



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



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Newsletter

Hi ya'll. The big news is, our great hamfest is history for this year. We made some money for the treasury and new friends in the Peace River Repeater Association. We had an excellent turn out along with great weather and it looks like this joint venture has the capability to expand through the years. A lot of work went into this special event so please take the time to thank Vic Emmelkamp-KF4VHX our hamfest committee chairman and his fellow committee members Larry Brown-KD4KVE, Gino Ferranti-KE4TJO, Dave Hanson-KB0EVM, Bob Harrison N4WFT, Tom Lambie-N4XJQ, Jerry Meckenberg-K4JWE, Bill Norris-KC7TSG, Matt Regan-N8RZZ, Howard White-KD4MMY, and Mike Swaider-KA9WIE.

- ☺ Our hearts and prayers go out to Mrs. Ursula Sadler-VP2MT/4 who had a stroke the day before our last meeting. Mrs. Sadler was going to be our guest speaker at that meeting and speak about radio operations during WW2.
- ☞ Please review our proposed budget for 2002. This is a simplified version as it does not show any transactions that cancel each other. An example is ARRL payments and payback. The result is 0. The Christmas party paid for itself and this year's budget will expect the same result.
- ☞ MEETING ROOM RENT: was not paid in 2001; we don't know why, but we will pay 2 years in 2002. This explains why we said no increase for this year.
- ☞ CHARITY: up \$200.00 to allow for a possible small scholarship.
- ☞ CLUB ADMINISTRATION: \$100.00 This is a new category. We do not like the category called OTHER. This category gets used when the program we are using does not have a specific place to put an expense. In 2001 other contained amounts generally less than \$50.00 and were for Sunshine Committee (Charity) and club administration .
- ☞ HAMFEST SEED MONEY: This money gets paid back from the hamfest. It is in the budget to allow the hamfest committee to get a head start on preparations. It is not reflected in the bottom line total because it washes out.
- ☞ NEWSLETTER: an estimate based on \$60.00 month cost.
- ☞ THE NUMBERS for 01 are actual expenses. NOT what was budgeted. The numbers for 02 are budget estimates we expect not to exceed and hope not to reach. The change numbers are our best guess at what we think we should allow above last year's actual expense.

<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>CHG.</b>	Name Badges	-30	-40	+10
<i>Annual Recurring Expense</i>				<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>CHG.</b>
Insurance	-352	-352	0	Newsletter	-407	-720	+313
Incorporation Fee	-64	-64	0	Training books	-170	-180	+10
P.O. Box	-39	-39	0	Charity	-100	-300	+200
Meeting Room Rent	0	-288	0	Big Stick	-500	0	-500
Chamber Commerce	-128	-128	0	<i>Other</i>	-179	0	-179
<i>Unassigned expenses</i>				<i>Club Administration</i>	0	-100	+100
Field Day	-154	-200	+46	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-2231</b>	<b>-2536</b>	<b>+305</b>
Hamfest Seed Money	-100	-500	+400	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>+1940</b>	<b>+1940</b>	<b>0</b>
Membership directory-108	-125	+17		<b>Difference</b>	<b>-291</b>	<b>-416</b>	<b>+125</b>

### 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: Friday April 19. Our program after the business meeting will be presented by Officer Gordon Baer from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office speaking about identity theft; mail & computer.**

Income is from dues, booster, and other. We assumed income would be about the same. This report does not reflect what is in the bank and earnings from the hamfest (\$1500.00 +/-?) Keep in mind. This is a proposed budget, open to modification, and to be approved by a vote of the membership. Last year's officers did a great job staying close to budget! That should be enough to ponder for now.

*See ya Apr 19th 73 Gay-KL0LV*

### **March 15 Meeting Minutes**

On March 15, 2002 President Gay-KL0LV opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the pledge of allegiance to our flag. The following guests were welcomed to the meeting: Alfred Rye-LA1MC, Frank Olsow-WD8RLD, Jurgen Nittner-N9RD, Jerald Longman-W8FOK, and Ann Stevens. Introductions were then made around the room. There were no new members present.

A motion to accept the minutes of last months meeting as printed in the news letter was made by Free W1NPR, seconded by George-KA4JKY, and carried.

