



The WA4IWL Newsletter



Englewood Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

www.earsradioclub.org

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President's Message

My family had a large gathering at my parents' house and we ate lots of food all week long. Hopefully my upcoming scramble to get Christmas gifts will burn off a few of the pounds I put on.

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving as well.

We expect to see you all at the Christmas Party / December Meeting at Boca Royale on Saturday, December 15, 2007. We will all enjoy a nice dinner, songs, and conversation. The nominations for the 2008 EARS Officers will be announced as well, so please volunteer your name for an office to keep the organization going.

Thanks to Vic for bringing his laptop and explaining EchoLink to the members at the November meeting. We've had two programs in a row and we have a party in December, so we are on a roll. Please tell me what you'd like to see to keep this trend going into the new year.

Much occurred during the November meeting, so please take the time to look over the minutes if you were not able to attend. Among the many important actions taken by our membership, EARS voted to continue our community support by offering a scholarship to a Lemon Bay High School senior once again in the coming spring.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



EARS Meeting Minutes November 15, 2007

Call to Order: President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. There were 15 members

present and no guests.

Secretary's Report: ON MOTION, the EARS October meeting minutes were approved as published in the November 2007 news letter.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Vic-K4VHX gave the Treasurer's report. ON MOTION, the report was accepted as read.

CORRESPONDENCE: President Matthew-KE4VEM read several letters as follows:

- From the ARRL, approval is given for our 2008 Hamfest.
- From Lemon Bay High School, a thank you for the Scholarship.
- From a neighbor near Morris Industrial Park, a notice of RF interference.
- From Frank Butler, W4RH, thanks for the honorary EARS membership.
- From George Kelce, K0DGF, IC T90A for sale.

Committee Reports

Sunshine:

- Hugh-KG4ZDX is in the hospital undergoing heart surgery. A get well card was sent.
- Joe Kato Jr. passed away recently. (Joe Kato, KE4WVA's son) A sympathy card was sent.

Races: The two meter antenna at Tringali Center is still in trouble with high SWR.

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.

Publicity: Keith-KC5AS sent notices to the news papers.

DX: Tom-WA3PRC reported aVP8 was trying to set up on South. Georgia Island, but did not make it. Also 4U1WRC is still on, plus all the normal ones. Keith-KC5AS reported he put his call sign in Google and received confirmation that he had worked several DX stations but they are not in his log.

Testing: One candidate tested at the last session.

Hamfest: Mike-K4MWD and Vic-K4VHX will be co-chairmen for the hamfest this spring. Flyers have been made up and are ready for printing. Expect them to be available to take to the Okeechobee Hamfest.

Field Day: The check written to the Boy Scouts for the field day tent still has not cleared. Ken-W4JQT will follow up on this.

Boca Bop: We had good response to assist with communications for the Boca Bop Triathlon. Several calls for assistance to swimmers were made.

Announcements

Due to adjacent frequency interference on 146.58 MHz, the net is moved to 146.55 MHz, effective next Wednesday November 21, 2007 at 7:30 PM.

Old Business

The EARS Christmas party is to be held at the Boca Royale on Saturday December 15 at 5:30 PM. Please call Martin-N4FA NO LATER THAN Dec. 10 for reservations.

New Business

EARS Officer Nominations: Nominations for 2008 EARS officers were made as follows:

President	Matthew Henry, KE4VEM
Vice-President	Keith Kelly, KC5AS
Secretary	Nicole Henry, KG4TGI Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT Ken Anderson, W4JQT
Treasurer	Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX Pam Eggleton, K1UEG
Trustees	Matthew Henry, KE4VEM Martin Horowitz, N4FA Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX Keith Kelly, KC5AS

Additional nominations may be made at the December 2007 meeting.

Scholarship: After discussion and ON MOTION, a Lemon Bay High School student \$500 scholarship will be included in the 2008 budget.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. After refreshments, Vic, K4VHX gave a demonstration of Echo Link.

Ken Anderson - W4JQT
Secretary

EARS Directory Update

Please notify the EARS treasurer or newsletter editor of changes to your mailing address, phone number or Email address changes.

Internet Sites to Explore

Try the Day Setting as well as the Year.

