



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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### Message From The President

I want to thank the membership for a great turnout for the first full meeting with me as president. It was very gratifying to me. It's a pleasure to serve this group of individuals with various opinions but a common goal.

The officers of EARS held a meeting prior to the general meeting in which we discussed many matters pertaining to the operation of our organization in 2004. Included were budget, sale of club property, meeting day and time, and other items to be finalized and brought before the membership. The officers will hold a meeting at my residence on Wednesday, 25 February 2004, to meet that end. It is my intention to advise the membership of our recommendations after this meeting, by e-mail or telephone, so they can be discussed and voted at our next regular meeting on 19 March 2004. It is important that everyone attend this meeting as the decisions made will affect all of us. Your input is important.

I must apologize for not having a presentation at our monthly meeting. Originally, Bob Officer, WA6WAY, was to give a presentation on the reverse osmosis desalinization process he utilizes on his boat. Unfortunately, Bob came down with a severe case of phlebitis in his legs and has difficulty standing and walking, so we cancelled. He is doing much better now. I then borrowed a tape about a very interesting DX-pedition. Again, Jones's Law\* took over and the TV/VCR did not work. Therefore, no presentation. I hope to have Bob present at our next meeting, but am holding the tape in abeyance. \* Jones's Law: "Murphy was an optimist". So true.

73 de Martin, W4MHH

### February 20 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** President Martin Horowitz, W4MHH, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. There were 25 members and 2 guests present. Visitors, Jim Neszaro-KM4RF and Herman Rieper-VE3IRX were welcomed. New member William Kraemer-KB9QOL, was welcomed to the club.

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved.

### CLUB MEETING

Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. Meeting location is at the Englewood United Methodist Church 700 E. Dearborn St. (near Pine St. & River Road). Contact one of the officers for directions to the meeting room.

#### After Meeting Program Providers

March's program is a demonstration by Bob Officer-W6WAY on his reverse osmosis water system used on his boat.

**Interested in becoming an EARS member or becoming an amateur radio operator?**

**Please contact one of the EARS club officers for details.**

**Treasure's Report:** Vic-K4VHX reported the balance in our account is \$4,771.27. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes as reported. The annual budget was discussed and tabled for more adjustments to the budget.

### Committee Reports

**Sunshine:** Gene-KA1GCU reported Joe-KB4OCN and Tom-WA3PRC's wife were sent a card. Tom-WA3PRC relayed the expressed thanks from his wife for the cards she received.

**RACES:** Frank-W4VV said the next drill will be on Thursday Feb. 26 at 9:00 AM at the Trangelli Center. This is a new venue for RACES.

**Testing:** Ken-W4JQT said no testing is scheduled for February.

**DX:** JR- K9HUY said the 160 band is good but sun spots are getting worse.

### Correspondence

No correspondence was received since the last meeting

### Old Business

**Hamfest:** Vic-K4VHX said all is ready for the Hamfest. Help is needed on Friday, March 5th for setup. All who can help be at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds by noon, Friday,

**Field Day June 26-27:** Seems no one wanted to be chairman or co-chairman. Decided many co-chairman would work together to get things organized for field day. Martin-W4MHH said as a food maven, he would bring the food for the picnic on Sunday of Field Day.

**Membership Directory:** Dennis-K4NF reiterated the need for members to have their dues paid by the end of February if they wanted to be in the new directory.

### New Business

**Ham Radio Promotion:** Hugh-KG4ZDX presented his idea about getting into the Air Show at Charlotte County Airport March 27th and 28th. This would be a means for recruitment and for getting information to the public. Keith-WL7CKY offered the use of his motorhome as a base of operations. Hugh Will check with his contact

and see if this is possible along with the cost, if any, for volunteers entering the show. The club may need to furnish a pop up tent and generator along with rigs and antenna.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business; a motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Hugh Myers-KG4ZDX  
Secretary

### Hamfest Success

For the past three Hamfest we have been successful in supplementing our club treasury by the sale of equipment from the Club Table. This success was made possible by the generous donations of club members who provided the inventory of items for sale. If you have some amateur gear that you are no longer using our has lost its appeal it may be just the something special that someone else is looking for. So check your shack, closet, shed, garage whatever and see if you have something of value to donate. It will be greatly appreciated and provide much needed financial support to your clubs programs and activities. Please contact Ken Anderson or myself if you have something to contribute.

73, Vic, K4VHX  
473-5560

### Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want To Buy

#### • For Sale

Radio station consisting of the following equipment:

**Kenwood** TS-530S HF transceiver

**Kenwood** AT-230 HF antenna tuner

**Kenwood** VFO-230 external VFO

**Kenwood** SP-230 external speaker

**Kenwood** MC-50 microphone

**Kenwood** HS-5 headphones

CW key, unknown make

**MFJ**-986, 3KW HF antenna tuner

\$800 for all – Negotiable, Jim Meszaros-KM4RF, PH:

698-9866 Email: [manci@ewol.com](mailto:manci@ewol.com)

#### • For Sale

Notebook computers which would be useful for Packet,

logging or general purpose use.

