

The WA4IWL Newsletter



Englewood Amateur Radio Society, Inc

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President's Message

Thanks to everyone who participated in the RACES/ARES Simulated Emergency Test on Saturday, April 19. Many people have told me they believed it was a worthwhile and successful

event. Your participation should help our area hospitals with certifications and insurance breaks, in addition to the practice it provided us with communicating.

Also, thanks to those who shared their ready-to-go boxes at the April meeting. It's nice to know some of us are prepared for the coming fire and hurricane seasons, and hopefully the creative ideas will inspire the rest of us to make ourselves ready, as well.

I'll see you at the May meeting. For those of you that have already headed north for the summer, keep in touch. Dennis would be thrilled to have more articles to publish in the newsletter, so pass along some articles of interest or some interesting tidbits about the goings-on in your neck of the woods.

73, Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



Ears Meeting Minutes April 17, 2008

Call to Order: President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. There were 18 members and

one guest in attendance; Don Hartlein, KG4NKO.

Secretary's Report: The March 20 EARS meeting minutes were presented for approval. A correction was made concerning a conversation between Frank-W4VV and a Boy Scout. The conversation took place at the Charlotte County Hamfest rather than the March 20 meeting. ON MOTION, the EARS March 20, 2008 meeting minutes with corrections, were approved as published in the April, 2008 news letter.



Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was given by treasurer Vic-K4VHX. The balance in the checking account is \$2,505.89 and \$2,648.80 in our savings account. Our CD was in the World Savings Bank which

was recently purchased by Wachovia, so now our CD resides at Wachovia Bank.

Correspondence:

- A received letter was read indicating the license for the K8ONV repeater will expire on 7-15-08.
- A report was made that the autopatch does not work, and time is off.

Committee Reports

Sunshine Cards were sent to Aldo DiSaldo who was in the hospital, and Mark Henry who had an addition to the family. Aldo is reported to now be back in the hospital with a staff infection.

Treasury Audit The audit committee, consisting of Mike-K4MWD and Tom-WA3PRC, met with Treasurer Vic-K4VHX on April 15 and audited the EARS finances for the year 2007. The results of the audit were satisfactory and approved by Mike and Tom.

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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.

RACES A simulated emergency drill is planned for Saturday April 19 at 9:30 am. The drill is a wild fire scenario. Go to the nearest hospital to check in on 147.585 MHz SX.

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Testing One candidate present but the results are unknown.

DX JR-K9HUY reported conditions were a little bit better lately for DX. He has worked quite a few stations in Armenia and Syria. Tom-WA3PRC said JX, an island in the North Sea, has been on.

Field Day The site and tent arrangements will be handled by Ken-W4JQT. The new generator will be used this year. Ken-W1NQT will be here to operate on field day.

Old Business

- Charlotte Harbor Lighthouse Project: The event will take place on Saturday April 26. Discussion followed concerning how to get to the site, and the distance from the various marinas. The nearest is estimated to be about five miles away.
- **Incorporation:** Vic-K4VHX reported the Annual Report for incorporation has been filed.

New Business

A list of equipment for sale by Charlie-K1QNF was read. Call 629-8544 for details.

ON MOTION, President Matthew-KE4VEM adjourned the meeting at 8:04PM

After Meeting Program

After a short break for refreshments, we enjoyed demonstrations of "grab it and go" emergency communication kits by club members.

Ken Anderson, W4JQT, Secretary

Thank You Note

Martin-N4FA wishes to thank Mike Daly-K4MWD, John-W4VMD and Tom-WA3PRC, for helping him move the new generator from Keith-KC4AS's QTH to his QTH. Martin also reported Keith-KC5AS has a medical problem and will be in Naples preventing him from coming to Field Day. Martin also reported Vic-K4VHX has a medical condition as well and wishes to give best regards to both of them in overcoming their medical conditions.

EARS Directory Update

Please make the following change to your EARS membership directory: John Combs recently upgraded and his call sign is changed from K9JPC to W4VMD.

Internet Sites to Explore

No new sites this month. If you find links which might be useful 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 14.293 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

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 on South McCall in Englewood
- -Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Angeles on N. Indiana Ave. in Englewood
- -Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Peach's on Jacaranda Blvd. in Venice .
- -Friday, 8 A.M. at Nick's Café, on Shamrock Blvd. in Venice.

