna are getting along just fine. The reason for the call was about a check he sent to EARS at our P.O box for his 2007 dues, that somehow was delivered to the Englewood Animal Rescue Service (EARS). They cashed his check and sent him a receipt.

Apparently anyone sending us mail should spell out our name rather than using the EARS acronym since we have two active EARS organizations in Englewood.

Ken-W4JQT

EARS Directory Update

Please update your directory with the following information.

- Mike Daly's new call sign is: K4MWD
- Larry Luccio's, W2FTL, new Email address is: <u>lfluccio@sprynet.com</u>
- New member Information:

Charles NeSmith, AC4BF, Spouse: Phyllis, PO Box 234, Placida, FL, 33946

Home PH: 697-2242, Cell: 941-276-2170

Email: ac4bf@slbb.net

Secondary address: 8078 Little Gasparilla Island, Dock 97

• Ron McLeod's, K1FTB, Phone number is changed to 375-3794

 Jim Lawlor's Email address is now: <u>lawlor.james@gmail.com</u>

 Don Spencer's, WA4IWL, address is now: 245 West Street, Milford, MA, 01757

Phone: 508-458-1192

Email: edona883@yahoo.com

Sunshine Report

We did not attend the last meeting, so I will let you know that we sent a get-well card to Claire Kuhlman on March 12. She was having surgery.

Gene-KA1GCU and Marcia-KA1GCV EARS Sunshine Committee

Sharks Tooth Festival Reminder

The 2007 Sharks Tooth Festival in Venice will be held on April 20, 21, 22. TARC's special events station, K4S, will be operating from the festival grounds which is located in front of Sharky's Restaurant in Venice.

Stop by and have a great time. Bring your family and friends and watch hams in action. Great food, rides and many items for sale at the festival. You can also operate the station if you so desire. Contact Konrad, WA3RRS, at

kowens39@hotmail.com for more information.

73, Martin, N4FA

Internet Sites to Explore

Internet Ham Atlas

Very nice site. Shows all entities.

http://hamatlas.eu/index.php?setlang=ENG&lang=ENG

Provided by Vic-K4VHX

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

Cushcraft Tri-band Beam Gin Pole - Commercial - Light Weight For details, contact Dave Sanders - N4FMO 475-2302 or 475-0673 (Cell) Contact the Editor to add your equipment

- Local Happenings -

VE Exam Sessions: The exams are given at 9:30 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 \$14.00. Contact Jack Sproat-W4JS, w4js@juno.com, 475-1929.

RACES: Communications Training Nets are held on the last Thursday and Friday of each month. The Wednesday night Emergency Communications Information Net begins at 8PM on 146.745 (-) MHz. On Thursday the Englewood EOC will conduct their Tactical Net beginning at 9:30AM on 146.865 (-) MHz.

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 14.278 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.230+- MHz at 7:00 P.M.

Connecticut Connection Net: Net is twice daily at 8:00 A.M. on 14.340+- MHz and at 7:30 P.M. on 7.225 MHz immediately after the Snowbird net.

Two Meter Nets

EARS	Simplex146.580 Wednesday	7:30pm
NPARC	147.120+ Tuesday	8:00pm
CARS	146.745- Daily	8:30am
TARC	Simplex 146.580 Tuesday	7:30pm
TARC	146.805- Thursday	7:30pm

Weekly Area Amateur Breakfasts:

- -Tuesday, 7 A.M. at Denny's in Englewood
- -Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Valentine's in Englewood
- -Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Peach's in Venice.
- -Friday, 8 A.M. at Denny's, 1681 US 41 Bypass, Venice.

2007 Hamfest

March 9 found many members of EARS at the Charlotte County Fair Grounds setting up tents and tables for the annual Charlotte County Hamfest scheduled for the next day. There were

also members from the Peace River and Northport clubs, who were cosponsors for the event this year.

The pre-dawn hours of Saturday, March 10, found many of the same people along with others filling the tables with items for sale. Surprisingly, there were also a few early shoppers armed with flashlights going through everything as fast as it was put out hoping to snap up the "goodies" before anyone else. The local Boy Scouts soon had coffee and breakfast ready. Due to the cold temperatures, at least by Florida standards, they soon ran out of coffee, at least temporarily.

