



The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

www.earsradioclub.org

January, 2004

The President's Message is not available this month.

December 2003 Meeting Minutes

The EARS December meeting was our traditional Christmas Party, hosted by Keith and Gay Herve, and held at the Hills Country Club in Rotonda on December 2, 2003. Notice was given that the regular meeting on the 3rd Friday will not be held in December.

The only item of business was a report from the Nominating Committee for next years officers. The nominations are as follows:

President	Martin Horowitz	W4MHH
Vice President	Tom Hawes	WA3PRC
Secretary	Hugh Meyers	KG4ZDX
Treasurer	Vic Emmelkamp	K4VHX
Trustee	Don Spencer	WA4IWL
Trustee	Ken Anderson	W4JQT
Trustee	Keith Herve	WL7CKY

The election of officers will be held at the January, 2004 meeting, also referred to as the Annual Meeting, where reports from the President, Treasurer, and various committees are given.

Those in attendance at the party enjoyed a spirit of good fellowship and hors d'oeuvres prior to an excellent dinner. A good time was enjoyed by all. It was a very nice party with a beautiful long stem rose for each lady.

Ken Anderson-W4JQT
Secretary, Pro Tem

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CLUB MEETING

Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3rd 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.

After Meeting Program Providers

January's program is a trip report by Bob Avrutik-N1RA to the English Isles by ship and his radio operations.

February's program is a demonstration by Bob Officer-WA6WAY on his reverse osmosis water system used on his boat.

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 3rd Saturday of each month, on a reservation basis only, in the conference room of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce building, 601, South Indiana Avenue. Contact Jack Sproat-W4JS, w4js@juno.com, 475-1929

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale

If you have amateur radio related equipment to list for sale, trade or give away contact the editor.

For Sale

Icom IC-746 Transceiver, 160 through 2 meter, all mode, 100 watts. Includes both a 2.7KHz 455KHz IF filter and a 2.7KHz 9MHz IF filter. \$895

Ken-W4JQT, w4jqt@ewol.com, 475-3175

Icom IC-2000, 2 meter FM transceiver, 25 watts . \$60

John-K9JPC, drjohnsea2@comcast.net, 698-1063

Daiwa CN-103 wattmeter, 140-525 MHz, 20/200 watt scales. \$35

Drake W4 HF wattmeter, 200/2000 watt scales . \$35

Dennis-K4NF, 698-1251, k4nf@arrl.net

QSL By The Bureau

Written By: Jack Sproat-W4JS

Incoming – The radio societies in most countries maintain QSL Bureaus. This holds true here in the USA where there is an ARRL sponsored incoming DX QSL bureau service. Membership in the ARRL is not required to utilize the incoming QSL bureau service. Due to the large number of DXers in the Fourth District, there are two bureaus to serve their needs. If your call sign has a single letter prefix (K4, N4, etc.) you will receive incoming DX QSLs from

Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Club
Call Box DX
Charlotte, NC 28220

If your call sign has a two letter prefix (WA4, KG4, etc.) your incoming QSLs will be from:

Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club
Call Box 599
Sterling, VA 20167

The fourth District bureaus require that you have a supply of common 6"x9" pre-stamped, pre-addressed envelopes on file with them. Some bureaus work on a prepaid basis, furnishing the envelopes and telling you when they need more money from you.

These two bureaus are only for call signs with a "4" in them. Even though you live here in the 4th district, if you have any other number in your prefix you can only do business with the bureau in that particular call district, e.g., N1RA would receive incoming DX QSLs via the 1st District Bureau. Check the address on your call district bureau on the ARRL web site or contact the ARRL directly.

Outgoing – To utilize the outgoing DX QSL Bureau you must be a member of the ARRL. Up to 10 outgoing QSLs can be sent for \$1, 20 for \$2, and up to 30 for \$3. After that, the rate is \$4/half-pound of QSLs. Arrange the cards in alphabetical order by prefix and enclose a check for the proper amount along with proof of ARRL membership.