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

No listings this month *Contact the Editor to add your FS or WTB*.

May Florida Hamfests

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

- 4 May 2008 Lake Maggiore Swap Meet/Tailgate, St. Petersburg ARC, Lake Maggorie Park, Martin Luther King Street South, , (9th St S & 38th Ave S), St. Petersburg, FL, <u>http://www.qsl.net/w4gac</u>, Talk-In: 147.060 (no tone), Contact: Leslie Johnson, WA4EEZ, 6601 Bougainvilla Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33707, Email: <u>wa4eez@verizon.net</u>
- 24 May 2008 Wormfest 2008, The Glorious Society of the Wormhole, Freedom Lake Park, 10100 46th Street North, Pinellas Park, FL, <u>http://www.thewormholesociety.org/</u>, Talk-In: 146.850- (PL 146.2), Contact: Bill Williams, AG4QX, 3215 West Tambay Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611, Phone: 813-837-3833, Email: <u>ag4qx@arrl.net</u>

May Special Events

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

- ♦ May 1-May 3, 0130Z-1500Z, Orleans, IN. Orange County Amateur Radio Club, K9D. Orleans Indiana Dogwood Festival. 3.835 7.225 14.070 14.240. QSL. Orange County Amateur Radio Club, 1475 S State Rd 37, Paoli, IN 47454. www.wb9fhp.com
- May 1-May 4, 1500Z-2100Z, Houston, MO. Ozark Mountain Amateur Radio Club, K0E. Emmett Kelly "Weary Willy" Clown Days. 14.270 7.220 146.850. Certificate. Don Shelhammer, 411 Craig Rd, Raymondville, MO 65444.
- May 2-May 3, 1000Z-1700Z, Bramshaw, Romsey, England. RSGB, GB2BST. Over 200 years since Admiralty Shutter telegraph was installed. 14.200 7.050. QSL. Via bureau or direct to John Wakefield, M0XIG, Oakhurst, Lower Common Rd, West Wellow, Romsey SO51 6BT, ENGLAND. <u>www.qrz.com/gb2bst</u>

- May 2-May 4, 2100Z-2100Z, Paradise, MI. Lake Effect Amateur Radio Club, W8B. Spring Raptor and Waterfowl Migration at the Whitefish Point Bird Observatory. 146.640 14.340 7.180 7.070 7.050. Certificate. Lake Effect ARC-W8B, 36 Southfork St, Marquette, MI 49855. Certificate and QSL available; \$1 US and SASE. www.lakeeffectarc.info/w8b.htm
- May 3, 1200Z-2000Z, Wilmington, NC. Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club, NI4BK. Commissioning of submarine USS North Carolina. SSB CW 20 40 m Gen bands EchoLink 353118 KI4RMZ-L IRLP 9210 N4JDW VHF/UHF HF*. QSL. Azalea Coast ARC, PO Box 4044, Wilmington, NC 28406. *HF station will operate May 3 and 4. <u>www.ac4rc.org</u>
- May 3, 1400Z-1800Z, Conway, AR. Faulkner County Amateur Radio Club, W5AUU. Toad Suck Daze Festival Special Event Station. 14.260 7.260. Certificate. Faulkner County Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 324, Conway, AR 72032. www.w5auu.org
- May 3, 1500Z-2000Z, Reno, NV. EMCOMMWEST 2008, N7V. The Biggest Little Ham Convention in the World! 446.050 146.580 14.335 7.295 2m 70cm simplex Reno/Sparks area. QSL. EMCOMMWEST, INC / QSL Request, PO Box 21391, Reno, NV 89515. emcommwest.org
- May 3, 1600Z-2200Z, Monticello, IL. Picorams, K9IYP. Boy Scout's Prairie Fire Olympics. 14.240. Certificate. Steve Look, 774 County Farm Rd, Monticello, IL 61856. www.piatthamradio.org
- May 3-May 4, 1300Z-0100Z, Independence, MO. Eastern Jackson County Emergency Communications, K0HST. Former President Harry S Truman's Birthday. 28.670 14.267 7.267 3.867. QSL. L. Scott Portz, 950 N Spring St, Independence, MO 64050. www.ejcecc.org
- May 3-May 11, 0100Z-2359Z, Hamilton, OH. Southwest Ohio DX Association, W8H. 8ZU/WRK Hamilton OH's First Amateur/Broadcast Station 1915. 14.2757.2753.975 1.875. QSL. Dewey K. Jones, W8KJ, 7035 Morris Rd, Hamilton, OH 45011. <u>w8h-wrk.blogspot.com</u>
- May 9-May 25, 1500Z-0300Z, Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club, W9IMS. 92nd running of the Indianapolis 500. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. QSL. Indianapolis Motor Speedway ARC, PO Box 18495, Indianapolis, IN 46218-0495. QSL and certificate available. <u>www.w9ims.com</u>
- May 10, 0000Z-2359Z, Grafton, WV. The Mountaineer Amateur Radio Association, W8SP. Commemorating the first official observance of Mother's Day from the International Mother's Day Shrine. Gen portion 80 40 20 15m CW SSB Nov subband 10 m SSB. Certificate. Charles T. McClain, K8UQY, Rt 4 Box 161, Grafton, WV 26354.
- May 10, 1400Z-2030Z, Jamestown, VA. Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club, K4RC. 401st Anniversary of English Settlement in Virginia. 18.150 14.250 7.261 3.951. QSL. KU4FP, 132 Druid Dr, Williamsburg, VA 23185. special.event@k4rc.net or <u>www.k4rc.net</u>