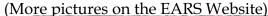
As the day progressed the crowd swelled and while exact figures are not available at this writing attendance was somewhere in the 400 plus range. Tailgaters were in abundance and lots of gear (some of it bought and sold more than once) changed hands. There was an abundance of great raffle prizes and many happy winners.

By early afternoon, the exodus began. The bargains were packed away and taken home. If past years are any indication, we will see many of these same items for sale again next year.

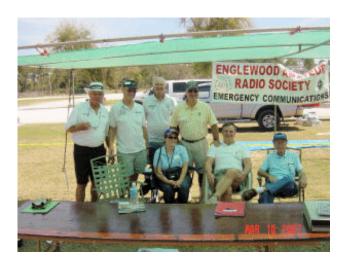
As always, the Hamfest Committee and the sponsoring clubs did a great job and everyone had a fun time.

Keith, KC5AS

Hamfest Pictures Keith-KC5AS







2007 Hamfest Supporters

A to Z Mower, Inc. Angelo's' Pizza - Englewood ARRL Babe's Ace Hardware - Englewood Blue Dolphin Car Wash - Englewood BowlArama - Port Charlotte CarQuest Auto Parts Stores - Port Charlotte Chuck Coulter - PRRA Denny's of Englewood Domino's Pizza - Punta Gorda Duffy's Golf Center - Englewood Emmelkamp - EARS Embark - Port Charlotte Englewood Electronics - Radio Shack Englewood Landscape & Supply Gulf Coast Super Store - El Jobean Gulf Coast True Value - Englewood Ingman Marine - Cape Haze Jam's of Cape Haze Johnny Leverock's Seafood House-Cape Haze Mama's - Englewood Marine Max - Cape Haze Prime Time - Rot0nda Sea Oats Nursery & Landscaping - Englewood Staples - Port Charlotte Sweetbay Super Market - Englewood Wal-Mart - Port Charlotte Wal-Mart - Englewood West Marine - Englewood Whisky Creek Steak House World Radio Magazine Thank you, one and all. !!!

April Florida Hamfests

http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html

♦ 7 Apr 2007 Titusville Tail-Gate, North Brevard ARC Disabled American Veterans, 435 North Singleton Avenue, http://www.northbrevardarc.org, Talk-In: 145.490 (PL 100.0),

- Contact: Bob Jones, N6USP, 4743 Cambridge Drive, Mims, FL 32754, Phone: 321-264-2622, Email: n6usp@gnc.net, Titusville
- ♦ 14 Apr 2007 TARCFest, Tampa ARC, TARC Clubhouse 7801 North 22nd Street, Tampa, FL http://www.hamclub.org, Talk-In: 147.105 (PL 146.2) Contact: Bill Bode, N4WEB, 14302 Capitol Drive, Tampa, FL 33613, Phone: 813-382-9262, Fax: 813-878-7954, Email: n4web@hamclub.org
- ◆ 21 Apr 2007 Flamingo Net / UMARC Free Flea, Coral Gables, FL, UM Physics Parking Lot, 5001 San Amaro, http://www.FlamingoNet.8m.net, Talk-In: 146.865- (PL 103.5), Contact: Bill Moore, WA4TEJ, 73 Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139, Phone: 305-264-4465 (days), Email: wa4tej@juno.com
- ♦ 28-29 Apr 2007 Gainesville Poorman's Hamfest & Computer Show, Gainesville, FL, Alachua County Fairgrounds, 3400 NE 39th Avenue, Gainesville ARS, State Route 222 http://www.gars.net, Talk-In: 146.820 (PL 123.0 Hz); 146.985 (alternate), Contact: Ray Forrester, W4YTC, PO Box 140383, Gainesville, FL 32614, Phone: 352-339-4210, Fax: 386-454-1141, Email: hamfest@gars.us

