



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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## Presidents Message

All the officers and trustees of EARS would like to thank you for the turnout and support at the January meeting. It was a shot in the arm to those of us at the early stages of burnout.

EARS had a great 2004 and is looking forward to an even better 2005. The “friendly advice and counsel; and kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others\*” would be hard to surpass; but we will do it!

We have gained several new members whose operating skills and enthusiasm will add much to that which already exists.

I’ve had a exciting couple of weeks since the meeting. The members of EARS, PRRC and TARC have stopped trying to intimidate me into taking the EXTRA exam. I had made them a promise to take the exam when they stopped. Now, it’s put up or shut up time. I’ve been studying hard and will take the exam in February at the EARS/TARC VE Session. I promise, if I pass, I won’t let it go to my head (much).

The Bowery Boys, (VE6AIV, VE3IRX, N4RD, N1RA, WA3PRC, KA4JKY, K4VHX & W4MHH), have been very busy erecting towers and antennas at several locations in Venice, Englewood and Port Charlotte in the last couple of weeks. The results should be apparent when listening to their signals. We’ve also installed a new TARC repeater at the old Anderson Electric site in Venice. This machine will be moved to the tower in Laurel as soon as it is feasible. The new frequency is 146.805MHz with a negative offset and a 100Hz tone. It has great coverage and clarity. Also, the W4MO Echolink has been moved to the new machine.

Our upcoming February meeting will have Paul Toth as the speaker. The program will encompass the status of the NI4CE repeater system. Please try to attend.

73 de Martin, W4MHH

## Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2005

**Call to Order:** President Martin Horowitz-W4MHH opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 28 members and 2 guests in attendance. Four new members were welcomed to the club. They are Conrad Owens WA3RRS, Donald Hartland KG4NKO, Tom Lambie N4XJQ and Mike Daily KC2KBR.

**Special Guest Introduction:** Mr. Dee Turner N4GD, the ARRL West Central Florida Coordinator, was introduced and spoke about his position and some about the reorganization. He will notify us when we can be of help.

**Secretary's Report:** ON MOTION, the December meeting minutes were approved as published in the circulated newsletter.

**Treasure's Report:** ON MOTION the Treasure's report was approved. Balance in the check book is \$4,880.84.

**Correspondence:** Martin-W4MHH talked about the Valentine Day Picnic on Sunday Feb. 13th at Lemon Bay Park. A thank you card was received from Doreen Snowden KF4JCS. She thanked Vic-K4VHX and Ken-W4JQT for fixing her antenna

### **Committee Reports**

**Sunshine:** Gene-KA1GCU and Marcia-KA1GCV reported two cards have been sent; one to Joe Ventura-KB4OCM (surgery) and one to Carol Nottingham-W4NEM (death of son). A report was given that Joel Parisi KB2MFJ lost his wife. A card will be sent.

**RACES:** Frank-W4VV re-advised members of the RACES drill times.

**Publicity:** Jerry-K4JWE advised the club that QST, CQ and World Radio were given our March 5<sup>th</sup> Tailfest information for publishing. As time approaches Jerry will notify local papers with this information.

**Testing:** EARS and TARC have teamed up to give test on the second Saturday of the month at the Venice library. This has worked out very well.

**DX:** JR-K9HUY said Andaman Island was a partial washout because of the Tsunamis striking the island. Martin-W4MHH said he was able to contact the Island before the disaster. Peter 1 Island has been delayed at least 4 weeks but is still a go

**Tailfest:** Vic-K4VHX, Tom-N4XJQ and Don have been working on the Tailfest and things are falling into place. This is an ARRL sanctioned event. The event will run from 7AM-12PM. This is not a full-scale hamfest because of Hurricane Charley's effect on so many concerned. Too many people from PRRC just are unable to take the time to help out. We hope that next year's fest will be a full scale hamfest.

**Field Day:** Frank-W4VV was appointed Head Chef for

the Field Day picnic. There will be more information as we approach the date for Field Day.

### **Old Business**

No old business was presented

### **New Business**

Martin-W4MHH discussed the results of the Board Meeting in connection with the Christmas Party. The party will be held on December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Boca Royale Restaurant. The Club will supply appetizers and a cake for the occasion. More on this later in the year.

**Budget:** Keith-KL7CKY moved that the budget be adopted as presented as long as it was within limits of inflation. Howard-N4MLJ seconded the motion. There was no discussing and the motion passed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hugh Myers, KG4ZDX  
Secretary

### **– Local Happenings –**

- **EARS Meeting** – Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of each month at 11:30AM in Denny's on Bee Ridge Road.
- **Snowbird Net** – is twice daily; first on 14.278 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.230 MHz at 7:00PM EST.
- **Ft. Pierce 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 and 8AM at the Country Hound in Englewood. Friday morning, 8AM at Mel's diner in Venice.

#### **EARS Club Dues**

This is just a final reminder for your 2005 EARS dues. The dues are \$15 for individual and \$18.50 for family. Please send your check to:

Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX  
1181 Manor Road  
Englewood, FL 34223

#### **Membership Directory & Newsletter**

The EARS 2005 membership directory list will be finalized during the last week of February. Those members not renewed or new members not joined after this will not be listed in the published directory; additions, corrections, changes will be published in the newsletter. Sorry but we must have a cut off time.