- May 10, 1415Z-2100Z, Wheaton, IL. Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs, K9BSA. Three Fires Council BSA Scout-O-Rama - A Century of Service. SSB 14.290 7.190 CW 14.060 7.030 Satellite, IRLP node 4119, 2m FM Chicago area 145.39 repeater. QSL. Mark Potter, W9UZ, WCRA - Scout-O-Rama QSL, PO Box QSL, Wheaton, IL 60189. w9ccu.org
- ay 10, 1600Z-2300Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway CV-41 Museum Radio Room, NI6IW. Commemorating Armed Forces Amateur/Military Crossband Communications Test. 14.325 7.250 14.060 7.040. QSL. USS Midway CV-41 Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. af6ha@yahoo.com.
- May 10-May 11, 1600Z-0100Z, Encino, CA. Los Angeles Fire Department, N6ACS. Fire Service Recognition Day. 21.375 14.250. QSL. Mark Willardson, 17439 Burbank Blvd, Encino, CA 91316.
- May 14, 1200Z-2300Z, St Augustine, FL. Navy Amateur Radio Club, K4NAR. Annual Club Reunion. 14.275 7.245. QSL. Dave Cutbush, KD1C, 138 Red Oak Rd, Byron, GA 31008. <u>usn_retired@alltel.net</u>
- ♦ May 17, 0000Z-2359Z, Washington, DC. AFRH-W Amateur Radio Association, AF3RH. Honoring military veterans on Armed Forces Day. 28.480 14.195 7.190 3.810. Certificate. AFRH-W ARA AF3RH, 3700 N Capitol St NW #1319, Washington, DC 20011. CW frequenices to be announced. af3rh@yahoo.com or <u>www.af3rh.org</u>
- May 17, 1400Z-1800Z, Caldwell, NJ. West Essex Amateur Radio Club, W2EF. Operating from President Grover Cleveland Birthplace. 146.580 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. West Essex ARC, PO Box 54, Essex Fells, NJ 07021-0054. <u>www.wearc.org</u>
- May 17, 1400Z-2000Z, Westmont, IL. DuPage Amateur Radio Club, W9DUP. Commemorating Armed Forces Day. 145.430 28.400 14.290 7.250. Certificate. Brian Eder, WB9UGX, PO Box 71, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514. www.w9dup.org
- May 17-May 18, 1300Z-2000Z, Farmingdale, NY. Great South Bay Amatuer Radio Club, W2GSB. Air Power Museum Event and Armed Forces Day. 20 m 40 m 80 m SSB/CW. QSL. W2GSB/APM, PO Box 1356, West Babylon, NY 11704. <u>www.gsbarc.org</u>
- May 17-May 18, 1300Z-2200Z, Tallahassee, FL. Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society, K4TLH. The Fifth Annual Air Fest at Tallahassee Regional Airport. 14.325 14.250 7.250 7.200. QSL. Tallahassee Amateur Radio Society, 911 San Luis Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32304. Note: airport security may not permit night-time operating. Check URL for updates. <u>www.k4tlh.net</u>
- May 17-May 18, 1400Z-0300Z, Nixa, MO. Nixa Amateur Radio Club, KC0LUN. Sucker Days Special Event Station. 3.850 7.250 14.250 21.350. QSL. Nixa Amateur Radio Club, Inc, PO Box 467, Nixa, MO 65714. www.nixahams.net

