



The WA4IWL Newsletter



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President's Message

The Boca Bop Triathlon was held on Sunday, 6 November, on Boca Grande. Six (almost seven) EARS members met at 6AM in the parking lot/boat ramp area on the causeway just before going over the bridge to their emergency communication stations on the island. The event went off without a hitch and only a couple of minor injuries were reported. Approximately 180 contestants took part in the triathlon, ranging in age from 13 to over 60. One contestant from Clearwater didn't quite make it. He couldn't compete because he locked himself out of his car with all his gear inside. He was still waiting for the AAA when we left the island after the race. I want to thank the following EARS members for their participation:

Nicole Favreau, KG4TGI
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM
Mel Rathbun, W9BSM
Bill Stevens, W1AMU
Tom Hawes, WA3PRC
FT John Combs, K9JPC

EARS participation in events like this will help the general public know the worth of Amateur Radio. We should do more.

EARS Christmas Party – Last reminder

Our Christmas party is scheduled for 6PM, December 17th, at the Boca Royale Golf & Country Club. Please try to attend as it is the only yearly function when we have both full time resident and snowbird members at the same place at the same time. Come out and enjoy the lively banter. The Nominating Committee will be presenting the 2006 EARS Slate of Officers for your entertainment.

This is my last message to you as President of the EARS. We've had our ups and downs, conflicts and joys, coffee and donuts. Our hobby is unique in that we are private people in the public service. We serve in times of happiness and sorrow, death and destruction, without compensation, knowing we have helped our fellow man. That's a good thing.

It has been a distinct pleasure for me to serve as an officer of this club.

73 & QRT de Martin, N4FA



Meeting Minutes November 17, 2005

Call to Order: President Martin Horowitz-N4FA called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the pledge of Allegiance. 24 members and 4 guests attended the meeting.

Secretary's Report: ON MOTION, the secretary's report was approved as published in the November newsletter.

Treasure's Report: The report was unavailable for the meeting. The report was postponed to the next meeting.

Correspondence: Information about the Lemon Bay Scholarship award was received. For the passed couple of years we have granted a \$500 Scholarship to one of the graduating students. The \$500 award will be approved at the passing of the budget.

We received a letter from the Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc. This foundation is awarding scholarships ranging from \$500-\$2500 for those licensed amateurs who are pursuing a full time course of studies beyond high school.

The club received information from the Boca Grande Historical Society about their "Voyage to the Past" Cruise. This will take place on December 7th and tickets are \$75.

Received an E-mail from Jack Sproat W4JS about the 700 repeater.

Committee Reports

Sunshine: Gene-KA1GCU broke his collar bone.

RACES: Mel-W9BSM reported the usual call ins will take place on the last Wednesday of the month at 8 PM and on The last Thursday at 9 AM. Wednesday frequency is 146.745 while Thursday's are 9:30 AM 146.865 and at 10 PM 147.585.

Publicity: Jerry-K4JWE advised that the Herald Tribune has published the correct information about meeting time and place for EARS.

Testing: There were three candidates for testing this month. One for extra class and two for technician. All passed.

DX: JR-K9HUY reported Peter I Island hopes to begin broadcasting around February 6, 2006. They hope to have 12 stations up and running.

Hamfest: The EARS/PRRA hamfest will be on March 11, 2006 at the County Fairgrounds. Several volunteers are needed to help PRRA. PRRA is taking the lead in organizing the hamfest. Flyers have been printed and need to be distributed. ON MOTION, the club voted to use \$500 as seed money for the hamfest.

Field Day: No report.

Old Business

CHRISTMAS PARTY: A reminder that the Christmas Party is scheduled for December 17th at 6 PM at the Boca Royal restaurant. Martin N4FA or Vic K4VHX need payment by 12/10.

Slate of officers for next year is still on candidate short. The position of President is still vacant. The club needs this position filled or there is the real possibility that the club will not survive.

New Business

The club has a new banner. Tom-WA4PRC volunteered to pay for the banner. ON MOTION after discussion, the club voted for the club to pay for the banner.

Dee Turner, N4GD, Section Manager of the West Central Florida Section of ARRL, talked to the membership about their web site www.arlwc.org and also the Tampa Bay Hamfest on December 4th and 5th.

