



The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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President's Message

I hope everyone had a pleasant Thanksgiving. My family had a nice dinner with lots of people, including my brother Mark-KE4UFT and his wife Amber from South Carolina. It was a

weekend full of activity. With Nicole -KG4TGI and I KE4VEM getting engaged at the end of October, my dad Marty's-KE4UFS birthday on November 16, my brother Michael -KF4KDI and Katie getting engaged the weekend before Thanksgiving, and my birthday falling on Thanksgiving, there was very much to be thankful for.

The Tamiami Amateur Radio Club (TARC) is offering those wanting to go to the Orlando Hamfest on February 10, 2006 to ride in style on a charter bus for \$30, which includes a ticket to the Hamfest. Vic-K4VHX invested a significant amount of his own money into restoring a trailer donated to EARS, so members voted to turn over the trailer to him rather than reimburse him for the expenses.

Members also voted in favor of again putting a scholarship for a Lemon Bay High School graduating senior (with preference to hams) into next year's budget.

I want to thank everyone who assisted in making this year's Boca Bop Triathlon a safe event.

Nominations for officers were taken and are as follows:

President: Matthew Henry-KE4VEM
Vice-president: Keith Kelly-KC4AS
Nicole Favreau-KG4TGI

Secretary: Ken Anderson-W4JQT
Treasure: Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX
Trustees: Pam Eggleton-K1UEG
Martin Horowitz-N4FA
Tom Hawes-WA3PRC
Mel Rathbun-W9BSM
Dennis Babcock-K4NF

We are still accepting nominations and you can submit names to matthew@mhenry.com or you can make your nomination during the December 16, 2006-annual banquet beginning at 6PM at Boca Royale Golf & Country Club. I'll see you there with an appetite for both good food and conversation.

73,
Matthew, KE4VEM



EARS Meeting Minutes November 16, 2006

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by President Matthew Henry-KE4VEM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introduction of attendees. There were 24 members present and no visitors.

October Meeting Minutes: On Motion the October meeting minutes were approved as published in the EARS Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Vic-K4VHX reported he acquired a CD in the EARS name in the amount of \$2,500 as approved at the last meeting. Interest will accrue at ~ \$52 every six months. Our current treasury balance is \$2,097.99, excluding the CD.

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President Matthew Henry-KE4VEM 380-5980	Vice-President Keith Kelly-KC5AS 697-9325	Secretary Jim Lawler-KB2NZ 423-8051	Treasurer Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX 473-5560	
Trustee Martin Horowitz-N4FA 473-1123	Trustee Keith Herve-WL7CKY 460-0707	Trustee Ken Anderson-W4JQT 475-3172	Trustee Emeritus Don Spencer-WA4IWL 508-234-8070	Newsletter Editor Dennis Babcock-K4NF 468-4131

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.



Correspondence: Several pieces of correspondence were presented, one, which included a discussion relating to ARRL Scholarships. A letter was received from Lemon Bay High School regarding EARS participation in the 2007 scholarship program.

Committee Reports

Sunshine: Get well cards were sent to three members.

RACES: Mel-W9BSM reported the "lock out" situation at the Tringali Center was resolved with a self-renewing, no cost lease for the site.

Publicity: No report. Someone suggested a new Publicity Chairman be appointed for the coming term.

Testing: Martin-N4FA reported two candidates attended the last session and obtained their licenses.

DX: Laccadive Island, VU7, will be on the air in December. It was also reported that the new FCC band allocations will take effect on 15 December 2006.

Old Business

The Boca Bop Triathlon, with six EARS members providing emergency communication, was a

success with 168 participants.

ON MOTION, the members voted to give the EARS trailer to Vic-K4VHX in appreciation of the frame-up restoration he had performed.

Discussions

The EARS Christmas Party is being held at the Boca Royale Golf and Country Club on Saturday, December 16. Contact Martin-N4FA to make reservations.

The Tampa Bay Hamfest will be held December 2 & 3, 2006 at the Manatee Civic Center, Palmetto. Contact Vic-K4VHX for tickets and information.