The Treasurers report was given by Bruce-K2OY. The check book balance on 3-15-02 was \$4907.93. A motion by Keith-WL7CKY to accept the report was seconded by Bobby-KF4YOW, and carried.

### **Announcements**

Frank W4VV announced the RACES Annual meeting will be held March 28 at 7pm at the County Municipal Building in Murdock.

Dennis K4NF reported the new membership directory is about ready to go to press.

VP Howard Kuhlman N4MLJ reported that Ursula Sadler-VP2MT/4 who was to present our program this evening is in Fawcett Memorial Hospital due to a stroke yesterday.

### **Correspondence**

The secretary read a letter from Ken-W4JQT, reporting on the results of the EARS Club Table sales at the Charlotte County Hamfest on March 9th.

### **Committee Reports**

*Races* - Frank-W4VV gave the RACES report.

*Testing* - Ken-W4JQT gave a report on testing at the Charlotte County hamfest. Pam-KG4EDF upgraded from Novice to Technician with HF privileges.

*DX* - Bruce-K2OY gave the DX report. Yugoslavia is now divided into Serbia and Montenegro. Another attempt is being made to land and set up on Ducie Island.

*Hamfest 2002* - Vic-KF4VHX suggested looking at the great hamfest photographs Free-W1NPR has on the web site, and gave a preliminary report on the hamfest results.

### *Old Business*

The Furry Scurry Pet Walk on march 30 in Venice still needs volunteers. Call Jim-N4JBZ or Vic-K54VHX.

### *Comments*

Frank-WD8RLD described the amazing benefits of "Clear Speech Speakers" which eliminate 95% of background noise. They are advertised in QST.

Dennis-K4NF suggested our club have an auction sometime in the future as a FUN program.

### **Program**

Our guest speaker Ursula Sadler-VP2MT/4 was unable to be at the meeting due to a stroke the day before. An impromptu program emerged with interesting stories from several members.

A motion to adjourn carried at 8:25 pm. There were 33 members and 5 guests present at the meeting.

*Ken Anderson-W4JQT*

*Secretary, Pro Tem*

### **Weekly Ham Operator Breakfasts**

#### **"Come and become better acquainted 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).

### **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).

☺ Apparently everyone loves their Ham Equipment and antenna farm; I don't have any to print this month.

### **Note From The Newsletter Editor**

**The EARS membership directory project is complete.** If you would like to pick yours up give me a call or they will be available at our next club meeting.

**Email addresses changes** are a big problem to keep up with in our membership database. I have a suggestion for you members, with an Email address and belong to the ARRL, which will be an immense help. Check out the ARRL membership features. The ARRL will provide a forwarding Email address for you free of charge. For instance, mine is k4nf@arrl.net, and Email with any attachments sent to this address will be forwarded to whatever Email address I choose when setting up the ARRL forwarding service. When you

change your Email address all you must do is go to the ARRL site and make the necessary changes to your xxx@arrl.net address it forwards to. Not only will this help newsletter mailings and membership database, it will be much easier for the SnowBirds moving back and forth plus these addresses are better understood when you need to give the Email address while talking on your radio.

**Phone No. Change:** Bruce-K2OY's new number is 468-3859. Make the change in your new membership directory.

We are always interested in considering new amateur radio information, events, websites, etc. for inclusion in our monthly newsletter so if you have ideas for us to consider let us know.

73, Dennis-K4NF, k4nf@arrl.net

### Furry Skurry Report

The EARS club and the Tamaimi club took turns manning the communications and display table at the Furry Skurry festival held at Blalock Park in Venice Saturday March 30th.

In the morning there were TARC members there: John Fyke-VE6AIV, Ken Truran-KC8BI, Charlie Larson-KD4FZ, Dick Dean-N4RD, Bob Avrutik-N1RA, and Jack Sproat-W4JS. In addition, TARC members Don Daggett-WC2E, Christine Watson-VE3CMW and Ed Watson-VE3SYW stopped by to say hello. In the afternoon Bill Stevens-W1AMU and Vic Emmelkamp-KF4VHX showed the colors and monitored the park.

Looked like the event was bigger than last year, at least based on the vendors' tents. However we didn't try counting puppies, llamas, birds etc.