There being no further business brought before the club, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Hugh Myers KG4ZDX, Secretary

– Local Happenings –

- **EARS Meeting** – Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are the 3rd **Thursday** of each month at 7:30PM. 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.
Interested in becoming an EARS member or becoming an Amateur Radio operator? Please contact one of the EARS club officers for details.
- **VE Exam Sessions** – The exams are given at 9:30 AM 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 Sprout-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 Meetings** – are the 1st **Wednesday** of each month at Denny's in Venice.
- **Snowbird Net** – is twice daily; first on 14.278 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.230 MHz at 7:00PM EST.
- **Connecticut Connection Net** – is twice daily at 8:00 AM on 14.340 MHz and at 7:30PM on 7.230 MHz immediately after the Snowbird net.
- **Weekly Amateur Breakfasts** – Tuesday morning, 7AM at Denny's in Englewood, 8AM at Peach's Restaurant in Venice and on Friday's 8AM at Mel's Diner in Venice.

Special Thanks

This is to extend a special thanks to Frank Maren, Ken Blackshaw, Tom Hawes, John Combs, Pete Pesa, Vic Emmelkamp, Pam Eggleton, Matthew Henry and Nicole, who helped me on July 27th to take down my tower and antennas at our old Bay Vista Blvd location.

You were a wonderful crew that worked together to get the job done. I could never have done it without you. Again, thanks very much.

Sincerely

Ken Anderson - W4JQT

**Amateur Radio Equipment
For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy**

- **Kenwood** TS-530S HF Transceiver, 230 Digital Remote VFO, MC-50 Microphone \$400
 - **Kenwood** TS-820 HF Transceiver, Analog Remote Control, MC-50 Microphone \$300
 - **MFJ** Model 989C, 3KW Versa Tuner \$200
 - **Palomar** PT340 Tuner \$50
- All in pristine working condition. Contact Al Wilde W8JZZ, 941-697-4525

Contact the editor to add your equipment needs.

Internet Sites To Explore

Do you know of any Internet Sites which might be of interest to Hams? Please forward them to the editor.

December Hamfests

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

- ◆ 3-4 Dec 2005 – Florida State Convention/Tampa Bay Hamfest Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council Manatee Civic Center, 1 Haben Blvd Palmetto, FL.
<http://www.tampabayhamfest.org> Talk-In: 145.190 minus offset, Contact: Jim Schilling, KG4JSZ 44 Joel Massey Road, Haines City, FL 33844, Phone: 407-356-3574, Fax: 407-356-9235, Email: kg4jsz@arrrl.net
- ◆ 10 Dec 2005 – Silver Springs Radio Club, Marion County Extension Complex, 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, <http://www.qsl.net/ssrc/>, Talk-In: 146.61 (PL 123.0), Contact: William Miller, N6WGM, 3381 SW 46th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34474, Phone: 352-873-2017, Email: N6WGM@cfl.rr.com Ocala, FL

December Special Events

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

- ◆ Dec 2-Dec 4, 0000Z-2400Z, Sacramento, CA. National Weather Service, Sacramento, W6S. Skywarn Recognition Day. 146.910. QSL. National Weather Service Office, 3310 El Camino Ave, Ste 228, Sacramento, CA 95821
- ◆ Dec 3, 0000Z-2400Z, Chicago, IL. National Weather Service, W9S. Skywarn Recognition Day. 20 40 80 m CW SSB PSK31 APRS echolink. QSL. William Wilson, 333 W University Dr, Romeoville, IL 60446
- ◆ Dec 3, 0000Z-2400Z, Grand Junction, CO. Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club, N0W. Skywarn Recognition Day, from the National Weather Service. 14.250. QSL. Al Acker, WA4HND, 1685 Mae Ct, Fruita, CO 81521. [wcarc.ws](http://www.wcarc.ws)
- ◆ Dec 3-Dec 4, 1400Z-2200Z, Baltimore, MD. Historical Electronics Museum Amateur Radio Club, W2W. Pearl Harbor Attack Anniversary--The use of Electronics. 21.242 14.242 7.242 3.925. Certificate and QSL. HEMARC, PO Box 1693 MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21203. www.qsl.net/w3hem/

