



The WA4IWL Newsletter



Englewood Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

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President's Message

Yet another well-attended EARS meeting in February welcomed Bob Mott and his presentation on the Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP). We wish to thank Mr. Mott for sharing his knowledge

with us and thank Bob Stubbins for arranging the program.

At our Treasurer's request, an audit committee to review last year's budget and books was created. Jack Landis, Tom Hawes, and Keith Kelly were all kind enough to volunteer their services. Hopefully, they will have a positive report for us at the March meeting.

Our RACES report came directly from the source, as Roger Weatherly updated us on upcoming events, equipment status, revisions to the new manual. He also announced an upcoming Simulated Emergency Test (SET) planned for April 19 from 10AM to noon. It would be nice if some members are willing to go to some of the RACES/ARES strategic locations to test communications from those stations. Roger stated that Wayne Sallade requests and authorizes EARS to perform the work necessary to replace the defective equipment at the Tringali Center with the antenna already provided and available feed line. Mel Rathbun also conveyed Englewood Community Hospital's enthusiasm for having hams and a functional amateur radio station in their building.

Keith Kelly made a good suggestion for our March program. Bring your "To-Go Box" to the March 20 meeting, so we can all share ideas of what items might be useful in the event of an emergency

situation or if called to assist others and how these items might be best packed for easy transport and use.

The membership voted to sell our old yellow generator and to buy a new 5000W generator for \$550 or less. This issue was brought up over the summer but we did not have a quorum to make the decision then. With ample membership the motion to make the unbudgeted purchase passed.

I'll see you at the Hamfest on Saturday, March 8, 2008 from 7AM-2PM at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds. Talk-in is on the 147.255+. There will be prizes, food served by the Boy Scouts, and lots of good deals. At the EARS table, we will also discuss plans for a lighthouse event in Charlotte Harbor. Any members who wants to help set up for the hamfest can come out at noon on Friday, March 7.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



Ears Meeting Minutes February 21, 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 19 members and 5 guests in attendance.

Guests were introduced as follows:

- Ron Kubala - Neighbor of Gene Reilly, KI4FJJ
- Dave Witt - WD9W
- Bob Mott - W0AC
- Roger Weatherly - W3IGM
- John Brower - KE4WUZ

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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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.



Guests were made welcomed then introductions were then made around the room.

Secretary's Report: ON MOTION the EARS January 2008 meeting minutes were approved as published in the February, 2008 news letter.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was given by Tom-WA3PRC. Our EARS treasurer, Vic-K4VHX, was in Denver for the week.

Correspondence:

- Notice from Florida Dept. Of State - Corporation annual report due by May 1, 2008
- Invitation to the Boca Grand Lighthouse Museum opening on March 6, 2008
- Marty-N4FA read a letter he received from Publix with a gift of \$50 for Field Day

Committee Reports

Sunshine: No report available

Membership reported:

- Hugh-KG4ZDX is scheduled to have another stint inserted on March 4th
- Aldo is in the Peace River Medical Center for repair of a herniated disc in his neck.

RACES:

- Roger Weatherly reported on training and simulated emergency tests
- Concerning the antenna at Tringali, Roger said Wayne Sallade told him it would be OK for EARS to go ahead and fix the antenna, even though it is on a county building.
- Insurance aspects were discussed, but nothing was resolved.

Publicity: The need for an EARS committee chairman was discussed. Keith-KC5AS volunteered to serve in this position.

Testing: No report available

DX: Tom-WA3PRC reported

- VP6DX will be on Ducie Island for two more weeks
- T32YA on East Kaibate Island is active, 9X0Z in Rwanda
- Africa, TI9KK on Cocoa Island, YU8/OH2R in Kosova are active.
- ZS8 is planning a one year stay in the Marian Island chain.

Hamfest: Matthew-KE4VEM reported tickets have been ordered, testing is planned and setup will be

Friday afternoon, March 7. Volunteers are needed to help with the parking and tickets.

Old Business

Bob-KI4FST reported on the Charlotte Harbor Lighthouse Project. He brought some history and a picture of the Lighthouse when it was in place.

New Business

Field Day: Generators for field day were discussed. ON MOTION the EARS (Yellow) generator will be sold and a new 5KW generator in the \$550.00 price range will be purchased.

Keith-KC5AS suggested we bring our emergency "grab it and go" kits to the April meeting for a show and tell, then at a later date we plan a field test using these kits at various locations around the area. A suggestion was also made, that we wrap up the field test with a Bar B Q lunch but no formal action was taken on this matter.

Treasury Audit: An audit committee was formed consisting of EARS members Jack-WA8GRO, Keith-KC5AS and Tom-WA3PRC.