**Toshiba** Satellite Pro 2150cdt with/WIN98 & some programs. \$100

**IBM** ThinkPad 350 w/WIN95. \$25

Bill Stevens-W1AMU, PH 697-3369

Email wstevens22@comcast.net

• *For Sale*

**Gap** Titan HF vertical antenna, 80-10 & 2 meters, check specs at: [www.gapantenna.com](http://www.gapantenna.com), \$160, PH: Hermann Rieper-VE3IRX, at 475-3785.

### VE Exam Sessions

The exams are given at 9:30 AM the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, on a reservation basis only, in the conference room of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce building, 601, South Indiana Avenue. Contact Jack Sproat-W4JS, w4js@juno.com, 475-1929

### Internet Sites to Explore

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

#### Florida March Hamfests

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

**6 Mar 2004 Englewood ARS & Peace River Repeater Assn.**

Port Charlotte, FL, <http://www.fcrosby.com/hamfest>,

Contact: George Shreve, KA4JKY, 13591 Martha Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL 33981, Phone: 941-697-3445,

Email: gshreve@ewol.com

**20 Mar 2004 Playground ARC, Fort Walton Beach,**

<http://www.w4zbb.org>, Contact: Mahlon Haunschild, K4OQ, PO Box 873., FL 32549, Phone: 850-243-4315

Email: parcfest@w4zbb.org

**20 Mar 2004 Martin County ARA, Stuart, FL**

Contact: Peter Lynch, W1MNY, 7003 SE Cutler Trail, Stuart, FL 34997, Phone: 772-288-1048, Email: w1mny@arrl.net

**27 Mar 2004 Gulf Coast ARC New Port Richey, FL**

<http://www.gulfcoastarc.org/>, Contact: Donald Patee, AA4EK

4811 Rowan Road, Apt. 401, New Port Richey, FL 34653,

Phone: 727-372-3811, Email: aa4ek@arrl.net

**27 Mar 2004 Cy Harris W4MAQ Memorial Free Flea,**  
Plantation, FL, Motorola ARC

<http://www.geocities.com/bcepn/freeflea.html>

Contact: Richard Block, KG4CHW, 5080 SW 64th Avenue, Apt. 201, Davie, FL 33314-5214, Phone: 954-275-0652

Email: kg4chw@arrl.net

#### WA7BNM March Contest Calendar

Listings from:

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

- RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 1
- ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Mar 2
- AGCW YL-CW Party 1900Z-2100Z, Mar 2

- ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 6 to 2400Z, Mar 7
- Makrothen RTTY Contest 1000Z, Mar 6 to 0959Z, Mar 7
- Open Ukraine RTTY Championship 2200Z, Mar 6 to 0159Z, Mar 7 and 0800Z-1159Z, Mar 7
- DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Mar 7
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 10
- Pesky Texan Armadillo Chase 0200Z-0400Z, Mar 11
- YL-ISSB QSO Party, SSB 0000Z, Mar 13 to 2400Z, Mar 14
- RSGB Commonwealth Contest 1000Z, Mar 13 to 1000Z, Mar 14
- AGCW QRP Contest 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 13
- Oklahoma QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 13 to 0200Z, Mar 14 and 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 14
- SOC Marathon Sprint 1800Z-2400Z, Mar 13
- North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 14
- UBA Spring Contest, CW 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 14
- NSARA Contest 1200Z-1600Z, Mar 14 and 1800Z-2200Z, Mar 14
- Wisconsin QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 14 to 0100Z, Mar 15
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 18
- 10-10 Int. Mobile Contest 0001Z-2359Z, Mar 20
- BARTG Spring RTTY Contest 0200Z, Mar 20 to 0200Z, Mar 22
- SARL VHF/UHF Contest 1000Z, Mar 20 to 1000Z, Mar 21
- Russian DX Contest 1200Z, Mar 20 to 1200Z, Mar 21
- AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1600Z-1900Z, Mar 20 and 1900Z-2100Z, Mar 20
- CLARA and Family HF Contest 1700Z, Mar 20 to 1700Z, Mar 21
- Virginia QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 20 to 0200Z, Mar 22
- UBA Spring Contest, 6m 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 21
- 9K 15-Meter Contest 1200Z-1600Z, Mar 21
- Spring QRP Homebrewer Sprint 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 22
- CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 27 to 2359Z, Mar 28
- Spring Break RTTY Sprint 1800Z-2400Z, Mar 27
- UBA Spring Contest, 2m 0600Z-1000Z, Mar 28