TARC is sponsoring a one day bus trip to the Orlando Hamfest in February. Martin-N4FA will send info to members.

South Gulf Cove has lost interest in having local hams as they found out they would have to pass an FCC license test.

Ken-W4JQT has noted an increased participation in the EARS Simplex Net since it moved to Wednesday night. Please try to check in on 146.580 MHz at 7:30PM local time.

New Business

Nicole-KG4TGI announced that Englewood

Elementary School, at which Nicole teaches, is having a "career day" for its students on January 25, 2007. Vic-K4VHX, Martin-N4FA and others have volunteered to give a demonstration of amateur radio.

Martin-N4FA made a motion to place \$500 in the 2007 EARS budget for the EARS Scholarship at Lemon Bay High School. Discussion followed. ON MOTION, \$500 will be allocated in the 2007 budget for an EARS scholarship at Lemon Bay High School.

Proposed Officers for 2007

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Adjournment: President Matthew-KE4VEM adjourned the meeting at 8:20 P.M.. Refreshments, provided by KE4VEM and KG4TGI, (a.k.a. "the engaged couple") were served.

Respectfully,
Jim Lawler, KB2NZ
Secretary

Orlando Hamvention Information

TARC has scheduled a one day trip to the Hamvention on Saturday, February 10, 2007.

TARC will have a well-equipped bus, with facilities, and will leave about 7 A.M. from Albertsons Plaza located on the US41 bypass in Venice. The cost is \$30 including a ticket to the Hamvention.

Point of contact for reservation is:

Peter Pesa, N4RD, 941-475-3770,
peterpesa@comcast.net

Martin-N4FA

DX Note

NIAR is pleased to announce activities of the #2 Most Wanted Entity, VU7-Lakshadweep, in January 2007. The Government of India conducted a meeting of Inter-ministerial representatives with NIAR in New Delhi and gave in-principal approval for VU7 operations. However, formal approval will come later by November 2006.

More details will be released exclusively by NIAR as plans and details firm up (www.niar.org) and an official web page will be set up soon.

Regards,
S. Ram Mohan, VU2MYH

Internet Sites to Explore

Vic-K4VHX provided the following URL to download the amateur ham band frequency listing which includes the new frequency changes.

http://www2.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt04-140/Hambands3_color.pdf

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

EARS Directory Update

Email address for Ken-W1NQT is now,
kenandcindy1@comcast.net

- 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 14.278 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 146.580	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 Valentine's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Peach's in Venice .
- Friday, 8 A.M. at Denny's, 1681 US 41 Bypass, Venice.

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

Hy-gain DX-77A, 40-10 Meter 7 Band HF Vertical
<http://www.hy-gain.com/products.php?catid=2>
\$75, Dennis-K4NF, 468-4131, k4nf@arrl.net
Contact the editor to add your equipment

Ten Meter "Moonshine" Net Sets Record on 7th Meeting

(Extracted from Oct-Nov PRRA Newsletter)
QST, QST, QST. Welcome all amateur radio operators to the Sunday evening meeting of the Southwest Florida Ten Meter Moonshine Net. We especially welcome DX stations to break in should the band open up." And it did! On Sunday, October 22, at 7 P.M., the band came alive and the