One word about QSL cards. Most QSLs are printed only on one side, however, many cards now have only artwork and the call sign on the front and the report form is on the backside. Always make sure that your card has your call sign – repeated if necessary – on the report side of the card. That allows the Dxe or his QSL manager to get all the QSO information off one side of the card rather than having to flip back and forth between the callsign and the report form.

Renewing/Modifying an Amateur License

From the ARRL Letter, Vol. 22, No. 49

Renewing or modifying an Amateur license is not very simple anymore! If you haven't done business with the FCC since December 2001, you probably do not have a FRN--which you must have to renew your license. Internet access to the ARRL or Buckmaster data bases should indicate your status--but not always.

Using paper forms for renewal/modification can take two routes:

1. Via the ARRL with the NCVEC Form 605, which is free if you're an ARRL member, otherwise it will cost \$12.50 at a VE session. Going this route, you can still use your SSN.

2. Via the FCC with Form 605, which requires use of the FRN. You must first apply for a FRN with Form FCC 160, receive the FRN and then apply for the renewal, modification, etc.

The FCC packet of forms is available via <http://www.fcc.gov/Forms/Form605/605html>. Jack Sproat-W4JS also has the latest forms on hand.

ULS System Make-Over--

The FCC unveiled the new on-line Universal Licensing System (ULS) filing interface on 14 December. Among other features, the ULS make-over will include easier to read on-screen form that guide users through filing and simplify such routine tasks as applying for license renewal, address change, or vanity call sign.

The ULS will require filers to log onto the system using a FCC Registration Number (FRN) and Commission Registration System (CORES) password. The FCC will no longer accept a Social Security Number (SSN) for log-in purposes.

There's also a new paper version of Form FCC 605 for license renewal, address change, etc. This form no longer requests a date of birth, but it will only accept a FRN and not a SSN.

Above submitted by Ken Anderson-W4JQT, obtained from the January, 2004 QCWA News Letter, Jack Sproat - W4JS, President.

Florida Hamfests December/January

Listing from <http://www.arrl.org>

January 2004

10 Jan 2004 Boca Raton ARA Free Flea, Boca Raton ARA

Contact: Lew Lehman, K4LEW, Email: k4lew@juno.com

10 Jan 2004 Fort Myers ARC, Fort Myers, FL

Contact: Paul Horton, K4OVC, 4111 Hidden Acres Circle

North Fort Myers, FL 33903-7108, Phone: 239-995-8951

Email: phorton@peganet.com

31 Jan 2004 DeSoto ARC, Arcadia, FL, Contact: Doug Christ,

KN4YT, 1593 NE Livingston Street, Arcadia, FL 34266

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7-8 Feb 2004 Florida State Convention, Dade Radio Club of

Miami, <http://www.hamboree.org>, Contact: John Hall, WD4SFG

8670 SW 29th Street, Miami, FL 33155,

Phone: 305-226-5346

Email: wd4sfg@bellsouth.net

10-15 Feb 2004 Operating Specialty Convention, ARC of Wally Byam Caravan Club, Christmas, FL,

<http://www.rvweb.net/club/wbcciarc/index.html>

Contact: Richard Stroud, W9SR, 3139 South Main Street, PO Box 73, Liberty Center, IN 46766

Phone: 260-694-6660, Email: dikw9sr@citznet.com

13-15 Feb 2004 Southeastern Division 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

21 Feb 2004 Highlands County ARC, Sebring, FL

<http://www.strato.net/~hamradio>, Contact: Ben Wilbanks, KA6R 2003 Flower Terrace, Sebring, FL 33875