If any of your personal information has changed since the 2004 EARS directory please let Vic-K4VHX or me know by Email, postal or phone. Also changing your postal or Email address when you go away for the summer is your responsibility to notify us when the changes are to become effective.

If you can receive Email attachments and can view files with the free Adobe Acrobat Reader, the EARS

newsletter is published and sent in this format to anyone requesting it. Members receiving the newsletter by this method saves the club around \$.75/copy each month. The monthly newsletter is also available for viewing and printing on our EARS Website [www.earsradioclub.org](http://www.earsradioclub.org).

Dennis-K4NF  
Newsletter/Directory Publisher

#### **EARS Directory Changes**

These is the personal information for recent new members: (please notify the editor of any errors)

**Thomas Lambie**, N4XJQ, 12199 Minnesota Ave., Punta Gorda, FL 33955, 941-639-3670, [n4xj2@arrl.net](mailto:n4xj2@arrl.net)  
wife: Rhonda

**Konrad Owens**, WA3RRS, 373 Vista Wood Dr., Venice, FL, 34293, 941-408-9810, [kowens39@comcast.net](mailto:kowens39@comcast.net), wife: Leuee

**Mel Rathbun**, W9BSM, 13525 Dibella Ave., Port Charlotte, FL, 33981, PH: ??, [marymel51@comcast.net](mailto:marymel51@comcast.net), wife: Mary Ann.

**Donald Hartlein**, KG4NKO, 141 Dartmouth Dr., Port Charlotte, FL, 33952, 941-625-5861, [hartlein58@comcast.net](mailto:hartlein58@comcast.net), wife: Beverly.

**Michael Daly**, KC2KBR, 546 South McCall Rd., Englewood, FL, 34223, 585-305-7596, [mdaly@frontiernet.net](mailto:mdaly@frontiernet.net), wife: Mary.

#### **Email address change for:**

Bill Stevens-W1AMU, [wlstevens22@ewol.com](mailto:wlstevens22@ewol.com)  
John Kelly-N1KEN, [hamdoc@slbb.net](mailto:hamdoc@slbb.net)

#### **Hamfest Equipment Donations**

Hello All EARS Members,

We are getting ready for our Hamfest at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 5th. As usual we will have a Club Table from which we sell equipment donated by members. If you have any surplus equipment, in working order, to donate please let me or any of the club officers know about it and we will arrange for it to be picked up.

In the past this has been an important way for our club to remain financially healthy and we appreciate any and all donations. Take a good look around your shack and if you can find something your not using you think we could sell; let us know.

Many thanks from your club Treasurer,  
Vic Emmelkamp,  
K4VHX

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

#### For Sale:

**Icom 736**, internal PS and AT with new finals and 100 plus watts on HF and 6 meters . . . . . \$725  
**HyGain** Ham M rotor and control box, . . . . . \$155  
**Yaesu G-1000SDX** control box, . . . . . \$175  
**Mosley 2** element 40 meter beam w/ an extra set of coils, . . . . . \$500  
Contact JR House-K9HUY 941-475-3005

### Internet Sites to Explore

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

### SnowBird Net Correction

The Snowbird Net changed its 20 meter frequency to 14.278MHz due to adjacent channel interference.

### February Hamfests

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

11-13 Feb 2005 Northern Florida Section Convention, Orlando ARC, <http://www.oarc.org>, Contact: Cindy Radice, KD4NLV, PO Box 547811, Orlando, FL 32854-7811, Phone: 407-273-1406  
Email: hamcation@oarc.org

### WA7BNM November Contest Calendar

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

- KCJ Topband Contest 1200Z, Feb 10 to 1200Z, Feb 11
- CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest 0000Z, Feb 12 to 2400Z, Feb 13
- SARL Kid's Day 0700Z-0900Z, Feb 12
- SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Feb 12 to 1000Z, Feb 13
- Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW 1100Z-1300Z, Feb 12
- Dutch PACC Contest 1200Z, Feb 12 to 1200Z, Feb 13
- YLRL YL-OM Contest, SSB 1400Z, Feb 12 to 0200Z, Feb 14
- Louisiana QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 12 to 0300Z, Feb 13
- OMISS QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 12 to 1459Z, Feb 13
- FISTS Winter Sprint 1700Z-2100Z, Feb 12
- British Columbia QSO Challenge 1800Z, Feb 12 to 1800Z, Feb 13
- RSGB 1st 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z, Feb 12 to 0100Z, Feb 13
- North American Sprint, CW 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 13
- ARRL School Club Roundup 1300Z, Feb 14 to 0100Z, Feb 19
- AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening 1900Z-2030Z, Feb 16
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data (Feb) 2000Z-2130Z, Feb 16
- ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Feb 19 to 2400Z, Feb 20
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW (Feb) 2000Z-2130Z,

