



The WA4IWL Newsletter



President's Message



I'm keeping plenty busy now. In February, I started teaching at Lemon Bay High School in the mornings and continue to work at the law office in the afternoons/evenings. I also

continue to volunteer my time assisting Nicole with her kindergarten classroom and after-school program at Englewood Elementary. On our weekends we have been doing various activities with our friends. At least I managed to reserve some time to go fishing on the boat during the beautiful weather we've had these last two weekends.

On the ham radio front, we've pre-purchased our tickets to the Charlotte County Hamfest on March 14, 2009 and are looking forward to the event. We hope to see most of you there. A fox hunt, raffle, testing, and food from the Boy Scouts are all planned for the hamfest in addition to the tailgating. Set up will be about noon on Friday if you are able to help out.

Don't forget that ARES/RACES is planning to hold a Simulated Emergency Test on the morning of March 28, 2009. Your participation will not only help with training but will also assist the hospitals financially and will help the several organizations joining the hams in this exercise gain some valuable experience.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



EARS Meeting Minutes February 19, 2009

Call to Order: President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, opened the meeting at 7:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. 17 members and six visitors were present. Our usual meeting room was in use by the church rummage sale, so we met in room 300 on the second floor of the Education Building.

Our visitors were introduced and made welcome, and then introductions were made around the room. One unusual visitor was Chris, G3NDJ from Sompting, England.

October Minutes Approval: The January 15 EARS meeting minutes were presented for approval. ON MOTION, the EARS January 15, 2009 meeting minutes were approved as published in the February 2009 newsletter.



Treasurer's Report: The report, including the Orlando Hamfest Sales, was given by treasurer Mike-K4MWD. ON MOTION, the Treasurer's report was approved as given.

Correspondence: Correspondence was read by the Secretary and Treasurer.

Committee Reports

Sunshine: No Report given.

Publicity: No Report given

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

P.O. Box 572
Englewood, FL 34295

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| President Matthew Henry-KE4VEM 380-5980 | Vice-President Thomas Hawes-WA3PRC 627-4644 | Co-Secretaries Ken Anderson-W4JQT 475-3172 Ken Blackshaw-W1NQT 474-0662 | Treasurer Mike Daly-K4MWD 475-0181 |
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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.



DX: Desecheo Island - Everyone is trying to work K5D. They will be there until 2/26/09.

Hamfest: An excellent report was given by Steve Summers, KI4RUS, from the Peace River Club

RACES: A Simulated Emergency Drill will be held on March 28. Four hospitals and many other organization will be involved.

Old Business

No Old Business was presented.

New Business

Member Assistance: Bernie-K4KUO needs help to remove a tower. Somebody suggested that he contact Tom Lambie, N4XJQ, who is experienced and has the necessary equipment.

Directory: Dennis-K4NF requested that all information for the new directory be in by March 1st.

Budget: Treasurer Mike-K4MWD presented the 2009 EARS budget. No discussion followed. ON MOTION, the 2009 EARS Budget was accepted as presented.

Adjournment

ON MOTION, there being no further business to discuss, President Matthew-KE4VEM adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Ken Anderson, W4JQT,
Secretary

EARS Directory Update

Treasurer Mike-K4MD is sending me the latest membership information to update the directory data. The 2009 EARS Membership Directory should be finished within the next week or so. All new entries after March 1 will be noted in the monthly newsletter in this column.

- 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 \$15.00. 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 14.293 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

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| EARS | Simplex146.550 | Wednesday | 7:30pm |
| NPARC | 147.120+ | Tuesday | 8:00pm |
| CARS | 146.745- | Daily | 8:30am |
| TARC | 146.580- | Tuesday | 7:30pm |
| TARC DX | 146.805- | Wednesday | 8:00pm |
| TARC | 146.805- | Thursday | 7:30pm |

Weekly Area Amateur Breakfasts:

- Tuesday, 7 A.M. at Denny's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Good Times in Englewood
- Tuesday, 7:45 A.M. at Peach's in Venice
- Friday, 7:45 A.M. at Peach's in Venice