net welcomed W5PR, booming in from south of Houston, Texas and AG4EX and N4JOH, both in Kentucky. All three sounded like locals on steroids. 10 over S9 plus. In addition to our first DX check-ins, we set a record for the most total check-ins yet to the Moonshine net. Total for Sunday was 21, including our three DX friends. All net members had a great time comparing signal strengths, equipment and innovative antenna arrangements. Also, for the first time, we had two members operating mobile: Tom, N4XJQ with his new screw driver antenna and Bob, W0AC with a potent on-the-road signal. The net, which meets every Wednesday and Sunday at 7 P.M. on 28.405 MHz, is hosted by Dennis, K4KLQ and Matt, N8RZZ. At this time, we have seven members who also are 10-10 International members. Once all have paid their current 10-10 dues and sent me copies of their current dues cards, we will apply to become an official Ten-Ten International Chapter. Anyone wishing to learn more about 10-10 International or to download a membership application can find complete info at www.ten-ten.org. Dues to 10-10 are \$15 per year. Our local net/chapter will have no dues or meetings at this time. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings of the PRRA, our sponsoring local club. A beautiful full color Membership Certificate will be issued to each station who has checked into the net at least ten times. When you have accomplished this, please let me know by e-mail at lazar-corp@cs.com or on the air. I will try to keep track through the logs, but it will be easier if you keep track yourself. According to the experts, there is a 98% probability that sunspot cycle number 24 will be as much as 50% stronger than cycle 23. That would surpass even the blockbuster that some of us remember in 1958! We are looking forward to some super net international DX check-ins as the cycle ramps up to its peak in four years from now.

Dennis-K4KLQ Net Manager

E-mail: Lazarcorp@cs.com (please include 10-10 or Moonshine in the subject line to avoid spam rejection)

December Florida Hamfests

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

- ◆ Dec 2-3, 2006 West Central Florida Section Convention (Tampa Bay Hamfest), Manatee Civic Center, 1 Haben Blvd., Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council
- ◆ <http://www.tampabayhamfest.org>, Talk-In: 145.190 (-); backup on 146.955 (PL 100), Contact: Jim Schilling, KG4JSZ, PO Box 22042, Tampa, FL 33622-2042, Phone: 863-422-0176, Email: kg4jsz@arrl.net, Palmetto, FL
- ◆ Dec 9, 2006 Silver Springs Radio Club, Marion County Extension Complex, 2232 NE Jacksonville Road
<http://www.qsl.net/ssrc/hamfest/index.html>,
Talk-In: 146.610 (PL 123), Contact: William Miller, N6WGM, Phone: 352-873-2017,
Email: n6wgm@cfl.rr.com.

