

# The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC

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#### EARS

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#### **From The President**

Hi ya'll! Fall is upon us and before we know it the holiday season will be here. We will be having our joint picnic with the Peace River Club on Saturday November 23. Time, noon, at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds. The meat will be provided by both clubs. Bring your own beverages and a side dish for potluck.

Our annual Holiday Party will be on December 14 at the Rotunda Hills Restaurant. Cocktail hour will start at6:00 PM. The menu will be turkey with all the trimmings or champagne chicken at a cost of \$15.00 per plate. Hors-d'oeuvres will be provided by the club. Please use the dinner/reservation request in this newsletter and get it to us by December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our participation in the 4th annual Boca Bop Triathlon was great fun. Thank you to the following club members who were able to help; Vic-K4VHX, Bill-W1AMU, Don- KF4WJW, and John-K9JPC.

It is time to start thinking about new club officers for 2003. We are seeking VOLUNTEERS, especially for President which is the difficult position to fill. Many of our members have held this position (some more than once) and their leadership has kept this club active for many years. Please consider a term as president. As is typical of most clubs, we have a very strong group of core members who are always willing to help and offer advice when asked so as president you don't have to run the whole show by yourself. If you think you lack the confidence, keep this in mind. You are volunteering to do a job nobody else wants to do and the club members understand this. The last 10 months have been great for me and I have been given wonderful support from the membership. If you would like to volunteer for an officer's position please call Keith-WL7CKY at 460-0507 and let him know.

We had a great October meeting and I would like to thank our own Jerry-K4JWE and his partner, from the Englewood Flotilla US Coast Guard Auxiliary, for their informative presentation. Their presentation was about how we can be responsible for a cleaner marine environment.

73 Gay-KL0LV President

#### "EARS Meeting Room Change"

The meeting room for our November EARS meeting will be changed. The meeting room is Room 300 in the Education Bldg at the Englewood United Methodist Church.

#### **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. **Next Meeting: November 15.** The program for after the business meeting will be presented by our own Daniel Tomcik,K4OU, and will feature slides about Ten Tec Electronics.

#### **October 18 EARS Meeting Minutes**

President Gay-KL0LV, opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Gay then introduced Kreg Maheu, who gave a brief description of the Boca Bop Triathlon, to be held November 3rd at 7am. Kreg asked for a team of 5 or 6 to provide communications during the event. Keith-KL7CKY volunteered to handle it and put together a team.

A motion by Keith-KL7CKY to approve the minutes as corrected by Vic-K4VHX was seconded by Jim-NX2II and carried. The correction was to show the disbursement for HamCom 2003 to be \$500.00 instead of \$300.00.

Bruce-K2OY gave the Treasurer's report, showing the balance in our treasury to be \$3883.76. A motion by Keith-KL7CKY to accept the report was seconded by Don-KF4WJW and carried.

#### **Committee Reports**

*Testing* – Ken-W4JQT reported no testing planned this month.

*DX* – Bruce-K2OY discussed some ham operations history in Yemen, and his contact with 70/OH2YY.

HamCom 2003 – Vic-K4VHX reported on the recent committee meeting, resulting in some changes to the flyer, which is now ready to distribute. There will be a raffle for a VHF radio. Vic says things are on schedule and moving along.

#### **Old Business**

Keith-KL7CKY made a motion that after due notice to the membership on an unbudgeted item, we vote for approval to spend \$3.00 per person for hors d'oeuvres at our Christmas party on December 14th. Seconded by Howard-N4MLJ and the motion passed.

Keith-KL7CKY made another motion that after due notice on an unbudgeted item, we vote for approval to spend \$100.00 for the joint Peace River-EARS picnic on November 23rd at Charlotte County Fairgrounds. Seconded by Dennis-K4KF and the motion passed.

#### **New Business**

Pam-KG4EDF made a motion to purchase two sets of children's books at \$15.00 per set to donate to the

Englewood Libraries. Seconded by Keith-KL7CKY and the motion passed. Keith-KL7CKY is taking orders for additional sets of books from individuals.