Dennis-K4NF,
Editor

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

For Sale: Gas Generator 120/240 VAC - 12 VDC XTREME Contractor Series, Rating - 4450 Watts Surge, 3500 Watts full time, 5.5 HP, Mounted on frame with wheels, Electric Start, This unit has about two hours run time for occasional tests. Price - \$450.00 (New Cost \$620.00 in 2005)
Contact: Ken Anderson, W4JQT: 941-475-3172

For Sale: (HF Equipment) YAESU HF Transceiver FT-990 Original Box and Manuals with built in AC power supply, antenna tuner, 500 Hz CW Filter,

2.0K and 2.4K SSB Filters, MFJ-564 Paddles w/manual, Straight Key, Code Oscillator (homebrew), MFJ-704 Low Pass Filter w/manual external speaker, Heil Pro Headset W1HCS element and foot switch, YAESU Stereo Headphones YH-77st, Digital Interface (homebrew) w/manual, YAESU FIF-232c Cat Interface w/manual, HUSTLER 5 Band Vertical Antenna w/manual and counterpoise wires

(VHF/UHF Equipment) YAESU FT-60 Dual Band Handheld 2m-70cm w/manual, YAESU ADMS-1J, RT Systems Programming Software, YAESU MH-34 Speaker mike, Wall AC Adapter, Mobile DC Adapter, AA Battery pack FNB-23
MIRAGE BD-35 Dual Band Amplifier 144/440 Mhz w/manual, RADIO SHACK HTX-212 Mobile 2 meter Transceiver w/manual (needs work), MFJ-1432 Dual Band Mobile Antenna w/manual, DIAMOND X200A Dual Band Base Antenna w/manual

(Miscellaneous) Assorted Handbooks, Manuals, Reference Books

Asking \$1,500 for Everything Alan Parmentier, N8NZ - Will sell all HF for \$1,000 North Port, FL all VHF-UHF for \$500 (941) 426-2572

Contact the Editor to add your FS, Trade or WTB.

Internet Sites to Explore

No Internet Sites reported this month

If you find links which might be useful to hams, please forward them to the editor.

Hamfest Report

As you all know this is the season for Hamfests,, Okeechobee, Tampa, Ft Myers, Arcadia, Orlando and Charlotte County.

In November George Shreve, KA4JKY, and myself (Tom-WA3PRC) went off to the Okeechobee hamfest. This is the first time George has seen the new venue for that Hamfest and was quite impressed with the area. As usual they had a good crowd in attendance and ample tailgaters. It is not a large Hamfest but you can wander for an hour

and a half and enjoy yourself. I did buy a small power supply and George was looking forward to the catfish. Unfortunately, they only had breakfast and lunch and no catfish in between so we headed back to Port Charlotte and stopped at the Nav-I-Gator. Size-wise I would say the Hamfest was the same as last year.

Then came December when John-W4VMD and I went off to the Tampa Hamfest in Palmetto, Florida. When we arrived the parking lot was full but that did not surprise me. Once inside I was surprised as the inside flea market was way down in vendors and commercial enterprises. Then out to the outdoor flea market and that was about the same as last year. The crowd was somewhat down but it seem to grow as we walked around. Not needing anything we just roamed both outdoor and inside for an hour and half than went off to lunch and home. Ken-W4JQT and Frank-W4VV had a good time at their inside table selling their stuff. Ken was able to liquidate the estate of Bill Williams and was happy about that.

In January Myself, Mike-K4MWD and John-W4VMD went off to the FT Myers Hamfest. Upon

arrival we noted the parking lot was full which is always nice to see. Here I thought the flea market Tailgaters down about 10 cars from last year but the attendance seemed to be the same. In doors too was about the same as last year,, And this being a smaller Hamfest we pushed to kill an hour and a half but we managed and had a good time. John was looking ear phones and I bought a 20amp power supply that proved to be non operable, so buyer beware. I also met up with a friend from Erie, Pa who winters in Ft Myers; Rich Moore, KA3CAB. We all had a good time at the Hamfest and Joe's Crab Shack

The success of a good Hamfest is attendance and support from all the local Hams. This is why I make it a must to attend these Hamfests, so please go or at least buy a ticket.

