



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



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## President's Message

I'd like to introduce you to:

Arlene	Lee
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Franklin	Rita
Gert	Stan
Harvey	Tammy
Irene	Vince
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Katrina	

The new group of members. Not of EARS, but of the least wanted visitors to Florida.

I had enough last year to last four lifetimes, and I put a curse on each of you.

May you spend your entire lifetime whirling away in the Atlantic Ocean and never even come close to making landfall. You are not welcome in this Great Nation nor anywhere civilized people may roam.

But, if you insist, we are ready for you. We will react as we did in the past. We are Radio Amateurs. We will keep the lines of communication open.

God bless us all.  
Martin, N4FA

## Meeting Minutes – May 19

**Call to Order:** President Martin Horowitz-N4FA called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 10 members present and no guests.

**Secretary's Report:** On Motion, the April meeting minutes were approved as published in the May newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom-WA3PRC, filling in for Vic, K4VHX, presented the report. Our treasury balance is \$5,528.18. ON MOTION, the treasurer's report was approved as presented.

**Correspondence:** The club received a letter from the Barrier Island Parks Society, Inc., Boca Grande Lighthouse Museum, asking for donations. As we

donate to the Lighthouse fund at the annual QSO party, this was tabled.

We were notified by Vic-K4VHX that Jim Lawlor-KB2NZ might attend our meeting.

Martin-N4FA, sent requests to Walgreen Pharmacy and Publix Supermarket headquarters requesting donations towards the Field Day picnic.

### **Committee Reports**

**Sunshine:** On 12 May, several EARS members attended a memorial service for SK member Bill Rockwood-KE4ZAK at St. Raphael's Catholic Church. ((Note added 1 June: Hugh and Bobbie Myers son, Scott, is in grave condition in a Virginia hospital. We are all praying for a full recovery, but it does not look good. Martin-N4FA.))

**RACES:** The RACES check-in will be held Wednesday, 25 May, and the RACES meeting at the Tringali Center will be held Thursday, 26 May.

**Publicity:** As reported last in last months Newsletter, the Englewood Sun published an article about our needs for the upcoming hurricane season. We had no response. It appears that the memories of last year were short lived. Dave-W4INN and Martin-N4FA will be meeting next week with Staff Reporter Gavin Off, of the Englewood Sun, to see if we can get more publicity.

**Testing:** The EARS/TARC VE Test session held on the second Saturday of each month (see **Newsletter Local Happenings**) (last was 14 May) had three candidates for testing. All three passed.

**DX:** JR-K9HUY, again reported that Glorriosa Island will be up and running from 15 May to 1 June.

**Field Day:** Dave-W4INN reported that we are ready for Field Day. All equipment has been located and is ready. Remember, set-up is Friday, 24 June, and operation is Saturday/Saturday, 25/26 June. The picnic will start ~noon on Sunday, 26 June. Bring yourselves, XYL's, significant others, the kids, the grandkids, etc., and a big appetite. We will be serving hamburgers, hotdogs, steak (bring your own utensils for steak), and all the fixings. Dave-W4INN is the chief cook and bottle washer.

Keith-KC5AS is bringing his famous chili for all to enjoy!! (Bring a supply of Tums, Hi,Hi.)

A motion by Keith-KC5AS to use Martin's call-sign, N4FA, for Field Day, was passed. All you CW operators, practice!

### **Old Business**

Martin-N4FA presented the 2005 EARS Scholarship to Ms. Jessica Gardberg at the Lemon Bay High School Awards Presentation on 11 May. All told, more than \$480,000 was awarded to the graduates.

### **New Business**

#### **Donated Antenna**

George-W1PZE donated a Cushcraft R5 vertical antenna to the EARS. We will be using it at Field Day and the Lighthouse weekend. Thank you, George.

#### **146.700 MHz Repeater**

EchoLink is up and running on the 146.700 machine, courtesy of Keith-WL7CKY. For those of you that have a computer or, locally, a 2 meter rig, it can be accessed easily. It's a great tool to keep in contact with our members who are up North for the Summer. Contact Tom-WA3PRC or Martin-N4FA to install and learn to use EchoLink.

#### **146.700 MHz Repeater Call Sign**

A second EARS call-sign was obtained by Martin-N4FA for use on the 146.700 machine. (See Directory Changes this newsletter) Martin-N4FA is the trustee of record. The FCC gave us KI4KDH. This call-sign is presently being modified to N4EAR, if possible. Right now N4FA is being used until we receive our new call-sign. An application to do this was submitted to the FCC on 17 May. This was made possible by the generosity on Dave Kelce-K0DGF who has given the 146.700 machine hardware and peripherals to EARS. In addition, Dave has arranged for EARS to obtain a 15 year, no cost, lease of the site and access. Thank you, Dave.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned. Refreshments were served. No program was presented as we had to vacate the room in order for LBHS Project Graduation setup.

Respectfully submitted by WA3PRC and N4FA for:  
Hugh Myers, KG4ZDX  
Secretary

### **EARS Treasurers Audit**

Respondent to your request Jack Landis-WA8GRO & myself, Peter Pesa-N4RD, visited the home of Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX on April 5th 2005 and Audited the Treasurer's records/reports for the past Year.

Without any reservations we both agreed that the documents were the finest & most concise Club records we have ever seen. The data was presented in such a manner that one could easily follow the cash flow numerically & chronologically at the same time.

