



The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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President's Message



I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome I was given at my inaugural meeting as EARS president. With time, I'm sure I'll get the hang of things and loosen up a bit. I would like to thank all of the previous year's officers for their service to EARS and their continued support for the organization and its new officers. The annual meeting had a great turnout with numerous club members and guests in attendance. I can only hope the upcoming meeting and events enjoy an even greater level of participation.

For those of you who have been following the ongoing saga of the 146.700 repeater site, I regret to inform you the issues regarding the site off River Road in Morris Industrial Park have not vanished. An attorney for the site owners contacted me and I will meet with him next week. I will present what information I obtain to EARS at the next meeting. Please be prepared to vote on spending money for a new lease or removing the repeater from its' current location.

If you have not yet renewed your EARS membership, please do so by mailing your dues and directory information to our treasurer, Vic Emmelkamp. Membership helps our organization survive, and your active participation in EARS makes us thrive. If we spread out the responsibilities of the society, then no one person will be overburdened. Keeping this in mind, it will be much appreciated by our secretary and our newsletter editor if those persons making announcements at the meetings would write a

short note summarizing the details of his or her message for publication in the newsletters. I hope to see all of you at the next meeting, and let's hope the groundhog doesn't see his shadow.

Best Wishes,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM

Meeting Minutes - January 20, 2005



Call to Order: The annual January meeting of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society was called to order by retiring president, Martin Horowitz, N4FA at 7:32 PM, EST to give the state of the Club report, hear the Treasurer's report, and install new officers for the coming year. Several guests were introduced and welcomed to the club, including Bob Stubbins, KI4FJT of North Port. One new member, Charlie Utz, K1QNF, of El Jobean was introduced. 26 members and two guests were present.

Secretary's Report: ON MOTION, the secretary's report was approved as published in the October newsletter. With no nominations from the floor, the new officers were installed.



Treasurer's Report: Vic-K4VHX reported on the status of the treasury and some unexpected expenses. He prepared hand-outs for all members. \$4,885.07 is the current balance in the treasury. Jim-NX2II asked if there was a mechanism for auditing the account. Vic reported on the EARS' yearly treasury account audit and he was anticipating the 2005 account audit. ON

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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.



MOTION, the treasurer's report was approved as read.

Correspondence: No correspondence was presented.

Committee Reports

Sunshine: No report was given.

RACES: Mel-W9BSM, report on the upcoming RACES Drills for West Charlotte county and provided a printed list of scheduled drills for 2006. There will be a closed meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 2006, to discuss methods of streamlining operation for the coming year.

TESTING: will be the second Saturday of the month, as announced by Martin Horowitz, N4FA.

DX: Peter 1 Island is going to be a "well-attended" DX pile-up starting February 6!

PUBLICITY: Nothing to Report.

HAMFEST: Tom-WA3PRC reported tickets are currently on sale for the Hamfest and urged everyone to purchase of them now at discount prices.

FIELD DAY: Martin-N4FA volunteered to chair Field Day activities (with Much Amdro)! All

equipment, i.e. the generators, are accounted for and in excellent condition. Ken-W4JQT will take care of getting the tent.

Old Business

Martin-N4FA reported the Christmas party was excellent. Next year it will be on December 16, 2006.

New Business

Vic-K4VHX displayed the new EARS banner and everyone approved the design. Jim-NX2II praised and thanked the work of our "antenna mechanics," Vic-K4VHX; Martin-N4FA; and Kenny-W4JQT. Frank-W4VV, raised the issue of prizes and 50/50 drawings; however, it was pointed out the church was reluctant to allow it. He also suggested that the club name a "ham of the year."

Introduction of New Officers and Revue of 2005

Martin-N4FA introduced the new officers: Matt Henry-KE4VEM, President; Keith Kelly-KC5AS, Vice-president; Jim Lawlor-KB2NZ, Secretary; Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX, Treasurer; trustees Ken Anderson-W4JQT, Keith Herve-KL0LV, and Martin Horowitz-N4FA. Together they comprise the Board of Directors.

Martin reported during his tenure as president, many good things have happened in the club.

Unfortunately, there have been some problems, but those problems seem to have been resolved. The Club has grown in membership to approximately 78 members. There are new repeaters going up with amazing computer interfaces with low band equipment.