All in all we all had a good time and now we waiting for the Charlotte Hamfest, March 14th

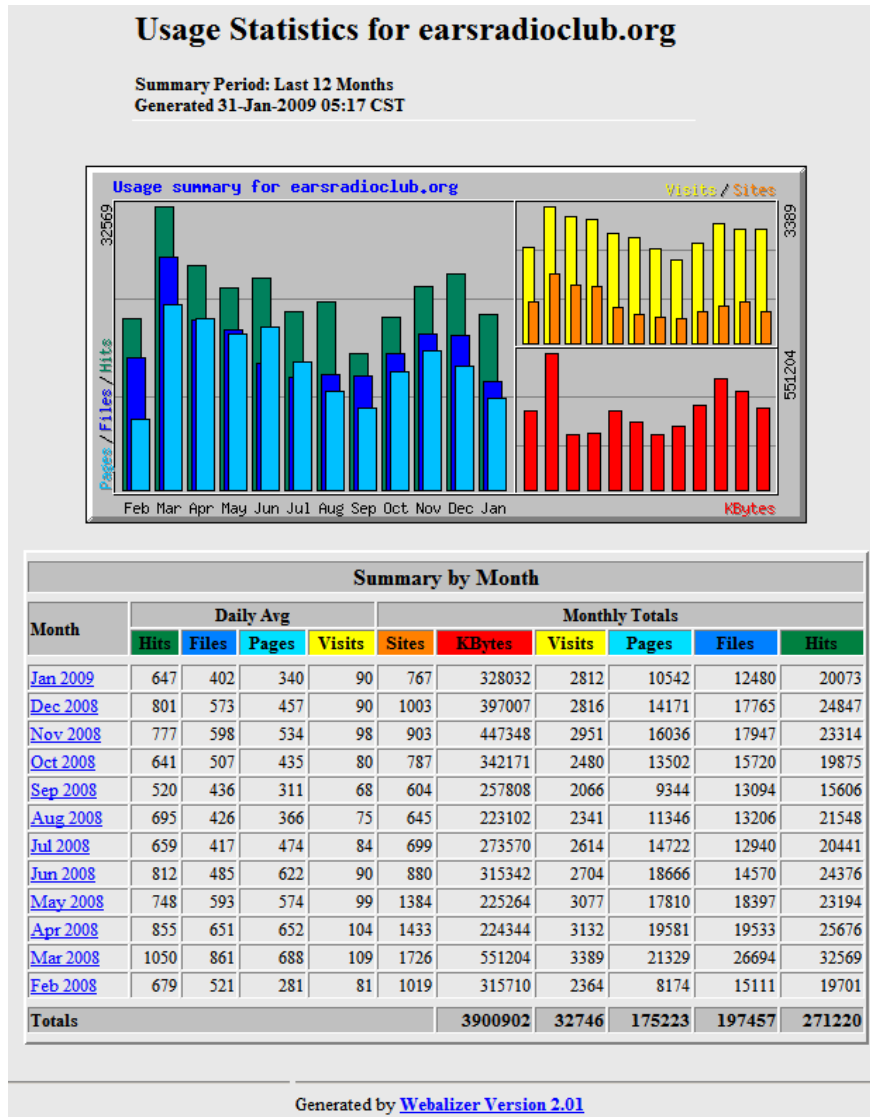
Next month I will report on some other hamfests

Vice-president,
Tom-WA3PRC

EARS Repeater Usage

Here are some interesting statistics about the EARS Web site usage. Much higher than I expected. Thanks to Freeman-W1NPR for pulling this together

73,
Vic-K4VHX



March Florida Hamfests

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

- ◆ 14 Mar 2009 Charlotte County Hamfest, Peace River Radio Assn. & Englewood ARS, Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road (Hwy 776), Port Charlotte, FL <http://www.w4dux.org>. Talk-In: 147.255 (PL 136.5), Contact: Steve Summers, KI4RUS, 2130 LaVilla Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33950, Phone: 941-639-2335
- ◆ 21 Mar 2009 Swapfest, Playground Amateur Radio Club, Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd,

Fort Walton Beach, FL . <http://w4zbb.org>, Talk-In: 146.790+ (No Tone), Contact: Steve McCarter, KB4OID, 203 Pilgrim Avenue, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547, Phone: 850-496-1819, Email: kb4oid@kb4oid.org

- ◆ 21 Mar 2009 Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Club, Ridgewood High School, 7650 Orchid Lake Road, New Port Richey, FL, <http://www.gulfcoastarc.org>. Talk-In: 146.670, Contact: Jerry Patterson, K4JHK, 3108 Ohara Drive, New Port Richey, FL 34655, Phone: 727-946-5186, Email: k4jhk@verizon.net