Adjournment: ON MOTION, President Matthew-KE4VEM adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

The Secretary wishes to thank Bob-KI4FST and Tom-WA3PRC for help with some of the information in these minutes.

Ken Anderson - W4JQT
Secretary

After Meeting Program

Bob Mott, W0AC, gave a very interesting talk and slide presentation on. Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP).

Email from the Sunshine Committee

Hi Dennis.....
Sorry we couldn't make the meeting tonight; we have company. Just wanted you to know that we have not received any notices to send cards this month; so far, so good!! Let's all keep well and

alive!!
Gene and Marcia

EARS Directory Update

Vic-K4VHX & Dennis-K4NF are working on the 2008 EARS membership directory which should be forth coming in the next week or so.

Internet Sites to Explore

<http://www.florida-repeaters.org/dblist.htm>
Florida Repeater Council Repeater Listings from the FRC Database; address by Vic-K4VHX
If you find links which might be useful to hams, please forward them to the editor.

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

No listings this month
Contact the Editor to add your equipment.

- 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	Simplex 146.550	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 in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Angeles in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Peach's in Venice .
- Friday, 8 A.M. at Denny's, 1681 US 41 Bypass, Venice.

Florida March Hamfests

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

- ◆ 8 Mar 2008 Charlotte County Hamfest, Englewood ARS & Peace River Radio Association, Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road, Port Charlotte, FL, <http://www.earsradioclub.org>, Talk-In: 147.255 (no tone), Contact Bob Stubbins, KI4FJT, 5098 San Luis Terrace, North Port, FL 34286, Phone: 941-423-3061, Email: motorcop1340@comcast.net
- ◆ 15 Mar 2008 Swapfest, Playground Amateur Radio Club, Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, FL, <http://www.w4zbb.org/parcweb/swapflyer.html> Talk-In: 146.790(-) No Tone, Contact Terry Young, K4KJP, 129 Sotir Street, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547 Phone: 850-243-4315, Fax: 850-243-4315 Email: k4kjp@cox.net .
- ◆ 15 Mar 2008 Southern Florida Section Convention Martin County Amateur Radio Association, Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Highway, Stuart, FL <http://www.mcaraweb.com>, Talk-In: 147.06 +600KHz (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
- ◆ 29 Mar 2008 Cy Harris Memorial Free Flea, Broward Amateur Radio Club, Collins Center, 3900 NE 3rd Avenue, Oakland Park, FL, <http://www.eagle3.net/barc> Talk-In: 146.790, Contact Marty Falk, KI4IQZ, 3900 NE 3rd Avenue, Oakland Park, FL 33334, Phone: 954-632-1667, Email: martfalk@bellsouth.net

March Special Events

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

- ◆ Mar 1-Mar 2, 1500Z-2100Z, Arlington Heights, IL. Peace Corps Amateur Radio Club, KA9NLX. To honor Peace

Corps volunteers, their service and sacrifice. 21.360 14.290 10.125 7.270. Certificate. John Paskevicz, 1423 N Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Also 2-meter simplex in the Chicago area. jpaskev@aol.com