December Special Events

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

- ◆ Dec 1-Dec 3, 2100Z-0500Z, Offutt AFB, NE. Youth Amateur Radio Club, WB0CAP. Civil Air Patrol 65th anniversary. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. QSL. WB0CAP Youth Amateur Radio Club, c/o Offutt Composite Sq, Civil Air Patrol, P.O. Box 13402, Offutt AFB, NE 68113.
www.qsl.net/wb0cap
- ◆ Dec 1-Dec 10, 1500Z-2000Z, Baltimore, MD. Historical Electronics Museum Amateur Radio Club, W3HEM. The Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. 14.241 14.041 7.241 7.041. Certificate. Nick Yokanovich, HEMARC, PO Box 1693, MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21203.
www.hemarc.us
- ◆ Dec 2, 0000Z-2359Z, Grand Junction, CO. Mesa County, N0W. Skywarn Recognition Day. 21.260 14.260 7.260. QSL. NOAA National Weather Service, Attn Jim Pringle, 792 Eagle Dr, Grand Junction, CO 81506.
www.wcarc.ws/status.htm
- ◆ Dec 2, 0000Z-2359Z, Lubbock, TX. South Plains Storm Spotting Team, WX5LBB. Skywarn Recognition Day. 14.255 7.250. QSL. Bruce Haynie, 2579 South Loop 289, Ste 100, Lubbock, TX 79423. www.spsst.org
- ◆ Dec 2, 1400Z-2300Z, Ardmore, OK. Southern Oklahoma Amateur Radio Emergency Services, W5BLW. Ardmore Oklahoma Christmas Parade and after event. 14.325. Certificate. SOARES, 1006 Northwest Blvd, Ardmore, OK 73401. www.soares.org
- ◆ Dec 2, 1400Z-2300Z, Birmingham, AL. Birmingham Amateur Radio Club, W4CUE. Celebrating 80 years of service to the Amateur Radio community (1926-2006). 14.280 7.275 146.88. QSL. Birmingham ARC, PO Box 603, Birmingham, AL 35201. www.w4cue.com
- ◆ Dec 2, 1600Z-2200Z, Green Valley, AZ. Green Valley Amateur Radio Club, N7GV. Titan Missile Museum annual Launch 4 Life Day. 14.242 7.228. Certificate. Gene Schouweiler, 214 N Crocodile Rock Dr, Green Valley, AZ 85614. www.gvarc.us
- ◆ Dec 2-Dec 3, 0000Z-2359Z, Albuquerque, NM. New Mexico QSO Party, N5M. Commemorating the New Mexico QSO Party. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. Certificate. Kevin Carr, 5319 Ridge Rock Ave NW, Albuquerque, NM 87114-4130.
- ◆ Dec 7, 1500Z-2230Z, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club, W5KID. Pearl Harbor Day. CW 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040 SSB 14.250 to 24.320. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS Kidd Museum, 305 South River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.
www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm
- ◆ Dec 8-Dec 10, 0100Z-0800Z, Olathe, KS. Marshall Ensor Memorial Organization Amateur Radio Club, W9UA. 72 years since using this rig in teaching high-school students. 1.904. QSL. Ensor Museum MEMO Club -- W9UA/W9BSP, 7904 W 137 Ter, Overland Park, KS 66223-1124. Times are daily. w9bsp-w9ua.org
- ◆ Dec 8-Dec 11, 1400Z-1400Z, St Petersburg, FL. Alpha Repeater Group, W4A. Tierra Verde Light House Activation. 21.330 14.310 7.235 3.875. QSL. James Leder, K8CXM, 9374 Meadow Ridge Dr, Cincillati, OH 45241-1142. *\$1 with SASE n4maa.us
- ◆ Dec 9, 1400Z-2200Z, Brainerd, MN. Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club, W0UJ. Winter Wonderland - The Brainerd Lakes Area. 28.450 21.350 14.250. QSL. Brainerd Area Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 189, Ironton, MN 56455-0189. www.brainerdham.org
- ◆ Dec 9-Dec 10, 1300Z-1800Z, Manitowoc, WI. MANCORAD, W9DK. 60th Anniversary special operations. 14.260 14.070 7.250 3.900. QSL. Fred Neuenfeldt, W6BSF, 4932 S 10th St, Manitowoc, WI 54220. www.qsl.net/w9dk
- ◆ Dec 9-Dec 10, 1400Z-0200Z, Nazareth-Bethlehem, PA. Christmas City and Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Clubs, WX3MAS. Annual Christmas greetings from the twin Christmas Cities. 28.465 21.365 14.265 7.270. Certificate. CCARC/DLARC WX3MAS, Greystone Building Gracedale Complex, RR 8, Nazareth, PA 18064.
www.dlarc.org
- ◆ Dec 9-Dec 10, 1700Z-2359Z, Stockton, CA. Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club, W6SF. Commemorating 75 years of friendship and community service! 14.250 14.055 7.250 7.055. Certificate. Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 690271, Stockton, CA 95269. www.w6sf.org
- ◆ Dec 16-Dec 23, 1400Z-2300Z, Wheeling, WV. Northern Panhandle Amateur Radio Club, W8ZQ. Winter Festival of Lights from Oglebay Park. SSB general portions of 80 40 20 m. QSL. Joe McCready, WB8CTC, PO Box 192, Blaine, OH 43909. Times are daily.
- ◆ Dec 16-Dec 25, 1400Z-0000Z, Belen, NM. Valencia County Amateur Radio Association, KC5OUR. Celebrating the Christmas season from Bethelhem NM. 28.270 21.270 14.270 7.270. QSL. VCARA, PO Box 268, Peralta, NM 87042. www.qsl.net/kc5our
- ◆ Dec 24-Jan 8, 0501Z-0500Z, Atkinson, NH. Atkinson Amateur Radio, K1D. Kid's Day and Amateur Radio Awareness. 21.273 14.273 7.257. QSL. Peter Schipelliti, W1DAD, 7 Dearborn Ridge Rd, Atkinson, NH 03811.