#### Announcements

Dennis-K4KF mentioned he has room in the news letter for items for sale.

Howard-N4MLJ asked for ideas for a program for next month.

Bruce-K2OY reported on the passing of Paul Knupke-N4PK, a member of the West Central Florida Section Staff. He was only 31 years of age, and suffered from diabetes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm with a break for refreshments.

#### **Program**

We had an interesting and informative program presented by Jerry-K4JWE and Judy Abbott with the Coast Guard Auxiliary, using both discussion and videos, on all the pollution taking place in our waters including the oceans.

Ken Anderson – W4JQT Secretary Pro Tem

## Weekly Ham Operator Breakfasts "Come and acquaint yourself with other hams!"

Each week on Tuesday mornings area ham operators gather at two restaurants here in Englewood. The first to meet are the ones that "rise and shine" early for breakfast at Tiffany's when they open at 7 AM. Tiffany's restaurant is in Tiffany Square at the intersection of San Casa and SR 776.

The second to meet are the ones that like to sleep in a little later and the meet at the Hungry Hound around 8 AM. The Hungry Hound restaurant is Palm Plaza shopping center at the Intersection of SR 776 & 775(Placida Road).

#### **Email Changes**

Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX: k4vhx@arrl.net Don Dibello-KF4WJW: cptdi@aol.com

#### **Member Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale**

If you have amateur radio equipment which you want to sell, trade or give away contact the EARS newsletter editor for details about adding it to this column (k4nf@arrl.net or 468-4131). Dennis-K4NF

#### **EARS Radio Club Items for Sale:**

Ten Tech Scout Model 555 Transceiver, 50 watts output With two RF plug in units for 40 and 15 meters, PTT mike and manual.

Ten Tech model 260 power supply/speaker 13.8 volt 20 amp.

Ten Tech model 228 antenna tuner/swr bridge, 300 watt

Hand telegraph key.

Kenwood model HS-4 Headphones, (8 ohms) All items have been checked out and are in good working condition. Please contact Ken-W4JQT at 941-475-3172 for a demonstration.

#### **Dennis-K4NF Items For Sale**

Icom IC746 HF – two meter transceiver . . . . . \$800 Hygain TH11DXX 5 band HF beam antenna . . . . \$400 k4nf@arrl.net or 468-4131/698-1251

#### **Internet Sites To Explore**

There are many amateur radio sites on the Internet. If you come across a new site of interest to your fellow club members, forward the address to Dennis-K4NF (k4nf@arrl.net) to include it in the EARS newsletter.

Hamfests, November Remainder and December

**16 Nov 2002** Tailgate/Free Flea, University of Miami ARC & Flamingo Net, Coral Gables, FL - Contact: Bill Moore, WA4TEJ, 73 Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139, Email: WA4TEJ@Beethoven.com

**30 Nov 2002** Okeechobee ARC, Okeechobee, FL, http://flweather.com/oarc, Contact: Chuck Phillips, KE4EUW, PO Box 368, Okeechobee, FL 34973-0368 Phone: 863-610-0427, Email: ke4euw@yahoo.com

**7-8 Dec 2002** Florida State Convention, Florida Gulf Coast AR Council, Palmetto (Tampa), FL, http://www.fgcarc.org, Contact: Fred Hendershot, N3BUL, 11316 Leprechaun Drive, Riverview, FL 33569, Phone: 813-671-9556,

Email: n3bul@arrl.net

#### **EARS Christmas Dinner Reservation Request**

Name Number Attending

Dinner Choice:

Turkey Dinner [ ]

Chicken Dinner [ ]

[ ] Dinners at \$15.00 per Dinner; Total Cost \$\_\_\_\_\_\_(Tip is not included in price)

Mail Check payable to:

"Englewood Amateur Radio Society"

and mail to:

EARS, C/O Gay Herve 1722 Bayshore Dr. Englewood, FL 34223

### RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4 DECEMBER 2002