<http://www.chippynews.com/worldclock.htm>

Vic-K4VHX

If you find links which might be useful to hams, please forward them to the editor: Dennis.K4NF@gmail.com

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

Icom IC-2gat 2 meter HT, 7 watt, 4 battery packs, charger, extra co-linear antenna, Hand Mike. . . . \$40
Icom IC-2100H 2 meter FM mobile

w/10 amp power supply. \$100

B&K 1477, 15MHz dual ch. Oscilloscope. \$35

Eico 379 Audio Sine/Square wave Generator. . . \$15

Four panel meters

1 maDC, 100 maDC, 1 ADC, 10 ADC. . . . All/\$5

New small aluminum chassis boxes (4). All/\$5

Contact Dennis-K4NF, 468-4131,

Dennis.K4NF@gmail.com

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	Simplex146.550	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 Angeles in Englewood

-Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Peach's in Venice .

-Friday, 8 A.M. at Denny's, 1681 US 41 Bypass, Venice.

Florida December Hamfests

<http://www.arrrl.org/hamfests.html>

- ◆ 1-2 Dec 2007 West Central Florida Section Convention (Tampa Bay Hamfest), Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council, Manatee Convention Center, 1 Haben Drive, Palmetto, FL,

<http://www.tampabayhamfest.org>

Talk-In: 146.955 (minus offset) (PL 100), Contact: Jim Schilling, KG4JSZ, 44 Joel Massey Road, Haines City, FL 33844, Phone: 863 422-0176, Email: kg4jsz@arrrl.net,

- ◆ 8 Dec 2007 Silver Springs Radio Club, Marion County Extension Complex, 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala, FL, <http://www.qsl.net/ssrc/>,Talk-In: 146.61(-) (PL 123.0),Contact: Ron Toller, N4US, 8115 SW 76th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34476-6961, Phone: 352-861-8769, Email: rtoller1@cfl.rr.com

December Special Events

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

- ◆ Dec 1, 0000Z-2359Z, All call areas. National Weather Service and ARRL, VARIOUS. SKYWARN Recognition Day. HF and VHF check URL. Certificate. SKYWARN Recognition Day, 920 Armory Road, Goodland, KS 67735. QSLs available from each participating NWS station. See URL for complete information. hamradio.noaa.gov
- ◆ Dec 1, 1300Z-2100Z, Blount County, TN. Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club, W4OLB. Celebrating 60 years as a radio club. SSB 20 and 40 meters. QSL. Carroll Peabody, W4PCA, 2054 Independence Dr, Maryville, TN 37803. w4pca@juno.com or www.smokymountainarc.org
- ◆ Dec 1-Dec 2, 1500Z-2100Z, Chesapeake, VA. Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service, W4CAR. Revolutionary War Battle of Great Bridge Virginia, December 9, 1775. 146.820 21.375 14.275 7.275. Certificate. CARS, PO Box 6867, Chesapeake, VA 23323-6867. Times are daily. w4car@yahoo.com
- ◆ Dec 1-Dec 9, 1500Z-2000Z, Baltimore, MD. W3HEM/W3GR Historical Electronics Museum ARC, W2W. Usage of electronics during Pearl Harbor. 14.271 14.071 7.271 7.071. Certificate. Historical Electronics Museum, PO Box 1693 MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21203. US hams please submit \$1.00 with an 8-1/2 x 11 SASE to help defray costs. www.qsl.net/w3hem
- ◆ Dec 7, 1500Z-2230Z, Baton Rouge, LA. USS Kidd Amateur Radio Club, W5KID. Pearl Harbor Day. SSB 14.250 to 14.320 CW 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS Kidd Museum, 305 South River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm
- ◆ Dec 7, 1800Z-2200Z, Interlachen, FL. USS Essex CVS-9 the oldest and the bolldest, WA2SEI. Remembering Pearl Harbor and its survivors. 14.250 50.145. QSL. Raymond Czyzewski, 224 Louise Ave, Interlachen, FL 32148. wa2sei@yahoo.com or www.qrz.com/wa2sei
- ◆ Dec 7-Dec 9, 0700Z-2359Z, San Angelo, TX. AB5BG, AB5BG. Pearl Harbor A Day That Will Live In Infamy. 28.360 21.220 14.260 7.235. Certificate. Donald R. Goff, 1210 Ardmore, San Angelo, TX 76905.
- ◆ Dec 8, 1600Z-2300Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway CV-41 COMEDTRA, NI6IW. Remembrance of Pearl Harbor December 7, 1941. 14.325 7.260. QSL. USS Midway CV-41 Museum, 910 North Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. w9bq@aol.com
- ◆ Dec 8-Dec 9, 1600Z-0500Z, Charleston-Coos Bay, OR. Coos County Radio Club, N7C. Shore Acres St Park, OR, Coast Holiday Light Event. 39.800 14.270 14.260 14.250. QSL. Coos County Radio Club, PO Box 698, Coos Bay, OR 97420. www.coosradioclub.net
- ◆ Dec 8-Dec 10, 1400Z-0200Z, Nazareth-Bethlehem, PA. Christmas City and Delaware-Lehigh AR Clubs, WX3MAS. Annual Christmas greetings from the Twin Christmas Cities. 28.465 21.365 14.265 7.270 3.970. Certificate. CCARC/DLARC WX3MAS, Greystone Building Gracedale Complex, RR 2, Nazareth, PA 18064. Time are daily. www.dlarc.org
- ◆ Dec 13-Dec 24, 1600Z-2200Z, Bakersfield, CA. Santa's Workshop/WO6T, W6S. Santa's Workshop 36th Year. 18.135 14.270. QSL. Mark Slater, WI6J (QSL Mgr), 9416 Spokane Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93312. santa@wo6t.com
- ◆ Dec 15, 1500Z-2200Z, Gallipolis, OH. Mid Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club, WD8NUY. Commeration of collapse of the Silver Bridge. 147.06 7.135 7.035 3.635. QSL. MOVARC, PO Box 65, Vinton, OH 45686. KB8WGQ @arrl.net
- ◆ Dec 15-Dec 22, 1300Z-2200Z, Wheeling, WV. Northern Panhandle Radio Club, W8ZQ. Festival of Lights. 14.250 7.240 3.865 145.52. Certificate. Joe McCready, WB8CTC, PO Box 192, Blaine, OH 43912. fishcrick@aol.com
- ◆ Dec 24-Dec 31, 0500Z-0459Z, Newington, CT. Siesta Wireless Society, N1C. New England Christmas 2007. 7.218 7.026 3.818 3.526. QSL. Siesta Wireless Society, c/o Matt Cassarino, WV1K, PO Box 310384, Newington, CT 06131-0384. www.qrz.com/w1nap
- ◆ Dec 30-Jan 3, 0500Z-0459Z, Newington, CT. Siesta Wireless Society, N1Y. New England New Year's Eve 2007 and New Year's Day 2008. 7.218 7.026 3.818 3.526. QSL. Siesta Wireless Society, c/o Matt Cassarino, WV1K, PO Box 310384, Newington, CT 06131-0384. www.qrz.com/w1nap
- ◆ Dec 31-Jan 2, 0500Z-0459Z, Newington, CT. Siesta Wireless Society, N1N. New England New Year's Eve and Straight Key Night 2007-8. 7.218 7.026 3.818 3.526. QSL. Siesta Wireless Society, c/o Matt Cassarino, WV1K, PO Box 310384, Newington, CT 06131-0384. www.qrz.com/w1nap