- ◆ Mar 7-Mar 9, 1400Z-1100Z, Sweetwater, TX. Nolan County Amateur Repeater Association, W5NCA. 50th Year Sweetwater Jaycees World Largest Rattlesnake Roundup. 14.245 7.275 7.245. Certificate. Gary Armstrong, 806 E 16th, Sweetwater, TX 79556. www.rattlesnakeroundup.net
- ◆ Mar 7-Mar 10, 2000Z-2200Z, Two Harbors, CA. Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, K6PV. IOTA expedition to Santa Catalina Island. 20M 40M 75M phone bands. QSL. Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 2316, Palos Verdes, CA 90274. www.palosverdes.com/pvarc
- ◆ Mar 8, 1500Z-2100Z, Vero Beach, FL. Vero Beach Amateur Radio Club, W4OT. Commemorating America's First Wildlife Refuge, 105 Years. 14.240 14.060 7.240 7.060. QSL. W4OT - Vero Beach ARC, PO Box 2082, Vero Beach, FL 32961. From the Refuge on The Barrier Island, west of route A1A. www.fws.gov/pelicanisland
- ◆ Mar 8, 1700Z-2359Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway CV-41 Museum Radio Room, NI6IW. Commemorating the Naval Aviator designation established in 1915. 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.
- ◆ Mar 8-Mar 9, 1700Z-0300Z, Florence, SC. Florence Amateur Radio Club, N4B. 50th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombing of Mars Bluff, SC. 28.330 14.290 7.263 3.920. Certificate. FARC - Mars Bluff Certificate, PO Box 5602, Florence, SC 29502-5602. Times are daily. Other frequencies may be used. www.w4ulh.org
- ◆ Mar 22-Mar 23, 1500Z-2300Z, Corona, NY. Hall of Science Amateur Radio Club, WB2JSM. HoSARC 35th Anniversary. 21.300 14.250 7.225 3.800. Certificate. Hall of Science Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 150131, Kew Gardens, NY 11415. www.hosarc.org
- ◆ Mar 22-Mar 23, 1700Z-0300Z, Fairport Harbor, OH. Sponsored by KB8QID, W8S. Spring Lights QSO party. 14.255. Certificate. Joe Kulnane, 1388 Summit Dr, Mayfield Hts, OH. jmkulnane@sbcglobal.net
- ◆ Mar 29, 1300Z-1600Z, Brampton, ON. Peel and Mississauga Amateur Radio Clubs, VE3XR. Ham-Ex Annual Hamfest. 14.265 7.260 3.750. QSL. Jeff Richardson, VA3QSL, 36 Crawley Dr, Brampton, ON L6T 2S1, CANADA. (Remember, US postage not valid in Canada.) www.ham-ex.org
- ◆ Mar 29, 1500Z-2200Z, Macon, GA. Macon Amateur Radio Club, W4BKM. 26th Annual Macon Cherry Blossom Festival. 14.240 7.055 10.110 14.055. Certificate. MARC, PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208. members.cox.net/w4bkm
- ◆ Mar 29-Apr 12, 0000Z-2359Z, Paris, France. ARP Radio-Club de Paris, TM2I. 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 . arp75.free.fr/PortailARP/img/DVP_regles_rules.jpg](http://arp75.free.fr/PortailARP/img/DVP_regles_rules.jpg)

WA7BNM March Contest Calendar

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

- ◆ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 1 to 2400Z, Mar 2
- ◆ Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0400Z-0429Z, Mar 1 and 0430Z-0459Z, Mar 1 and 0500Z-0529Z, Mar 1 and, 0530Z-0600Z, Mar 1
- ◆ Open Ukraine RTTY Championship 2200Z-2359Z, Mar 1 (Low Band) and 0000Z-0159Z, Mar 2 (Low Band) and 0800Z-1159Z, Mar 2 (High Band)
- ◆ DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Mar 2
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 3, AGCW YL-CW Party 1900Z-2100Z, Mar 4
- ◆ NCCC Sprint Ladder 0330Z-0400Z, Mar 7,
- ◆ RSGB Commonwealth Contest 1000Z, Mar 8 to 1000Z, Mar 9
- ◆ AGCW QRP Contest 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 8, Oklahoma QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 8 to 0200Z, Mar 9 and 1300Z-1900Z, Mar 9
- ◆ EA PSK31 Contest 1600Z, Mar 8 to 1600Z, Mar 9
- ◆ SOC Marathon Sprint 1800Z-2400Z, Mar 8
- ◆ Idaho QSO Party 1900Z, Mar 8 to 1900Z, Mar 9
- ◆ North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 9
- ◆ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 0000Z-2400Z, Mar 9
- ◆ UBA Spring Contest, CW 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 9
- ◆ NSARA Contest 1100Z-1500Z, Mar 9 and 1700Z-2100Z, Mar 9
- ◆ Wisconsin QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 9 to 0100Z, Mar 10
- ◆ CLARA and Family HF Contest 1700Z, Mar 11 to 1700Z, Mar 12 and 1700Z, Mar 15 to 1700Z, Mar 16
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 12
- ◆ NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 14
- ◆ 10-10 Int. Mobile Contest 0001Z-2359Z, Mar 15
- ◆ Russian DX Contest 1200Z, Mar 15 to 1200Z, Mar 16
- ◆ Feld Hell Sprint 1500Z-1700Z, Mar 15
- ◆ AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1600Z-1900Z, Mar 15 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Mar 15 (432)
- ◆ Virginia QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 15 to 0200Z, Mar 17
- ◆ UBA Spring Contest, 6m 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 16
- ◆ 9K 15-Meter Contest 1200Z-1600Z, Mar 16
- ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Mar 17
- ◆ Bucharest Contest 1500Z-1559Z, Mar 17 and 1600Z-1659Z, Mar 17
- ◆ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Mar 20
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 20
- ◆ ARLHS Annual Spring Lites QSO Party 0001Z, Mar 21 to 2359Z, Mar 30
- ◆ NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 21
- ◆ BARTG Spring RTTY Contest 0200Z, Mar 22 to 0200Z, Mar 24
- ◆ UBA Spring Contest, 2m 0600Z-1000Z, Mar 23
- ◆ SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Mar 26
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 28
- ◆ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 29 to 2359Z, Mar 30

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