Phone: 863-314-0963, Email: ka6r@arrl.net

WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

January, 2004

- Kid's Day Contest 1800Z - 2400Z, Jan 4
- Hunting Lions in the Air 0000Z, Jan 10 - 2400Z, Jan 11
- East Asia 160/80 DX Contest 0900Z, Jan 10 - 2200Z, Jan 11
- UK DX Contest, SSB 1200Z, Jan 10 - 1200Z, Jan 11
- Midwinter Contest, CW 1400Z - 2000Z, Jan 10
- North American QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Jan 10 - 0600Z, Jan 11
- NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW 0530Z - 0730Z, Jan 11
- NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB 0800Z - 1000Z, Jan 11
- Midwinter Contest, Phone 0800Z - 1400Z, Jan 11
- DARC 10-Meter Contest 0900Z - 1059Z, Jan 11
- 070 Club PSKFest 0000Z - 2400Z, Jan 17
- LZ Open Contest, CW 1200Z - 2000Z, Jan 17
- MI QRP January CW Contest 1200Z, Jan 17 - 2359Z, Jan 18
- Hungarian DX Contest 1200Z, Jan 17 - 1200Z, Jan 18
- North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Jan 17 - 0600Z, Jan 18
- CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW 0000Z, Jan 24 - 2359Z, Jan 25
- REF Contest, CW 0600Z, Jan 24 - 1800Z, Jan 25
- BARTG RTTY Sprint 1200Z, Jan 24 - 1200Z, Jan 25
- ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes 1900Z, Jan 24 - 0400Z, Jan 26
- UBA DX Contest, SSB 1300Z, Jan 31 - 1300Z, Feb 1

February, 2004

- North American Sprint, CW 0000Z - 0400Z, Feb 1
- Vermont QSO Party 0000Z, Feb 7 - 2400Z, Feb 8
- New Hampshire QSO Party 0000Z, Feb 7 - 2400Z, Feb 8
- 10-10 Inter. Winter Contest, SSB 0001Z, Feb 7 - 2400Z, Feb 8
- Minnesota QSO Party 1400Z - 2359Z, Feb 7
- Delaware QSO Party 1700Z, Feb 7 - 0500Z, Feb 8 and 1300Z, Feb 8 - 0100Z, Feb 9
- Mexico RTTY International Contest 1800Z, Feb 7 - 2400Z, Feb 8
- North American Sprint, Phone 0000Z - 0400Z, Feb 8
- FYBO Winter QRP Field Day 1600Z - 2400Z, Feb 8
- ARRL School Club Roundup 1300Z, Feb 9 - 0100Z, Feb 14
- CQ/RJ WW RTTY WPX Contest 0000Z, Feb 14 - 2400Z, Feb 15
- SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Feb 14 - 1000Z, Feb 15
- Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW 1100Z - 1300Z, Feb 14
- Dutch PACC Contest 1200Z, Feb 14 - 1200Z, Feb 15
- YL-OM Contest, CW 1400Z, Feb 14 - 0200Z, Feb 16
- FISTS Winter Sprint 1700Z - 2100Z, Feb 14
- OMISS QSO Party 1700Z, Feb 14 - 0500Z, Feb 15
- RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z, Feb 14 - 0100Z, Feb 15
- QRP ARCI Winter Fireside SSB Sprint 2000Z - 2400Z, Feb 15

- ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Feb 21 - 2400Z, Feb 22
- YL-ISSB QSO Party, CW 0000Z, Feb 21 - 2400Z, Feb 22
- YL-OM Contest, SSB 1400Z, Feb 21 - 0200Z, Feb 23
- CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB 0000Z, Feb 28 - 2359Z, Feb 29
- REF Contest, SSB 0600Z, Feb 28 - 1800Z, Feb 29
- UBA DX Contest, CW 1300Z, Feb 28 - 1300Z, Feb 29
- Mississippi QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 28 - 0300Z, Feb 29
- North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Feb 28 - 0600Z, Feb 29
- High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z - 1100Z, Feb 29 and 1500Z - 1700Z, Feb 29
- North Carolina QSO Party 1700Z, Feb 29 - 0300Z, Mar 1