WA7BNM December Contest Calendar

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

- ◆ TARA RTTY Melee 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 1
- ◆ Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0400Z-0429Z, Dec 1 and 0430Z-0459Z, Dec 1 and 0500Z-0529Z, Dec 1 and 0530Z-0600Z, Dec 1
- ◆ TOPS Activity Contest 1600Z, Dec 1 to 1800Z, Dec 2
- ◆ ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Dec 4
- ◆ NCCC Sprint, CW 0330Z-0400Z, Dec 7
- ◆ ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 8 to 2400Z, Dec 9
- ◆ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 9
- ◆ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 12
- ◆ NA High Speed Meteor Scatter Winter Rally 0000Z, Dec 13 to 0200Z, Dec 17
- ◆ NCCC Sprint, CW 0330Z-0400Z, Dec 14
- ◆ MDXA PSK DeathMatch 0000Z, Dec 15 to 2400Z, Dec 16
- ◆ OK DX RTTY Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 15
- ◆ Croatian CW Contest 1400Z, Dec 15 to 1400Z, Dec 16
- ◆ Feld Hell Sprint 1500Z-1700Z, Dec 15
- ◆ International Naval Contest 1600Z, Dec 15 to 1559Z, Dec 16
- ◆ ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint 2000Z-2400Z, Dec 16
- ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Dec 17
- ◆ NCCC Sprint, CW 0330Z-0400Z, Dec 21
- ◆ SKCC Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Dec 26
- ◆ DARC Christmas Contest 0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
- ◆ NCCC Sprint, CW 0330Z-0400Z, Dec 28
- ◆ RAC Winter Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 29
- ◆ Original QRP Contest 1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30
- ◆ Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Dec 29 to 1500Z, Dec 30