Awards



Vic-K4VHX presented an award to Martin-K4VHX for his outstanding service as EARS president.

Adjournment

With no additional business before the club the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lawlor-KB2NZ, Secretary



Note From The Treasurer: Dues are due! The deadline is February 28th. The EARS directory will be published soon after this date. If you want to be included be sure to pay your dues by that date.

73, Vic-K4VHX

- Local Happenings -

VE Exam Sessions: The exams are given at 9:30 AM 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 AM, 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 7:00PM EST.

Connecticut Connection Net: Net is twice daily at 8:00 AM on 14.340 MHz and at 7:30PM on 7.230 MHz immediately after the Snowbird net.

Weekly Amateur Breakfasts:

- Tuesday, 7AM at Denny's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8AM, at Peach's in Venice .
- Friday, 8AM at Mel's Diner in Venice.

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

No Equipment listed this month.
Contact the editor to add your equipment.

Local Repeaters

EARS	146.700- MHz	77Hz
EARS	146.865-	
EARS	146.775-	77Hz
NPARC	147.120+	136.5Hz
NPARC4	42.100	136.5Hz
PRRA	147.255+	
SERC	145.130-	
SERC	146.730-	100Hz
CARS	146.745-	
SARA	146.910-	
WCF	145.430-	100Hz
TARC	146.805-	100Hz
ENG	444.625	77Hz



Local Two Meter Nets

EARS Simplex	146.580	Friday	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

Editor's Note:

We are looking for articles to post in the EARS newsletters. Any member who would like to contribute an article please contact Dennis-K4NF at k4nf@arrl.net

Members who would like to give a program or have suggestions for a program should contact one of the club officers. The Officers value your input.

Internet Sites To Explore

Here are links provided by Vic-K4VHX
Antique Wireless Association:
<http://antiquewireless.org/>

Daily DX QSL Routes:

<http://www.dailydx.com/routes.html>

Do you know of any Internet Sites which might be of interest to Hams? Please forward them to the editor.

Tom-WA3PRC's Antenna Party



Unknown photographer/helper present too.

February Hamfests

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

- ◆ 4-5 Feb 2006, Southeastern Division Convention (Miami Tropical Hamboree), Dade Radio Club, Dade County Fair & Exposition Center, 10901 SW 24th Street, <http://www.hamboree.org>, Talk-In: 146.730 - (PL 71.9) Contact: Robert Cruz, KE4MCL, 1140 SW 22nd Street, Miami, FL 33129, Phone: 786-306-5900 or 305-513-8255, Email: robert@hamboree.org, Miami, FL
- ◆ 10-12 Feb 2006, Northern Florida Section Convention, Orlando ARC, Orlando, FL, Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 West Colonial Drive <http://www.oarc.or>, Talk-In: 146.76, Contact: Cindy Radice, KD4NLV, 1407 June Street, Orlando, FL 32807, Phone: 407-273-1406, Email: hamcation@oarc.org
- ◆ 18 Feb 2006, Hernando County Amateur Radio Association, Hernando County Fairgrounds, Brooksville, FL US Route 41, Talk-In: 146.715, Contact: Jerry Mezzacapo, N8VTW, 5434 Idleweise Court, Spring Hill, FL 34606, Phone: 352-683-3617, Email: hamfest@trnii.com,
- ◆ 18 Feb 2006, Highlands County Amateur Radio Club, Sebring, FL, Highlands County AgriCivic Center, 4505 George Blvd. (at intersection of US Hwy. 27 & George Blvd.), <http://www.strato.net/~hamradio/hamfest2006.html>, Talk-In: 147.045 +600 (no tone); 145.33 -600 (PL 103.5), Contact: Robert Meyer, WA0NZI, HCARC, PO Box 7441, Sebring, FL 33872-0108, Phone: 863-385-6093, Email: remeyer@digital.net

February Special Events

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

- ◆ Feb 1-Feb 5, 1600Z-1900Z, Washington, PA. Washington Amateur Communications, W3C. Washington County Annual Sports Show. 14.270 7.270. QSL. Ed Oelschlager,

- N3ZNI, 60 Carl Ave B-2, Eighty Four, PA 15330. <http://wacomarc.org>
- ◆ Feb 3-Feb 5, 1500Z-0400Z, Lubbock, TX. Buddy Holly Memorial, W5B. 47th anniversary of the death of Buddy Holly. 18.150 14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. W5B Buddy Holly QSL, c/o Bryan Edwards, 3801 68th St, Lubbock, TX 79413. www.amcrc.com/w5b
 - ◆ Feb 3-Feb 5, 1800Z-0400Z, New York, NY. Buddy Holly Memorial, W2B. 47th anniversary of the death of Buddy Holly. 21.365 18.155 14.265 7.265. QSL. W2B Buddy Holly QSL, c/o Mike Gruber, 125 Kibbe Grove Rd, Somers, CT 06071-1111. www.amcrc.com/w2b
 - ◆ Feb 4, 1400Z-2300Z, Nacogdoches, TX. Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club, W5NAC. Space Shuttle Columbia Recovery Special Event Station. 28.365 21.365 14.265 7.265. QSL. Nacogdoches ARC, 167 County Rd 2093, Nacogdoches, TX 75965. www.w5nac.com
 - ◆ Feb 4-Feb 5, 1600Z-0400Z, Menlo Park, CA. Foothills Amateur Radio Society, N6T. First year at Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Amateur Radio-Technology Day. 14.240 14.044 10.144 7.240 7.044 3.888. QSL. David A. Cooper, 270 Redwood Shores Pky, PMB #41, Redwood City, CA 94065-1173. www.fars.k6ya.org/
 - ◆ Feb 11, 1400Z-2200Z, Leavenworth, KS. Kickapoo QRP Amateur Radio Club, W0EBB. 2nd Annual "Freeze Your Keys" Winter operating event from Weston Bend State Park. 14.330 14.060 7.290 7.040. QSL. Gary Auchard, WB0MNA, 34058 167th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048. <http://kqarc.no-ip.org/>
 - ◆ Feb 11, 1600Z-2300Z, Colorado Springs, CO. Mountain Amateur Radio Club/US Olympic Committee, K0O. Opening of 2006 Winter Olympic Games. 21.370 14.280 7.235. Certificate. Wm A. Sands, Ph.D., US Olympic Committee-Sport Science, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909
 - ◆ Feb 11-Feb 12, 0000Z-0000Z, Ljungby, Sweden. Swedish Heathkit Club, SK7XN. Encouraging the use of old Heathkit radios/birthday of Heath Co founder Howard Anthony (February 9, 1912). 10 15 20 m; 3.800. Certificate. Paul Reissmann, WD8MWT, 43775-66th St, Bangor, MI 49013. <http://www.heathkit.se/>
 - ◆ Feb 11-Feb 12, 1500Z-2100Z daily, Plymouth, MI. Plymouth Historical Museum Radio Station, KC8SWR. Lincoln exhibit at the museum for Lincoln's Birthday. 14.285 7.285; PSK 28.120 21.070. Certificate. KC8SWR Lincoln Event, 155 S Main St, Plymouth, MI 48170. www.qsl.net/kc8swr
 - ◆ Feb 13-Feb 17, 1500Z-2100Z, Fort Myers, FL. Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc, W4LX. The Edison Festival of Light and Thomas Edison's Birthday. 28.430 21.330 14.250. Certificate. Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 61183, Ft Myers, FL 33906. www.fmarc.net/
 - ◆ Feb 18-Feb 19, 1600Z-2100Z, Alexandria, VA. Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club, K4US. Commemoration of George Washington's Birthday. 18.080 14.240 10.110 7.240. Certificate. Mount Vernon ARC, PO Box 7234, Alexandria, VA 22307. www.mvarc.com
 - ◆ Feb 24-Feb 26, 1700Z-0100Z, Columbus, OH. The Ohio State University Amateur Radio Club, W8LT. 80th anniversary of the Ohio State Ham Radio Club. 14.275 7.275 3.872. QSL. The Ohio State University Amateur Radio Club W8LT, 020 Bevis Hall, 1080 Carmack Rd, Columbus, OH 43210. <http://arc.org.ohio-state.edu>
 - ◆ Feb 25, 1400Z-2400Z, Mesa, AZ. Superstition Amateur Radio Club, W7W. Lost Dutchman Days Celebration. 28.263 21.363 14.263. QSL. SARC--W7W, PO Box 21522, Mesa, AZ 85227-1522. www.wb7tjd.org
 - ◆ Feb 25, 1400Z-2300Z, Rapid City, SD. Dakota Chapter 102 QCWA, W0DAK. Commemorating the 29th as a QCWA Chapter. 28.450 14.250 7.250 3.889. Certificate. Frank Shaw, NU0F, 118 E Van Buren, Rapid City, SD 57701
 - ◆ Feb 28, 1500Z-2230Z, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club, W5KID. 63rd anniversary of the launching of USS Kidd, DD-661. CW 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040; SSB 14.250 to 24.320. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS Kidd Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm
- WA7BNM February Contest Calendar**
- <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>
- ◆ Vermont QSO Party 0000Z, Feb 4 to 2400Z, Feb 5
 - ◆ YL-ISSB QSO Party 0000Z, Feb 4 to 2359Z, Feb 5
 - ◆ 10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB 0001Z, Feb 4 to 2359Z, Feb 5
 - ◆ YLRL YL-OM Contest, CW 1400Z, Feb 4 to 0200Z, Feb 6
 - ◆ Minnesota QSO Party 1400Z-2400Z, Feb 4
 - ◆ AGCW Straight Key Party 1600Z-1900Z, Feb 4
 - ◆ Delaware QSO Party 1700Z, Feb 4 to 0500Z, Feb 5 and 1300Z, Feb 5 to 0100Z, Feb 6
 - ◆ Mexico RTTY International Contest 1800Z, Feb 4 to 1759Z, Feb 5
 - ◆ North American Sprint, SSB 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 5
 - ◆ ARCI Winter Fireside SSB Sprint 2000Z-2400Z, Feb 6
 - ◆ ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Feb 7
 - ◆ KCJ Topband Contest 1200Z, Feb 9 to 1200Z, Feb 10
 - ◆ CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest 0000Z, Feb 11 to 2400Z, Feb 12
 - ◆ New Hampshire QSO Party 0001Z, Feb 11 to 0001Z, Feb 13
 - ◆ SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Feb 11 to 1000Z, Feb 12
 - ◆ Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW 1100Z-1300Z, Feb 11
 - ◆ Dutch PACC Contest 1200Z, Feb 11 to 1200Z, Feb 12
 - ◆ YLRL YL-OM Contest, SSB 1400Z, Feb 11 to 0200Z, Feb 13
 - ◆ Louisiana QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 11 to 0300Z, Feb 12
 - ◆ OMISS QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 11 to 1459Z, Feb 12
 - ◆ FISTS Winter Sprint 1700Z-2100Z, Feb 11
 - ◆ British Columbia QSO Challenge 1800Z, Feb 11 to 1800Z, Feb 12
 - ◆ RSGB 1st 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z, Feb 11 to 0100Z, Feb 12
 - ◆ North American Sprint, CW 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 12

- ◆ ARRL School Club Roundup 1300Z, Feb 13 to 2400Z, Feb 17
- ◆ AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening 1900Z-2030Z, Feb 15
- ◆ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Feb 18 to 2400Z, Feb 19
- ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Feb 20
- ◆ Russian PSK WW Contest 2100Z, Feb 24 to 2100Z, Feb 25
- ◆ CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB 0000Z, Feb 25 to 2359Z, Feb 26
- ◆ REF Contest, SSB 0600Z, Feb 25 to 1800Z, Feb 26
- ◆ UBA DX Contest, CW 1300Z, Feb 25 to 1300Z, Feb 26
- ◆ Mississippi QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 25 to 0300Z, Feb 26
- ◆ CZEBRIS Contest 1600Z, Feb 25 to 2400Z, Feb 26
- ◆ North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Feb 25 to 0600Z, Feb 26
- ◆ High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z-1100Z, Feb 26 and 1500Z-1700Z, Feb 26
- ◆ North Carolina QSO Party 1700Z, Feb 26 to 0300Z, Feb 27
- ◆ CQC Winter QSO Party 2200Z, Feb 26 to 0359Z, Feb 27