- ◆ 21 Mar 2009 Martin County Hamfest, Martin County Amateur Radio Association, Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Hwy, Stuart, FL, <http://www.mcaraweb.com>, Talk-In: 147.06 +600 (PL 107.2), Contact: Doug Shields, W4DAS, 1450 SE 11th Street, Stuart, FL 34996, Phone: 772-349-7820, Fax: 810-963-5192, Email: w4das@arrl.net

March Special Events

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

- ◆ Mar 1-Mar 4, 1600Z-2100Z, Arlington Heights, IL. Peace Corps Amateur Radio Club, KA9NLX. To honor Peace Corps volunteers, their service and sacrifice. 21.375 14.290 10.133 7.275. Certificate. John Paskevicz, 1423 North Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Dig MT63 on 10.133.65 and 2 m simplex in the Chicago area. jpaskev@aol.com
- ◆ Mar 1-Mar 31, 0000Z-2359Z, Ocean County, NJ. Old Barney Amateur Radio Club, N2OB/150. Relighting and 150th Anniversary of the Barnegat Lighthouse "Old Barney". All bands. QSL. via bureau or direct to: Old Barney ARC, PO Box 345, Tuckerton, NJ 08087. Also operating as N2OB/LH. IOTA NA-111. Event began Dec 27, 2008. www.obarc.org
- ◆ Mar 2, 1700Z-2359Z, Orange, CA. Orange County Communications Employees ARC, W6OCC/75. 75th Anniversary of Orange County Communications. 14.320 7.230 3.960 146.895(-). QSL. Orange County Communications Employees ARC, 840 N Eckhoff St Ste 104, Orange, CA 92868-1021. CTCSS (PL) is 136.5 Hz for 146.895(-) MHz. [w6hk@ocraces.org](http://www.w6hk@ocraces.org)
- ◆ Mar 7-Mar 21, 0000Z-2359Z, Charlotte, NC. Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society, W4B. 60th Anniversary of the Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society. 14.280 14.085 14.070 14.050. QSL. via bureau or direct, W4B c/o W4BFB - MARS, 2425 Park Rd Rm 023, Charlotte, NC 28203. CW, SSB, RTTY, and PSK31. Check Web site for a list of all frequencies. Also operating 20 m portable from 2009 Charlotte Hamfest March 14-15. www.W4BFB.org
- ◆ Mar 14, 1600Z-2000Z, New London, TX. Hospital Emergency Radio Operators, N5TMF. 72nd Anniversary of the opening of Trinity Mother Frances Hospital. 14.360 7.270. Certificate. Ed Sagen, New London, TMF Anniversary, 365 West Twin Creeks Trl, Troup, TX 75789. Trinity Mother Frances opened one day early to care for the wounded in the March 19, 1937 New London School explosion which prompted new school safety legislation. sagene@tmfhs.org
- ◆ Mar 14-Mar 15, 1400Z-2300Z, Robbinsville, NJ. Delaware Valley Radio Association, W2R. Robbinsville, NJ 150 Year Anniversary. 14.270 7.200. QSL. Michael Moreken, 55 Sharon Rd, Apt E-22, Robbinsville, NJ 08691. www.qrz.com/ab2io
- ◆ Mar 19-Mar 22, 1500Z-2200Z, Goliad, TX. Goliad County Amateur Radio Operators, W5G. 260th anniversary of

the founding of Goliad, second oldest town in Texas. 21.320 14.270 7.215. QSL. Skip Stem, WB4DAD, 655 North Loop 337 #405, New Braunfels, TX 78130. Operating in conjunction with the Goliad County Fair.