Vic-KF4VHX

### CHARLOTTE COUNTY HAMFEST 2002

#### PRIZE WINNERS

Grand Prize: \$200.00 Charles Covell N9rzu Venice

Raffle: Icom 2100h Jerald Longman W8fok Venice

#### Drawings:

Kayak Tour*	Phil Jung-K9PJ	IL
Photo Suite Iii	Jack Leishman-K8XX	MI
Olive Garden*	Lou Nagy-N1MAH	P.C.
Arrl Handbook	Ralph Mifflin	
T Shirt	R. Boone-WB4FNH	BRA.
Bowling*	Virginia Kadansky-KG4NKN	P.C.
Egg & I*	Eva Kanipe	
Champaigne	Ron Walker	
Blue Lagoon*	Roger Weatherly-W3IGM	P.G.
Mfj Clock	Dan Puccio-KG4CDW	VEN.
Hat	Jose Gonzalez-KF4KVV	C.C.
Turbo Tax	Don Mertz-W9IVI	MN
Publix*	Audrey Wharton-KG4MJM	P.C.
Publix*	Jack Keim-KE4IM	P.G.
Auto Zone*	Bill Schober-W2OJ	ENG.
Jam's of Cape Haze*	Dan Guarro-KG4OMN	BRA.

Pizza Hut*	Tom	
Antenna 2m/440	Gerry Meckenberg-K4JWE	ENG.
Gulf View Grille*	James Shoudy-W8PAY	KY
Multi Tester	Wayne Macavoy	
T Shirt	Gino Ferranti-KE4TJO	P.C.
Arrl Handbook	Dennis Babcock-K4NF	ENG.
Ham Univ.	Aldo Disalvo-KC4NUX	P.C.
Johnny Leverocks*	Bill Rockwood-KE4ZAK	VEN.
Antenna Book	Jackie Forbes-N4XKJ	P.G.
A to Z Mower	Jim Frey-W8ISZ	Ven
Deluxe Car Wash*	Verne Garrett-WA9LCM	IN
Olde Englewood	Vic Emmelkamp-KF4VHX	ENG.
Day Planner	C. Mcelhanny-KI4BK	KY
Angello's Pizza*	Maralee a Leblanc -KF4YWY	VEN.
Multimeter	Robert Brown	
Bbq Brush	Richard Smythe	JAC.
Repeater Dir.	Dennis Babcock-K4NF	ENG.

\* Gift Certificate

### Hamfest 2002 A Big Success!

Saturday, March 9th was a banner day for E.A.R.S. and P.R.R.A. as we jointly held the first annual Hamfest at the Charlotte County Fair Grounds. Over 500 people attended and dozens went away with prizes thanks to the tremendous generosity of the local businesses and club members. As chairman I would like to again thank the committee chairman who did an outstanding job planning and executing the event and to all of the volunteers who work so hard to make it a success. Finally I would like to thank all the tailgaters and vendors for their participation and support.

Be sure to take a look at the many pictures taken by Freeman Crosby-W1NPR who has posted them on our web site. The URL is: [www.earsradioclub.com](http://www.earsradioclub.com).

We are happy to report the event did more than break-even and along with the sales from the club table the event contributed a nice amount to our club treasury. Hope to see you all there next year for Hamfest 2003 when it will be bigger and better!

73 Vic-KF4VHX

### Hamfests April Remainder & May

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

**20 Apr 2002** Free Flea, Flamingo/University of Miami ARC, Coral Gables, FL, Contact: Bill Moore, WA4TEJ, 73 Palm Avenue, Miami, FL 33139, Phone: 305-264-4465, Email: wa4tej@beethoven.com

**20 Apr 2002** Tampa ARC, <http://www.hamclub.org>, Tampa, FL Contact: Biff Craine, K4LAW, 13515 Greenleaf Drive, Tampa, FL 33613, Phone: 813-265-4812, Email: k4law@arrl.net,

**27 Apr 2002** Gainesville ARS, Gainesville, FL, <http://www.gars.net/hamfest>, Contact: Ken Hall, KE4SLK, Phone: 352-332-3749, Email: kjhall@gator.net

### Special Events & Contests

These are listed in your ARRL QST magazine or go to this website: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/>