WA7BNM October Contest Calendar

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

- ◆ Dec 29-Dec 30, 2000Z-2000Z, Brant Rock, MA. The American Radio Relay League, W100BO/W1F. 100 Years of Wireless by Voice. AM, SSB, FM Echolink/IRLP. QSL. Special Event Station W1F, PO Box 121, Plainview, NY 11803. Other stations are invited to join in; contact hello@arrl.org w1f.k2cx.us
- ◆ Dec 29-Dec 30, 2000Z-2000Z, Fort Wayne, IN. Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day, KC9HAJ. "Hello" 100 Years of Voice Over Radio. 21.240 14.260 7.260. QSL. Emery McClendon, KB9IBW, 6116 Graymoor Ln, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. www.armad.net
- ◆ Dec 29-Dec 30, 2000Z-2000Z, Machrihanish, Sc. The American Radio Relay League, GB1FVT. The 100th anniversary of Fessenden's Christmas Eve Broadcast. AM, SSB, FM Echolink/IRLP. QSL. Duncan McArthur, GM3TNT, Avalon, Peninver Campbeltown, Argyll, Sc PA28 6QP. Other stations are invited to join in; contact hello@arrl.org groups.msn.com/fessenden
- ◆ Dec 29-Dec 30, 2000Z-2000Z, Newington, CT. The American Radio Relay League, W1AW. Hello Centennial Event, representing the future of radio. AM, SSB, FM Echolink/IRLP. QSL. W1AW/hello, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Other stations are invited to join in; contact hello@arrl.org www.hello-radio.org/event
- ◆ Dec 29-Dec 30, 2000Z-2000Z, St Louis, MO. AOR and WinDRM Digital Voice Community, K0PFX. "Hello" Celebrating 100 Years of Voice over Radio Worldwide. 14.236 7.296 7.225. QSL. Mel Whitten, PO Box 698, Bridgeton, MO 63044. www.melwhitten.com
- ◆ Dec 29-Jan 5, 1600Z-2359Z, Ottumwa, IA. Ottumwa Amateur Radio Club, KØB. Opening and dedication of new Bridgeview Convention Center. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. Dale Stoy, KIØHV, 1335 N Van Buren Ave, Ottumwa, IA 52501. wa0dx@yahoo.com
- ◆ EU-PSK-QRP Contest 2000Z-2400Z, Dec 1
- ◆ ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2200Z, Dec 1 to 1600Z, Dec 3
- ◆ TARA RTTY Melee 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 2
- ◆ Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0400Z-0429Z, Dec 2 and 0430Z-0459Z, Dec 2 and 0500Z-0529Z, Dec 2 and 0530Z-0600Z, Dec 2
- ◆ TOPS Activity Contest 1800Z, Dec 2 to 1800Z, Dec 3
- ◆ New Mexico QSO Party 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 3
- ◆ ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Dec 5
- ◆ ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 9 to 2400Z, Dec 10
- ◆ NA High Speed Meteor Scatter Winter Rally 0000Z, Dec 10 to 0700Z, Dec 18
- ◆ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Dec 13
- ◆ Russian 160-Meter Contest 2100Z-2300Z, Dec 15
- ◆ OK DX RTTY Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 16
- ◆ MDXA PSK DeathMatch 0000Z, Dec 16 to 2400Z, Dec 17
- ◆ Croatian CW Contest 1400Z, Dec 16 to 1400Z, Dec 17
- ◆ International Naval Contest 1600Z, Dec 16 to 1559Z, Dec 17
- ◆ ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint 2000Z-2400Z, Dec 17
- ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Dec 18
- ◆ RAEM Contest 0200Z-0959Z, Dec 24
- ◆ DARC Christmas Contest 0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26
- ◆ RAC Winter Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Dec 30
- ◆ Feld Hell QSO Party 0000Z, Dec 30 to 2400Z, Dec 31
- ◆ Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Dec 30 to 1500Z, Dec 31
- ◆