- May 17-May 18, 1500Z-0300Z, St Clair County, AL. St Clair County ARES, K4SCC. Anniversary of longest activiation time -- over 72 hours during 1994 Ice Storm. 14.255. QSL. Steve Ayres, KG4VSH, 60 Fritz Dr, Pell City, AL 35128-4107. www.k4scc.net
- May 18, 1600Z-2000Z, Sandy Hook, NJ. Roseland Amateur Radio Club, K2A. Coastal Artillery Day. 14.270
 7.270. QSL. Roseland Amateur Radio Club, 300 Eagle Rock Ave, Roseland, NJ 07068. <u>www.qsl.net/k2gq</u>
- May 24, 1200Z-2100Z, Chestertown, MD. Kent Amateur Radio Society, K3ARS. Reenactment of British tea dumped into the Chester River. 28.340 14.240 7.240 Echolink. QSL. Kent Amateur Radio Society, PO Box 921, Chestertown, MD 21620. www.k3ars.org
- ♦ May 24, 1300Z-2230Z, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. Xenia Weather Amateur Radio Net (XWARN), W8XRN. ARMAD from the USAF Museum. 144.550 14.240 7.240. Certificate. XWARN ARMAD Special Event Station, c/o WB8CEH Wes Soper, PO Box 546, Xenia, OH 45385-0546. surfbest.net/~wb8ceh@surfbest.net/w8xrn% 20log.htm
- May 24, 1600Z-2300Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV 41), NI6IW. Commemorating Memorial Day. SSB 14.325 7.250 CW 14.060 7.040. QSL. USS Midway (CV 41) Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. af6ha@yahoo.com.
- ♦ May 24-May 26, 1000Z-1700Z, Springfield, MO. Ozark Hillbilly Portable Operations Team, K0S. K0S Strange Antenna Challenge. 20 40 m Gen bands Satellite. QSL. Erik Weaver, N0EW/K0S, 4857 E Farm Rd 136, Springfield, MO 65809. Certificate and QSL available, see <u>w w w . e ham . n et/calendar/details/5101</u> or <u>www.n0ew.org/k0s</u>
- May 24-May 26, 1200Z-0300Z, Rochester, NY. Rochester DX Association, W2RDX/60. Rochester DX Association's 60th Anniversary. All HF bands SSB CW RTTY. QSL. Via bureau or direct to Irwin J. Goodman, AF2K, 515 Drumm Rd, Webster, NY 14580-1579. www.rdxa.com
- ♦ May 24-Jun 7, 0000Z-2359Z, Paris, France. ARP Radio-Club de Paris, TM7S. 40th anniversary of the "Ville de Paris". 14.275 10.110 7.075 3.775. QSL. Association des Radioamateurs de Paris, ARP Radio-Club de Paris, 66 Avenue de la Republique, Paris 75011, FRANCE. Award available for contact with all 5 special event stations. See URL for complete details.

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- May 26, 1200Z-2000Z, Belleville, MI. Yankee Air Museum, W8YAF. Observing Memorial Day at the Yankee Air Museum Air Park, Willow Run Airport. 7.270. QSL. Frank A. Nagy, N8BIB, 24315 Waltz Rd, New Boston, MI 48164-9167. <u>www.qrz.com/w8yaf</u>
- May 26, 1200Z-2359Z, Nutley, NJ. Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Assoc, N2UL. Labor remembers those who made the supreme sacrifice for our freedoms. 28.420 21.360 14.260 449.975/ W2LI. Certificate. RDGULARA c/o WA2VJA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716.