Feb 24

- Russian PSK WW Contest 2100Z, Feb 25 to 2100Z, Feb 26
- CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB 0000Z, Feb 26 to 2359Z, Feb 27
- REF Contest, SSB 0600Z, Feb 26 to 1800Z, Feb 27
- UBA DX Contest, CW 1300Z, Feb 26 to 1300Z, Feb 27
- Mississippi QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 26 to 0300Z, Feb 27
- CZEBRIS Contest 1600Z, Feb 26 to 2400Z, Feb 27
- North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Feb 26 to 0600Z, Feb 27
- High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z-1100Z, Feb 27 and 1500Z-1700Z, Feb 27
- North Carolina QSO Party 1700Z, Feb 27 to 0300Z, Feb 28
- CQC Winter QSO Party 2200Z, Feb 27 to 0359Z, Feb 28

### Special Events

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

- Dayton, OH: Dayton Amateur Radio Association, W8BI. 0000Z Feb 1-2400Z Feb 28. Celebrating 75 years as a club. 40 20 15 10 m. QSL. DARA, Lori Perrenboom, K8XTQ, PO Box 44, Dayton, OH 454041. [www.ceitron.com/dara/](http://www.ceitron.com/dara/).
- Washington, PA: Washington Amateur Communications, W3C. 1600Z Feb 3-2000Z Feb 6. Washington County Sportsmen's Show. 28.400 21.300 14.250 7.260. QSL. Ed Oelschlager, N3ZNI, 60 Carl Ave B-2, Eighty Four, PA 15330. [www.wacomarc.org](http://www.wacomarc.org).
- Nacogdoches, TX: Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club, W5NAC. 1300Z Feb 5-0100Z Feb 6. The Space Shuttle Columbia Recovery Special Event. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. QSL. NARC, 167 County Road 2093, Nacogdoches, TX 75965. [www.w5nac.com](http://www.w5nac.com).
- Plymouth, MI: Plymouth Historical Society Amateur Radio Club, KC8SWR. 1400-2000Z daily Feb 12-Feb 13. Lincoln Exhibit celebrating Lincoln's birthday. 28.380 21.380 14.280 7.280; CW PSK 20 40 m. Certificate. Plymouth Historical Museum Amateur Station, 155 South Main St, Plymouth, MI 48170. [www.qsl.net/kc8swr](http://www.qsl.net/kc8swr).
- Rapid City, SD: Dakota Chapter 102, QCWA, W0DAK. 1500Z Feb 12-0300Z Feb 13. Commemorating the 28th anniversary as a QCWA Chapter. 28.450 14.250 7.250 3.889. Certificate. Frank Shaw, NU0F, 118 E Van Buren, Rapid City, SD 57701.
- Fort Myers, FL: Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc, W4LX. 1500Z Feb 14-2100Z Feb 18. The Edison Festival of Light and Thomas Edison's birthday. 28.430 21.330 14.250. Certificate. Ft Myers Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 61183, Ft Myers, FL 33906. <http://fmarc.net>
- Windsor, ON, Canada: Amherstburg Radio Club, VE3TMG. 1600Z Feb 19-2200Z Feb 20. 40th anniversary of the Canadian flag. 14.268 7.268. Certificate. Terry Greenwood, 2210 Janette Ave, Windsor, ON Canada N8X 1Z8. Include \$1 US for postage--US stamps cannot be used in Canada.
- Marquette, MI: Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association, K8LOD. 0001Z Feb 19-2359Z Feb 21. 16th Annual U.P. 200 Sled Dog Championship Race. 28.370 21.370 14.255 7.285. Certificate. Rich Schwenke, N8GBA, 21 Smith Ln, Marquette, MI 49855. [www.qsl.net/k8lod](http://www.qsl.net/k8lod)
- Santa Ana, CA: Anaheim Police ARC, K6I. 0000Z Feb 19-2400Z Mar 5. 60th anniversary of The Battle of Iwo Jima in WW2. 28.450 21.350 18.150 14.250. QSL. Mark McMullin,

- KM6HB, PO Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799.
- Centralia, IL: Centralia Wireless Association, Inc, W9CWA. 1600Z-2200Z daily Feb 25- Feb 26. 75th anniversary of the founding of the CWA. 21.360 18.150 14.260 7.260 147.27. Certificate. Centralia Wireless Association, Inc, PO Box 1166, Centralia, IL 62801
- Clay County, FL: St Augustine Amateur Radio Society, N4AUG. 1500Z-2200Z Feb 26. 10th Northeast Florida Scottish Highland Games and Festival. 21.270 14.270. QSL. SAARS, PO Box 860084, St Augustine, FL 32086-0084. [www.saars.net](http://www.saars.net)
- Davis Mountains, TX: Tyler Amateur Radio Club, K5TYR. 1200Z Feb 26-2400Z Feb 27. DM-80 TXpedition commemorates the Last Unspoiled Frontier. 432.150 144.250 50.150 14.250. QSL. Tyler Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 6393, Tyler, TX 75711. [www.tylerarc.com](http://www.tylerarc.com)
- Baton Rouge, LA: USS Kidd ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. 1500Z Feb 28-2230Z Feb 28. 62nd anniversary of the launching of USS Kidd, DD-661. 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](http://www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm).