



The WA4IWL Newsletter



President's Message

I wish to thank the 2006 officers and active members who keep EARS functioning seamlessly, and I welcome aboard the newly elected crew for 2007. I look forward to working with

everyone for another year as EARS President.

A lot happened in the January meeting, so be sure to refer to the minutes for the meeting details. We all even got some laughs in with Vic over number-crunching for the budget. I am pleased so many people have renewed their membership and that the organization is still going strong. I guess I'm not do so badly at this President thing that I've chased too many people away ;-)

The 146.700 machine has been back on the air for some time and served EARS with excellent communications for the ham radio demonstration at Englewood Elementary School. Thanks to Vic-K4VHX, Martin-N4FA, Ken-W4JQT, Mel-W9BSM and anyone else who took part in the demonstration where young operators conversed on the airways and learned a little about radio.

73,
Matthew Henry - KE4VEM



EARS Meeting Minutes January 18, 2007

Call to Order: - The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, followed by the pledge of allegiance to our flag. There were 28

members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: ON MOTION, the December 2006 minutes were approved as published in the EARS January 2007 news letter.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was given by Vic-K4VHX with the following current status:

Checking	\$2,213.84
CD Savings	\$2,517.07
Total	\$4,730.91

Vic-K4VHX presented a very nice 2006 budget slide on the screen with line items, showing actual vs. budget for both income and expenses. ON MOTION, the report was accepted as presented.

Correspondence: The Secretary reviewed the correspondence consisting of newsletters from various clubs and hamfest flyers.

Committee Reports

Sunshine: Marcie-KA1GCV reported a card had been sent to Don-WA4IWL and Edna Spencer. Martin-N4FA reported on a phone call to Don and learned Edna had been in the hospital.

RACES: Mel-W9BSM gave a RACES report and reminded us of the training nets' dates, times, and frequencies. Bob-KI4FST reported on the RACES training manual then asked everyone who is interested to sign up. The material will be covered at the EOC after the training nets and a test given for certification.

Publicity: - Keith-KC5AS agreed to handle publicity for the year 2007.

Testing: Marty-N4FA reported four candidates were tested at various grades levels and all passed.

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Englewood, FL 34295

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
Trustee Martin Horowitz-N4FA 473-1123	Trustee Pamela Eggleton-K1UEG 475-9727	Trustee Thomas Hawes-WA3PRC 627-4644	Trustee Emeritus Don Spencer-WA4IWL 508-234-8070

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.



One candidate took the code test and passed.
There will not be a VE session in February due to the Orlando Hamfest.

DX: JR-K9HUY reported VU7 and XT27 are active now.

Hamfest: Vic-K4VHX reported the hamfest will be held on Saturday, March 10 at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds. The Peace River Club has made up and distributed flyers; tickets are on order.

If you have equipment to donate to the club, call Ken-W4JQT or Vic-K4VHX. Extra heavy equipment should be brought directly to the club table at the hamfest.

FIELD DAY: Martin-N4FA received a \$50.00 donation from Publix in support of our 2007 Field Day Operation.

New Business

1. ON MOTION, A reimbursement of \$200 will be made to Martin-N4FA for the 2007 Christmas Party deposit he made at Boca Royale.
2. A training class is being organized for the General Class amateur license. Please call Ken-W4JQT if you, or anyone else you know, are interested

Old Business

Vic-K4VHX and Martin-N4FA will conduct a ham radio demonstration at the Englewood Elementary School on January 25th.

Elections were held to select officers for the year 2007 with the following results:

President	Matthew Henry, KE4VEM
Vice President	Keith Herve, WL7CKY
Secretary	Ken Anderson, W4JQT
Treasurer	Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX
Trustee	Martin Horowitz, N4FA
Trustee	Pamela Eggleton, K1UEG
Trustee	Tom Hawes, WA3PRC

Comments

1. A special thanks was expressed for Martin-N4FA for the great Christmas Party at the Boca Royale last December
2. Vic-K4VHX turned over the EARS mail box key to Ken-W4JQT.

Adjournment

President Matthew-KE4VEM adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M. Refreshments and conversation were enjoyed by all.

Ken Anderson, W4JQT
Secretary

Orlando Hamvention Information

TARC has scheduled a one day trip to the Hamvention on Saturday, February 10, 2007.

TARC will have a well-equipped bus, with facilities, and will leave about 7 A.M. from Albertsons Plaza located on the US41 bypass in Venice. The cost is \$30 including a ticket to the Hamvention.

Point of contact for reservation is:

Peter Pesa, N4RD, 941-475-3770,
peterpesa@comcast.net

Membership Notes

- Didn't get your 2007 Membership Card??? Call Vic-K4VHX at 473-5560 or send him an email at k4vhx@arrl.net and he will mail you a new membership card.
- Please submit your dues before the last week of February. The EARS membership directory will be published and distributed on, or about, March 1.
- The EARS membership directory will be published in Adobe Acrobat format, as the newsletter is, then attached to an Email for each member on the newsletter Email list. The other six or so members, without Email, will have the directory delivered by USPS. A copy of the Emailed directory, used for special purposes in 2006, can be Emailed to you by contacting the Editor. Last year's expenses for publishing hard copies of the directory were around \$130 plus some extra labor and time involved.
- For security reasons, the membership directory will not be published on the EARS website.

EARS Directory Update

- Email Address for Jim-KB2NZ is now:
lawlor.james@gmail.com
- Email Address for Jim-N4JBZ is now:
jim@hanushek.com
- Email Address for John-N1KEN is now:
hamdoc1@comcast.net

- Email Address for Ed-VE3SYW is now:
hamstersx2@sympatico.ca

Internet Sites to Explore

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

- 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	Simplex 146.580	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.

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

No listings this month

Contact the Editor to add your equipment

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Ham Radio Demonstration

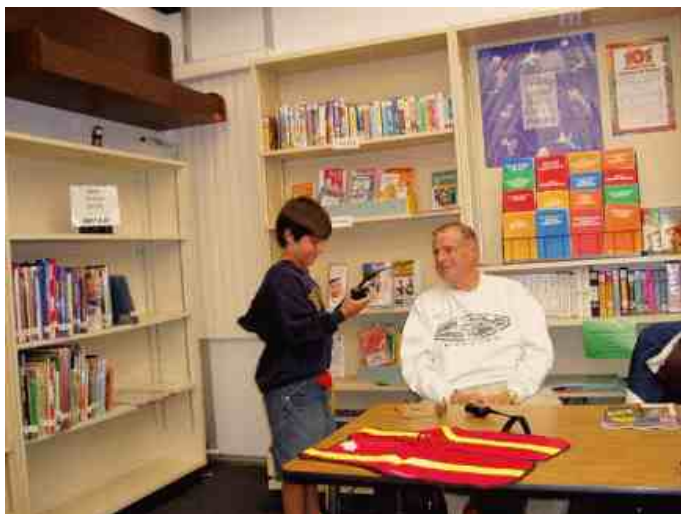
Vic-K4VHX and Martin-N4FA conducted a ham radio demonstration at the Englewood Elementary School on January 25th. Here are few pictures of the demonstration.



February Florida Hamfests

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

- ◆ 9-11 Feb 2007 Southeastern Division Convention, Orlando ARC Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL, <http://www.hamcation.com>, Talk-In: 146.76, Contact: Roberta Cohen, Phone: 407-814-0434, Email: wa2ars@aol.com
- ◆ 17 Feb 2007 Hernando County ARA, Hernando County Fairgrounds, US Route 41, Brooksville, FL, Talk-In: 146.715, Contact: Jerry Mezzacapo, N8VTW, 5434 Idleweise Ct., Spring Hill, FL 34606, Phone: 352-683-3617, Email: hamfest@trnii.com
- ◆ 17 Feb 2007 14th Annual Hamfest, Highlands County ARC, Highlands County Agri-Civic Center, US 27 South and George Blvd., Sebring, FL, <http://www.strato.net/~hamradio>, Talk-In: 147.045 (no tone), Contact: Richard May, W8FCW, 3513 Scenic Highway, Sebring, FL 33870, Phone: 863-382-9854, Email: richardmay01@comcast.net



February Special Events

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

- ◆ Feb 2-Feb 5, 1500Z-0400Z, Lubbock, TX. Buddy Holly Memorial, W5B. 48th 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, 1400Z-2359Z, Hell, MI. Midwest Traffickers and Contesters, N8H. AzQRPIons FYBO Contest. 21.060 14.060 7.040. QSL. Hank Greeb, N8XX, 5727 11 Mile Rd NE, Rockford, MI 49341. A special event within the contest. www.greeb.net/fybo2007
- ◆ Feb 3, 1400Z-2100Z, Nacogdoches, TX. Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club, W5NAC. In remembrance of the Space Shuttle Columbia recovery. 21.350 14.250 7.250. QSL. W5NAC, 167 CR 2093, Nacogdoches, TX 75965.
- ◆ Feb 3, 1400Z-2100Z, Punxsutawney, PA. Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club, K3HWJ. Commemorating Groundhog Day 2007. 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Mike Miller, N3HBH, 1097 Wishaw Rd, Reynoldsville, PA 15851. www.qsl.net/k3hwj
- ◆ Feb 3, 1400Z-2100Z, South Bend, IN. Michiana Amateur Radio Club, W9AB. St. Joseph County Public Library's "Science Alive". 14.270 7.270. Certificate. Michiana Amateur Radio Club, Attn: Special Event QSL, 3220 E Jefferson Blvd, South Bend, IN 46615. www.community.michiana.org/marcsite
- ◆ Feb 10, 0800Z-1900Z, Huskvarna, SWEDEN. Swedish Heathkit Club, SK7XN. Encouraging the use of Heathkit Radios. 14.287 14.040 3.700 3.540. QSL. Jan Eliasson, Klevavagen 3 C, Tenhult SE-560 27, SWEDEN. www.heathkit.se
- ◆ Feb 10, 1400Z-2200Z, Leavenworth, KS. Kickapoo QRP Amateur Radio Club, W0EBB. 3rd Annual "Freeze Your Keys" Winter Operating Event. 14.260 14.060 7.290 7.040. QSL. Gary Auchard, 34058 167th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048. www.pkarc.org
- ◆ Feb 10, 1400Z-2300Z, Rapid City, SD. Dakota Chapter 102 QCWA, W0DAK. To commemorate the 30th anniversary as a QCWA Chapter. 28.450 14.250 7.250 3.889. Certificate. Frank Shaw, NU0F, 118 E Van Buren, Rapid City, SD 57701. www.qcwa.org/chapter102.htm
- ◆ Feb 12-Feb 16, 1400Z-2100Z, Ft Myers, FL. Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, W4LX. Celebrating Thomas Edison's Birthday. 28.430 21.350 14.240 7.230. Certificate. FMARC, PO Box 061183, Ft Myers, FL 33906. stellagurka@earthlink.net
- ◆ Feb 17, 1700Z-2100Z, Interlachen, FL. Putnam County Amateur Radio Club, W4SA. Hazardous Weather Awareness Week. 28.350 14.255 7.263 146.52. QSL. Putnam County Amateur Radio Club, Box 1447, Interlachen, FL 32148. w4sa.pcarc@yahoo.com
- ◆ Feb 17-Feb 18, 1500Z-2100Z, Alexandria, VA. Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club, K4US. Commemorate George Washington's Birthday. 28.415 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Mount Vernon ARC, PO Box 7234,

Alexandria, VA 22307. www.mvarc.com

- ◆ Feb 24, 1500Z-2300Z, Kent, OH. Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS), KD8CKP. 2nd Annual Freeze Your Acorns Off QRP Special Event. 21.345 14.245 7.245. Certificate. Al Atkins, KB8VJL, 12433 Chamberlain Rd, Aurora, OH 44202. www.portcars.org
- ◆ Feb 28, 1500Z-2230Z, Baton Rouge, LA. USS Kidd Amateur Radio Club, W5KID. Sixty-fourth anniversary of the launching of USS Kidd, DD-661. 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

WA7BNM October Contest Calendar

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

- ◆ Vermont QSO Party 0000Z, Feb 3 to 2400Z, Feb 4, 10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB, 0001Z, Feb 3 to 2359Z, Feb 4
- ◆ AGCW Straight Key Party, 1300Z-1600Z, Feb 3, Minnesota QSO Party 1400Z-2400Z, Feb 3
- ◆ YLRL YL-OM Contest, CW, 1400Z, Feb 3 to 0200Z, Feb 5
- ◆ Delaware QSO Party, 1700Z, Feb 3 to 0500Z, Feb 4 and 1300Z, Feb 4 to 0100Z, Feb 5
- ◆ Mexico RTTY International Contest, 1800Z, Feb 3 to 1759Z, Feb 4
- ◆ North American Sprint, SSB, 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 4
- ◆ ARCI Fireside SSB Sprint, 2000Z-2359Z, Feb 4
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB, 2000Z-2130Z, Feb 5
- ◆ ARS Spartan Sprint, 0200Z-0400Z, Feb 6
- ◆ CQ WW RTTY WPX
- ◆ Contest, 0000Z, Feb 10 to 2400Z, Feb 11
- ◆ Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW, 1100Z-1300Z, Feb 10
- ◆ KCJ Topband Contest, 1200Z, Feb 10 to 1200Z, Feb 11
- ◆ Dutch PACC Contest, 1200Z, Feb 10 to 1200Z, Feb 11
- ◆ YLRL YL-OM Contest, SSB 1400Z, Feb 10 to 0200Z, Feb 12
- ◆ British Columbia QSO Challenge, 1600Z, Feb 10 to 0359Z, Feb 11
- ◆ FISTS Winter Sprint, 1700Z-2100Z, Feb 10
- ◆ RSGB 1st 1.8 MHz Contest, CW, 2100Z, Feb 10 to 0100Z, Feb 11
- ◆ North American Sprint, CW, 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 11
- ◆ ARRL School Club Roundup, 1300Z, Feb 12 to 2400Z, Feb 16
- ◆ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint, 0130Z-0330Z, Feb 14
- ◆ AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening, 1900Z-2030Z, Feb 14
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data, 2000Z-2130Z, Feb 14
- ◆ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW, 0000Z, Feb 17 to 2400Z, Feb 18
- ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 0200Z-0400Z, Feb 19
- ◆ Road Kill Roundup QRP Kontest, 0230Z-0400Z, Feb 22
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW, 2000Z-2130Z, Feb 22

- ◆ Russian PSK WW Contest, 2100Z, Feb 23 to 2100Z, Feb 24
- ◆ CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB, 0000Z, Feb 24 to 2359Z, Feb 25
- ◆ REF Contest, SSB, 0600Z, Feb 24 to 1800Z, Feb 25
- ◆ UBA DX Contest, CW, 1300Z, Feb 24 to 1300Z, Feb 25
- ◆ North American QSO Party, RTTY, 1800Z, Feb 24 to 0600Z, Feb 25
- ◆ High Speed Club CW Contest, 0900Z-1100Z, Feb 25 and 1500Z-1700Z, Feb 25
- ◆ North Carolina QSO Party, 1700Z, Feb 25 to 0300Z, Feb 26

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