April Special Events

http://www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

- ♦ Apr 6-Apr 9, 1000Z-1600Z, Bramshaw, Romsey, ENGLAND. RSGB, GB2BST. 200 years since Admiralty Shutter telegraph was installed. 14.300 14.200 7.090 7.050. QSL. QSL via the bureau, or direct to: John Wakefield, Oakhurst, Lower Common Rd, West Wellow, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 6BT, ENGLAND. www.qrz.com/gb2bst
- ♦ Apr 7, 0000Z-2359Z, Tulsa, OK. Tulsa Health Department Amateur Radio Club, K5THD. Celebrating World Health Organizations World Health Day 2007. 28.373 21.373 14.273 7.273. Certificate. Tulsa Health Department Amateur Radio Club, 5051 S 129 E Ave, Tulsa, OK 74134. PSK and SSTV on request. www.tulsa-health.org/k5thd
- ♦ Apr 7-Apr 15, 0100Z-2359Z, Texas Gulf Coast, TX. CenTex Contest Group, WA5DTK. Special operation from Texas lighthouses. 14.270/035 7.260 21.370 3.970. QSL. Barry Brewer, 601 Broken Bow Dr, Round Rock, TX 78681-7401. WA5DTK will be operating from multiple lighthouses on the Texas Gulf Coast (Galveston-Corpus Christi) including participation in the ARLHS Spring Lights QSO Party. wa5dtk@arrl.net
- ♦ Apr 13-Apr 14, 0000Z-0400Z, Burley, WA. RF Wireless Amateur Radio Club of Burley, W1E. Annual Friday the Thirteenth QSO Party. 14.313 14.033 7.213 7.033. QSL. RF Wireless Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 639, Burley, WA 98322. tjsand@wavecable.com
- Apr 13-Apr 14, 1700Z-1700Z, Charleston, SC. Coastal Amateur Radio Association, W4BWZ. First Shots at Fort Sumter - April 1861. 18.160 14.273 7.260 3.875. Certificate. Steven English, PO Box 677, Ravenel, SC 29470. w4bwz@comcast.net
- ♦ Apr 14-Apr 16, 1000Z-0547Z, Godalming, SU, ENGLAND. Wey Valley Amateur Radio Group, GB95MGY. 95th Anniversary of Loss of RMS Titanic. 21.015 14.015 7.015 3.015. QSL. RSGB Bureau (or via QRZ.COM), Lambda House, Cranborne Rd, Potters Bar, HE EN6 3 JE, ENGLAND. WWW.WEYVALLEYARG.ORG.UK
- ♦ Apr 20-Apr 22, 1300Z-2100Z, Venice, FL. Tamiami Amateur Radio Club, K4S. Annual Venice Sharks Tooth Festival. 21.313 18.153 14.272 7.233. QSL. Jack Sproat, W4JS, 1419 E Manasota Beach Rd, Englewood, FL 34223-6341. w4js@juno.com
- ♦ Apr 20-Apr 23, 1400Z-1600Z, Rio Grande, OH. Buckeye Hills Career Center, W8D. Ohio Valley Expo -- Career Center