- ◆ Mar 21, 1500Z-2200Z, Macon, GA. Macon Amateur Radio Club, W4BKM. 27th Annual Macon Cherry Blossom Festival. 145.370 14.240 7.225 7.050. Certificate. Macon Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208.
- ◆ Mar 21, 1600Z-2359Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Room, NI6IW. Commemorating the establishment of Naval Security Group in 1935, and Navy SEABEES in 1942. SSB 14.320 7.250 CW 14.060 7.055 PSK-31 7.070-7.080 RTTY 14.080 7.080 2m/70cm SOCAL rep WIN. QSL. USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Room, 910 Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. af6ha@yahoo.com
- ◆ Mar 22, 1400Z-2000Z, Pasadena, CA. Pasadena Radio Club, W6KA. The First Pasadena Marathon. 28.400 14.200 7.250 3.900. QSL. Peter Fogg, KA6RJF, 1302 N Mar Vista Ave, Pasadena, CA 91104. www.qsl.net/w6ka
- ◆ Mar 23-Mar 29, 0000Z-2359Z, Camden, SC. Kershaw County Amateur Radio Club, W4U. 77th Running of Carolina Cup Steeplechase Races. 14.260 7.235 3.905 CW up 37 kHz. QSL. Leon M. Morgan Jr, 2304 Moultrie Rd, Camden, SC 29020. n4lm@arrl.net

March WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

- ◆ SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated Emerg Contest 1200Z-1400Z, Mar 1
- ◆ North Carolina QSO Party 1700Z, Mar 1 to 0300Z, Mar 2
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 2
- ◆ ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Mar 3
- ◆ AGCW YL-CW Party 1900Z-2100Z, Mar 4
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 6
- ◆ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 7 to 2400Z, Mar 8
- ◆ Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0400Z-0429Z, Mar 7 and 0430Z-0459Z, Mar 7 and 0500Z-0529Z, Mar 7 and 0530Z-0600Z, Mar 7
- ◆ Open Ukraine RTTY Championship 2200Z-2359Z, Mar 7 (Low Band) and 0000Z-0159Z, Mar 8 (Low Band) and 0800Z-1159Z, Mar 8 (High Band)
- ◆ SKCC Weekend Sprint 0000Z-2400Z, Mar 8
- ◆ UBA Spring Contest, CW 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 8
- ◆ DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Mar 8
- ◆ NSARA Contest 1100Z-1500Z, Mar 8 and 1700Z-2100Z, Mar 8
- ◆ CLARA HF Contest 1700Z, Mar 10 to 1700Z, Mar 11 and 1700Z, Mar 14 to 1700Z, Mar 15
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 11
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 13
- ◆ HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest 1830Z-1900Z, Mar 13

- ◆ (80m) and 1900Z-1930Z, Mar 13 (40m)
- ◆ RSGB Commonwealth Contest 1000Z, Mar 14 to 1000Z, Mar 15
- ◆ AGCW QRP Contest 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 14
- ◆ ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint 1500Z-1800Z, Mar 14
- ◆ EA PSK31 Contest 1600Z, Mar 14 to 1600Z, Mar 15
- ◆ SOC Marathon Sprint 1800Z-2400Z, Mar 14
- ◆ Idaho QSO Party 1900Z, Mar 14 to 1900Z, Mar 15
- ◆ North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 15
- ◆ UBA Spring Contest, 6m 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 15
- ◆ Wisconsin QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 15 to 0100Z, Mar 16
- ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Mar 16
- ◆ Bucharest Contest 1600Z-1729Z, Mar 16 and 1730Z-1859Z, Mar 16
- ◆ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Mar 19
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 19
- ◆ Feld Hell Sprint 0000Z-2400Z, Mar 21
- ◆ 10-10 Int. Mobile Contest 0001Z-2359Z, Mar 21
- ◆ BARTG HF RTTY Contest 200Z, Mar 21 to 0200Z, Mar 23
- ◆ SARL VHF/UHF Contest 000Z, Mar 21 to 1000Z, Mar 22
- ◆ Russian DX Contest 1200Z, Mar 21 to 1200Z, Mar 22
- ◆ Oklahoma QSO Party 1300Z, Mar 21 to 0100Z, Mar 22 and 1300Z-1900Z, Mar 22
- ◆ AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1600Z-1900Z, Mar 21 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Mar 21 (432)
- ◆ North Dakota QSO Party 700Z, Mar 21 to 0100Z, Mar 22
- ◆ Virginia QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 21 to 0100Z, Mar 23
- ◆ UBA Spring Contest, 2m 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 22
- ◆ 9K 15-Meter Contest 1200Z-1600Z, Mar 22
- ◆ QRP Homebrewer Sprint 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 23
- ◆ SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Mar 25
- ◆ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 000Z, Mar 28 to 2359Z, Mar 29