- ◆ Dec 7, 1500Z-2330Z, Baton Rouge, LA. USS Kidd ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. Pearl Harbor Day. General class bands, 14.250 to 14.320; CW QRP subbands 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS Kidd Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm
- ◆ Dec 9-Dec 17, 1400Z-0100Z daily, Wheeling, WV. Northern Panhandle Amateur Radio Club, W8ZQ. Winter Festival Of Lights at Oglebay Park. General phone bands. QSL. Joe McCready, WB8CTC, PO Box 192, Blaine, OH 43909
- ◆ Dec 10, 0001Z-2359Z, Warrensburg, MO. Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club Inc, W0AU. 15 year anniversary of Warrensburg Area Amateur Radio Club. 28.370 21.378 14.270 7.250. QSL. Dennis Gedeon, KB0NHV, 1811 Hillside Ct, Oak Grove, MO 64075. www.WAARCI.org
- ◆ Dec 10, 1200Z-2400Z, Rutland, VT. Green Mountain Wireless Society, W1GMW. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the club's founding. 14.240 7.240 7.050 3.840. QSL. Green Mountain Wireless Society, PO Box 84, Rutland, VT 05701. www.gmws.net
- ◆ Dec 10-Dec 11, 1400Z-0200Z, Nazareth, PA. Christmas City Amateur Radio Club, WX3MAS. Christmas Greetings from Nazareth and Bethlehem PA. 21.365 14.265 7.270 3.970. Certificate. Christmas City ARC WX3MAS, Graystone Building, Gracedale Complex, RR8, Nazareth, PA 18064. www.dlarc.org
- ◆ Dec 17, 1200Z-2200Z, Winston-Salem, NC. Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, W4NC. 75th birthday of The Forsyth Amateur Radio Club. 21.320 14.270 7.250. QSL. Ed Swiderski, KU4BP, 2105 D Fiddlers Ct, Winston Salem, NC 27107. [Http://home.triad.rr.com/ku4bp/main.html](http://home.triad.rr.com/ku4bp/main.html)
- ◆ Dec 17-Dec 25, 1300Z-2359Z, Bethlehem, NM. Valencia County Amateur Radio Association, KC5OUR. Celebrating the Christmas season from Bethlehem, New Mexico. 28.273 21.273 14.273 7.273. QSL. VCARA, PO Box 268, Peralta, NM 87042. www.qsl.net/kc5our/
- ◆ Dec 23-Dec 24, beginning 0700Z, Dead Sea, Israel. Holyland DX Group, 4X411A. From Holyland squares M25BS and M26BS. 80-10 m CW and SSB. QSL. Shalom Barak-Bacalu, 4Z4BS, PO Box 43101, Tel Aviv 61430, Israel . www.4z51a.net/4z411a; www.qrz.com/4x411a
- ◆ Dec 31-Jan 1, 0400Z-1600Z, West Memphis, AR. M&M Amateur Radio Club, KB5ZMU. Celebrating the coming of the New Year. 14.300 7.330 7.275 3.925. QSL. Marc Gwin, 1402 Stratford Dr, West Memphis, AR 72301. <http://geocities.com/marca2gwin>

WA7BNM November Contest Calendar

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

- ◆ ARCI Topband Sprint 0000Z-0600Z, Dec 1
- ◆ ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2200Z, Dec 2 to 1600Z, Dec 4
- ◆ TARA RTTY Melee 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 3
- ◆ New Mexico QSO Party 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 3
- ◆ Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0400Z-0429Z, Dec 3 and 0430Z-0459Z, Dec 3 and 0500Z-0529Z, Dec 3 and 0530Z-0600Z, Dec 3
- ◆ TOPS Activity Contest 1800Z, Dec 3 to 1800Z, Dec 4
- ◆ ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Dec 6
- ◆ EU-PSK-QRP Contest 2000Z-2400Z, Dec 9
- ◆ ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 10 to 2400Z, Dec 11
- ◆ NA High Speed Meteor Scatter Winter Rally 0000Z, Dec 10 to 0700Z, Dec 18
- ◆ CQC Great Colorado Snowshoe Run 0200Z-0359Z, Dec 11
- ◆ NAQCC 80m Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 14
- ◆ Russian 160-Meter Contest 2100Z-2300Z, Dec 16
- ◆ MDXA PSK DeathMatch 0000Z, Dec 17 to 2400Z, Dec 18
- ◆ OK DX RTTY Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 17
- ◆ RAC Winter Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 17
- ◆ Croatian CW Contest 1400Z, Dec 17 to 1400Z, Dec 18
- ◆ Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Dec 17 to 1500Z, Dec 18
- ◆ International Naval Contest 1600Z, Dec 17 to 1600Z, Dec 18
- ◆ ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint 2000Z-2400Z, Dec 18
- ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Dec 19
- ◆ RAEM Contest 0200Z-0959Z, Dec 25
- ◆ DARC Christmas Contest 0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26