- Campus Open House. 18.1407.2003.800. QSL. Tim Henderson, 14386 St, Rt 93 S, Jackson, OH 45640. 9-11am local time Apr 20 and 23; noon-4:30pm local time on Apr 21 and 22. bj_thenderso@seovec.org
- ♦ Apr 21, 1400Z-2100Z, Carthage, TX. Panola County Amateur Radio Club, WA5PC. Only international boundary marker within US. 21.425 14.325 7.275 3.950. Certificate. WA5PC, 380 CR 1271, Gary, TX 75643. 166th year; the only remaining marker that separated the US and the Republic of Texas. www.wa5pc.org
- Apr 21, 1500Z-2000Z, Nazareth, PA. Deleware Lehigh Valley Amateur Radio Club, W3OK. National Library Week 3rd annual library special event station. 7.255 14.255 146.560 FM 7.120. QSL. Charles Lazarchak, W3DEA, 117 Spring St, Nazareth, PA 18064. www.dlarc.org
- ◆ Apr 21, 1500Z-2100Z, Norman, OK. South Canadian Amateur Radio Society, W5NOR. Celebrating the Land Run of 1889. 14.289. QSL. SCARS, PO Box 720993, Norman, OK 73070. www.w5nor.org
- ♦ Apr 21, 1600Z-2300Z, Porterville, CA. Porterville Amateur Repeater Association, KE6WDX. Annual Porterville to Springville Jackass Mail Run. 14.250 7.285. Certificate. Ed Lamb, K6LSB, 23433 Ave 184, Porterville, CA 93257. lamb@ocsnet.net
- Apr 21, 1730Z-2230Z, Porterville, CA. Porterville Amateur Repeater Association, KE6WDX. 46th Annual Porterville to Springville Jackass Mail Run. 14.250 7.285. Certificate. Edd Lamb, K6LSB, 23433 Ave 184, Porterville, CA 93257. lamb@ocsnet.net
- ♠ Apr 21-Apr 22, 2000Z-2359Z, Piscataway, NJ. Piscataway Amateur Radio Club, K2VOA. Former Voice of America relay station WBOU. 28.370 21.370 14.270. Certificate. Bill Toth, 6 Rivercrest Dr, Piscataway, NJ 08854. www.homestead.com/k2voa
- Apr 22, 1100Z-2100Z, Schenectady, NY. Schenectady Amateur Radio Association, K2AE. SARA celebrating 77th year. 14.335 14.140 3.910 3.540. Certificate. Hal Post, AK2E, PO Box 25, Middle Grove, NY 12850. www.k2ae.org
- ♦ Apr 26-Apr 29, 1700Z-2200Z, Virginia Beach, VA. Virginia Beach Amateur Radio Club, W4UG. 400th Anniversary of the First Landing of English Settlers. 28.365 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. W4UG VB 2007, PO Box 62003, Virginia Beach, VA 23466. Joint effort with Jamestown Landing; reenactment of the First Landing on American Soil. www.w4ug.com
- ♦ Apr 27-Apr 29, 1200Z-0000Z, Walterboro, SC. Coastal Amateur Radio Association, W4BWZ. 32nd Annual Colleton County Rice Festival. 21.373 18.173 14.273 7.273. Certificate. Steven English, KG4WNL, PO Box 677, Ravenel, SC 29470. www.whitehallrepeater.com
- Apr 28, 1300Z-2300Z, Springfield, IL. Sangamon Valley Radio Club, N9L. Boy Scouts of America Abraham Lincoln Trail Hike. 14.2707.270. QSL. Sangamon Valley Radio Club, c/o American Red Cross, 1045 Outer Park Dr, Springfield, IL 62704. www.svrc.org
- ♦ Apr 28, 1400Z-2300Z, Kushla, AL. Mobile Amateur Radio Club/Mobile County ARES, W4IAX. 142nd anniversary of the signing of The Southern Appomattox. 146.520 50.125 14.260 7.260. Certificate. Gerald Jones Sr, KD4DLJ, 7015 Victor Rd, Mobile, AL 36608-4244. www.w4iax.com; www.historicmageefarm.com
- ♦ Apr 28, 1600Z-2300Z, Duncan, OK. Chisolm Trail ARC, WD5IYF. Chisolm Trail Stampede (Oklahoma Centennial).

- 50.160 28.355 21.320 14.310 7.255. Certificate. Robert Conway, 921 S Walnut, Duncan, OK 73533. ni5w@arrl.net
- ♦ Apr 28-Apr 29, 0000Z-2200Z, Barksdale AFB, LA. Shreveport Amateur Radio Association, W5B/52. 50 years of service by the B-52. SSB 14.270 7.270 3.870 CW 14.050 7.050 3.550 SSTV 14.230 Digital 14.070. Certificate. W5B/52, PO Box 37632, Shreveport, LA 71133-7632. 75 years of aviation at Barksdale AFB, 50 years of service by the B-52 and 27 years Mighty Eighth Air Force has been headquartered at Barksdale AFB. Details at QRZ. www.k5sar.com
- ♦ Apr 28-Apr 29, 1400Z-2200Z, Manitowoc, WI. USS Cobia Radio Club/ManCoRad Radio Club, N9BQV. WWII submarine USS Cobia AGSS-245 On The Air. 14.260 14.070 7.250 3.900. QSL. Fred Neuenfeldt, W6BSF, 4932 S 10th St, Manitowoc, WI 54220-9121. www.w9dk.com
- Apr 28-Apr 29, 1500Z-0400Z, Oxford, MS. University of Mississippi Amateur Radio Club, W5UMS. Oxford Double Decker Festival. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. University of Mississippi Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 276, University, MS 38677. www.w5ums.org
- ♦ Apr 28-Apr 30, 1700Z-0000Z, Aberdeen, WA. Grays Harbor Amateur Radio Club, W7ZA. GHARC 52nd Birthday Special Event Station. 14.070 14.230 7.125 3.525. QSL. W7ZA, PO Box 2250, Aberdeen, WA 98520.