#### March Special Events

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

- **Arlington Heights, IL: US Peace Corps ARC, KA9NLX.** 1700Z Mar 1-2200Z Mar 7. 43rd Anniversary of founding of United States Peace Corps. 28.500 21.375 14.325 7.283. Certificate. John Paskevicz, 1423 North Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.
- **Various, England: Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society, GB6OT.** 0700Z Mar 5-2359Z Apr 1. 60th Anniversary of Op Thursday Burma 1944. 21.070 21.056 14.070 14.056. QSL. Mike Humphrey, G0SWY/KF4OFR, 4 Bluebell Rd, Bassett Southhampton, Hampshire, England SO16 3LQ. <http://www.rsars.org.uk/>. Amateurs outside the UK, please send 1? dollar or \$1 US to cover postage.
- **Weeki Wachee, FL: Spring Hill Amateur Radio Club, W4W.** 1000Z Mar 5 and 2400Z Mar 7. Celebrating the 11th Annual Weeki Wachee Swamp Fest. 14.260 7.260 7.040. QSL. W4W/Spring Hill ARC, PO Box 6083, Spring Hill, FL 34611. <http://www.kf4ixu.com/>.

- **Chesapeake, VA: Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service, W4CAR.** 1500Z-2100Z Mar 6. 142nd Anniversary, Monitor-Merrimac Battle of the Ironclads. 28.362 21.362 7.262 146.82. Certificate. W4CAR, PO Box 6867, Chesapeake, VA 23323. <http://www.qsl.net/cars>.
- **Naples, FL: Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida, K4YHB.** 1400Z Mar 6-2000Z Mar 7. Annual Spring Swamp Buggy Races. 12 m 17 m. Certificate. Mark Kennedy, K4SWF, 1241 12th St N, Naples, FL 34102. <http://www.araswf.org/>.
- **Hermann, MO: Hermann Bearcat Amateur Radio Club, K0S.** 1400Z Mar 9-2100Z Mar 10. Science class study of radio spectrum. 14.250 14.246 147.135. Certificate. Saint George Catholic Elementary School, 133 W 4th St, Hermann, MO 65041.
- **New Port Richey, FL: Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club, K4C.** 1200Z Mar 18-2000Z Mar 28. The 82nd Annual Chasco Fiesta. 28.360 21.250 14.250 7.245. Certificate. GCARC-Chasco, PO Box 595, New Port Richey, FL 34656-0595.
- **Princeton, NJ: Mercer County ARES/Central NJ American Red Cross, N2ARC.** 2300Z Mar 19-2300Z Mar 21. March is Red Cross Month, celebrating ARES/ARC partnership. 28.445 14.255 7.240 3.952 2 m 220 MHz APRS. Certificate. Gerry Jurrens, N2GJ, POB 147, Kingston, NJ 08528. [users.tellurian.com/gjurrens/n2arc\\_special\\_event.htm](http://users.tellurian.com/gjurrens/n2arc_special_event.htm).
- **Macon, GA: Macon Amateur Radio Club, W4BKM.** 1500Z-2200Z Mar 20. 22nd Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. 14.240 21.335 7.055 14.055. Certificate. Macon ARC, PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208.
- **Brampton, ON, Canada: Peel/Mississauga Amateur Radio Clubs, VE3XR.** 1300Z-1700Z Mar 20. HAM-EX Annual Hamfest. 14.240 7.240. QSL. Michael Brickell, 2801 Bucklepost Cres, Mississauga, ON, Canada L5N 1X6.
- **Virginia Beach, VA and Moss, Norway: Virginia Beach Amateur Radio Club, Inc and Mossegruppen av NRRL, W4UG and LA5M.** 1300Z Mar 20-2200Z Mar 21. 113th anniversary of the Norwegian Lady. 14.278 14.040 7.280 7.040. Certificate. VBARC, PO Box 62003, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.
- **Wellsboro, PA: Nessmuk Amateur Radio Association, W3BGK.** 1500Z Mar 24-2100Z Mar 28. 200th anniversary of Tioga County. 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Nessmuk ARA W3BGK, PO Box 101, Wellsboro, PA 16901. For more information contact [jantonio@epix.net](mailto:jantonio@epix.net).
- **Ebensburg, PA: Conemaugh Valley Amateur Radio Club, W3C.** 1300Z Mar 26-0300Z Mar 27. Cambria County Bicentennial. 21.300 14.250 7.230 3.985. QSL. David Knepper, PO Box 34, Sidman, PA 15955. <http://www.cambriacobicentennial.com/>
- **Timonium, MD: Baltimore Amateur Radio Club, W3FT.** 1300Z Mar 26-2000Z Mar 27. Celebrating the Greater Baltimore Hamboree and Computerfest. 14.265 7.265. Certificate. W3FT C/O GBH&C, PO Box 95, Timonium, MD 21094.
- **Waco, TX: Lake Whitney Amateur Radio Society, WA5BU.** 1600Z-2000Z Mar 27. Activating the Baylor University Ham Club Radio Station. 28.425 21.300 14.250 7.250. QSL. Allen Newton, PO Box 1181, Whitney, TX 76692.