- May 26, 1400Z-2145Z, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge and USS Kidd Amateur Radio Clubs, W5KID. Memorial Day. 15 20 40 m Gen bands. QSL. USS Kidd Special Event, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. www.lsu.edu/brarc/uss_kidd.htm
- May 26, 1400Z-2200Z, Fayetteville, AR. Arkan Radio Klub of Northwest Arkansas, W5T. Memorial Day Troop Train, honoring all veterans and military personnel. 146.700 14.240 7.250. QSL. Joe Dunn, 12358 W Ervan Beeks Rd, Farmington, AR 72730. bjoedunn@hotmail.com or www.arkanhams.org
- May 31, 1500Z-2300Z, Athens, TN. McMinn County Amateur Radio Club, Inc, N4M. National Moofest. 14.280
 7.238. Certificate. McMinn Co Amateur Radio Club, 1402 Crestway Cir, Athens, TN 37303.
 www.mcminnarc.com/n4m/N4M.html
- May 31-Jun 1, 1800Z-0000Z, Medora, ND. Theodore Roosevelt Amateur Radio Club, K0ND. 61st Ann N Unit Theodore Roosevelt National Park. 14.262 14.252. Certificate. Melissa Sheppard, KD0AAK, 112 3rd Ave E, PO Box 1264, Dickinson, ND 58601.
- May 31-Jun 2, 2300Z-0100Z, Princeton, IL. Starved Rock Radio Club, W9MKS. 75th anniversary of club founding. 7.240 3.900. Certificate. Starved Rock Radio Club, PO Box 198, Leonore, IL 61332. <u>www.qsl.net/w9mks</u>

May WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

- AGCW QRP/QRP Party 1300Z-1900Z, May 1
- QRP Minimal Art Session 1900Z-2300Z, May 1
- NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, May 2
- MARAC SSB QSO Party 0000Z, May 3 to 2400Z, May 4
- ♦ MARAC CW QSO Party 0000Z, May 3 to 2400Z, May 4
- 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW 0001Z, May 3 to 2359Z, May 4
- Microwave Spring Sprint 0600-1300 local, May 3
- 7th Call Area QSO Party 1300Z, May 3 to 0700Z, May 4
- Portuguese Navy Day Contest 1500Z, May 3 to 1500Z, May 4
- Indiana QSO Party 1600Z, May 3 to 0400Z, May 4
- ARI International DX Contest 2000Z, May 3 to 1959Z, May 4
- New England QSO Party 2000Z, May 3 to 0500Z, May 4 and 1300Z-2400Z, May 4
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 1900Z-2030Z, May 5
- NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, May 9
- Nevada Mustang Roundup 2300Z, May 9 to 2300Z, May 10
- SBMS 2 GHz and Up WW Club Contest 0600 local, May 10 to 2000 local, May 11
- VK/Trans-Tasman 80m Contest, Phone 0800Z-1400Z, May 10
- EUCW Fraternizing CW QSO Party 1000Z-1200Z, May 10 and 1800Z-2000Z, May 11

- CQ-M International DX Contest 1200Z, May 10 to 1159Z, May 11
- VOLTA WW RTTY Contest 1200Z, May 10 to 1200Z, May 11
- FISTS Spring Sprint 1700Z-2100Z, May 10
- 50 MHz Spring Sprint 2300Z, May 10 to 0300Z, May 11
- SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 0000Z-2400Z, May 11
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 1900Z-2030Z, May 14
- EU PSK DX Contest 1200Z, May 17 to 1200Z, May 18
- His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW 1200Z, May 17 to 1200Z, May 18
- Feld Hell Sprint 1500Z-1700Z, May 17
- Manchester Mineira All America CW Contest 1500Z, May 17 to 2359Z, May 18

- Baltic Contest 2100Z, May 17 to 0200Z, May 18
- Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, May 19
- NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, May 22
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 1900Z-2030Z, May 22
- CQ WW WPX Contest, CW 0000Z, May 24 to 2359Z, May 25
- VK/Trans-Tasman 80m Contest, CW 0800Z-1300Z, May 24
- ARCI Hootowl Sprint 2000 local 2400 local, May 27
- MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint 2300Z, May 26 to 0300Z, May 27
- SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, May 28
- Kids Roundup 1400Z, May 31 to 2200Z, Jun 1

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