WA7BNM March Contest Calendar

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

- ♦ ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Apr 3
- YLRL DX-YL to NA-YL Contest, CW 1400Z, Apr 3 to 0200Z, Apr 5
- ♦ SARL 80m QSO Party 1700Z-2000Z, Apr 5
- ♦ ARLHS Annual Spring Lites QSO Party 0001Z, Apr 7 to 2359Z, Apr 15
- ♦ ARCI Spring OSO Party 1200Z, Apr 7 to 2400Z, Apr 8
- ♦ SP DX Contest 1500Z, Apr 7 to 1500Z, Apr 8
- ♦ EA RTTY Contest 1600Z, Apr 7 to 1600Z, Apr 8
- ♦ Missouri QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 7 to 0500Z, Apr 8 and 1800Z-2400Z, Apr 8
- FeldHell Spring Sprint 1800Z, Apr 7 to 0359Z, Apr 8 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 8
- ♦ Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 7 to 2100Z,

- Apr 8
- ♦ UBA Spring Contest, SSB 0600Z-1000Z, Apr 8
- SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated Emerg Contest 1200Z-1400Z, Apr 8
- ♦ Low Power Spring Sprint 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 9
- ♦ 144 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local 2300 local, Apr 9
- YLRL DX-YL to NA-YL Contest, SSB 1400Z, Apr 10 to 0200Z, Apr 12
- ♦ SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Apr 11
- ♦ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Apr 11
- ♦ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Apr 11
- ♦ Montana QSO Party 2300Z, Apr 13 to 2300Z, Apr 15
- ♦ JIDX CW Contest 0700Z, Apr 14 to 1300Z, Apr 15
- ♦ EU Spring Sprint, CW 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 14
- ♦ Georgia QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 14 to 0359Z, Apr 15 and1400Z-2359Z, Apr 15
- ♦ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Apr 16
- ♦ 222 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local 2300 local, Apr 17
- ♦ RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 2000Z-2130Z, Apr 19
- ♦ TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Apr 21
- ♦ Holyland DX Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Apr 21
- ♦ ES Open HF Championship 0500Z-0559Z, Apr 21 and 0600Z-0659Z, Apr 21 and 0700Z-0759Z, Apr 21 and 0800Z-0859Z, Apr 21
- ♦ Kids Roundup 1400Z, Apr 21 to 2200Z, Apr 22
- ♦ EU Spring Sprint, SSB 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 21
- ♦ Michigan QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 21 to 0400Z, Apr 22
- ♦ EA-QRP CW Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Apr 21 (20-10m) and 2000Z-2300Z, Apr 21 (80m) and 0700Z-1100Z, Apr 22 (40m) and 1100Z-1300Z, Apr 22 (20-10m)
- ♦ Ontario QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 21 to 1800Z, Apr 22
- ♦ YU DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 21 to 0500Z, Apr 22 and 0900Z-1700Z, Apr 22
- ♦ SKCC Weekend Sprint 0000Z-2400Z, Apr 22
- ♦ 432 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local 2300 local, Apr 25
- ♦ SP DX RTTY Contest 1200Z, Apr 28 to 1200Z, Apr 29
- ♦ Helvetia Contest 1300Z, Apr 28 to 1259Z, Apr 29
- Florida QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 28 to 0159Z, Apr 29 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 29
- Nebraska QSO Party 1700Z, Apr 28 to 1700Z, Apr 29

CHARLOTTE COUNTY HAMFEST

EARS Table Sales Report - Saturday 3-10-07

The EARS table crew showed up Friday afternoon at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds and set up a nice canvas shelter and tables to be ready for the Hamfest Saturday morning. I arrived at 6:30 am Saturday morning and found the tables filled with equipment and customers asking for prices. After a few minutes to get organized, the table sales were under way.

The weatherman smiled on our activities both Friday afternoon and Saturday. The temperature both days was around 80 degrees and just a gentle breeze. The Boy Scouts were on hand for breakfast and lunch and did a brisk business. Drawings for prizes was an ongoing activity with donations from many local merchants. The volunteer exam session was well attended. Over all attendance at the Hamfest was very good.

Through the efforts of the table crew made up of Don-KG4NKO, Vic-K4VHX, Ken-W4JQT, Tom-WA3PRC, Keith-KC5AS, Mike-KC2KBR, John-K9JPC, Gene-KI4FJJ, Marty-N4FA, Tom-N4XJQ, Matthew-KE4VEM, and Nicole-KG4TGI, the shelter was put up and taken down, tables and chairs were provided, and almost all the donated equipment was sold. The proceeds from the EARS table sales for the day was over \$600.00.

Ken Anderson - W4JQT