The club owes Mr. Emmelkamp a debt of gratitude for his EXEMPLARY effort(s) in his assignment.

We hope you acknowledge his efforts at our next meeting so the entire membership can express their thanks accordingly.

Peter Pesa, N4RD  
29 Waterford drive  
Englewood FL, 34223

Jack Landis, WA8GRO  
5263 The Pointe  
Englewood FL, 34223

### **– 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 Directory Changes**

- The FCC has granted EARS the **new call sign N4EAR**. Please change the 146.700 MHz repeater call sign to reflect this change.
- **Temporary address change** for Dennis-K4NF: 63 Mobile Manor Linton, IN 47441  
Phone: (Use directory number listing)
- Please add the following **new members** to your EARS directory:

Jim Lawlor-KB2NZ  
Eileen  
2888 Ponce De Leon Blvd.  
North Port, FL 34286  
[kb2nz@arrl.net](mailto:kb2nz@arrl.net)  
423-8051

Daniel Schaaf-K3ZXL  
??? (Marty-N4FA will find out)  
27195 Neptide Drive  
Punta Gorda, FL 33983  
[dan-schaaf@att.net](mailto:dan-schaaf@att.net)  
766-0706

Bob Preston-N4CTC  
Pat  
245 Rio Terra  
Venice, FL 34285  
[bohn4ctc@juno.com](mailto:bohn4ctc@juno.com)  
483-1846

*as of August moving to :*  
2894 W. Riverwalk Circle, #117  
Littleton, CO 80123  
(Bob will supply tele# later)

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

No requests submitted this month.

- Contact the editor to add your equipment needs.

### **Internet Sites to Explore**

<http://www.tarc.org/index.php?load=leno> (Provided by Vic-K4VHX) contest between CW and Text Messaging via mobile phone. (Large File, 13 megabyte)

<http://www.mountainlake.k12.mn.us/ham/aprs/>

VHF Propagation maps

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

### **June Hamfests**

No Florida Hamfest this month.

### **June Special Events**

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

- ★ 1800Z Jun 2-1500Z Jun 5, Spruce Knob, WV. Northern Virginia Astronomy Club, K4S. NOVAC--Almost Heaven Star Party. 28.460 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL. John Singleton, N4AJR, 43207 Ribboncrest Terrace, Ashburn, VA 20147. [www.novac.com/AHSP/index.php](http://www.novac.com/AHSP/index.php)
- ★ 1700Z-2359Z daily Jun 3-Jun 5, Vancouver, WA. Clark County Amateur Radio Club, W7AIA/75. Commemorating the club's 75th anniversary. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.260. Certificate. Clark County ARC, PO Box 1424, Vancouver, WA 98685. [www.w7aia.org](http://www.w7aia.org)

- ★ 1300Z-2000Z Jun 4, Ashboro, NC. Randolph Amateur Radio Club, NC4ZO. War Bird Air Fair D-Day Commemoration. 28.400 21.320 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Butch Simpson, WS4H, 6747 King Mtn Rd, Asheboro, NC 27205.
- ★ 1300Z-2100Z Jun 4, Slippery Rock, PA. K2BSA Amateur Radio Association, K2BSA/3. Order of the Arrow Section NE-4B Conclave at Camp Bucoco. 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Ronald J. Dambaugh, KA3WIK, 221 Country Lane Rd, Prospect, PA 16052.
- ★ 1400Z-2000Z Jun 4, Union, IL. Illinois Railway Museum, W9T. Amateur Radio Day at Illinois Railway Museum. 21.350 14.250 7.250 7.050. QSL. Larry Zacharias, 1031 Pershing Dr, Wauconda, IL 60084.
- ★ 1400Z-2100Z Jun 4, Badin, NC. Montgomery Amateur Radio Society, NC4MC. Loss of the "Badin Bomber" on June 8, 1944. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.255. Certificate. Montgomery Amateur Radio Society--NC4MC, c/o Eric Luther, 3224 Panther Mountain Rd, Asheboro, NC 27205. <http://members.carolina.net/ki4dh/>
- ★ 1400Z-2200Z Jun 4, Tylertown, MS. Southwest Mississippi ARC, KD5QNC. Walthall County Dairy Festival. 14.270 7.270. QSL. KD5QNC, Southwest Mississippi ARC, 1545 Friendship Lane NW, Brookhaven, MS 39601.
- ★ 1700Z-2100Z Jun 4, Manchester, VT. Burr and Burton Amateur Radio Club, K1BBS. Celebrating Burr and Burton Academy's 175th anniversary of excellence in education. 14.225 7.225. Certificate. Chris Kochenour, 18 Valley Pass Rd, Manchester Center, VT 05255.
- ★ 1800Z-2200Z Jun 4, Olathe, KS. Johnson County ARES, KSØJC. Honoring Marshall and Loretta Ensor code teachers. SSB 14.250; CW 10.115. Certificate and QSL. Dan Reed, 29545 W 152nd Ter, Gardner, KS 66030. [www.w9bsp-w9ua.org](http://www.w9bsp-w9ua.org)
- ★ 1400-2000Z daily Jun 4 and Jun 5, Mississauga, ON. Mississauga Amateur Radio Club, VE3MIS. 32 Streetsville Founders Bread & Honey Festival. 21.315 14.240 28.480 7.227. Certificate. MARC, c/o Michael Brickell, VE3TKI, 2801 Bucklepost Cres, Mississauga, ON, Canada L5N 1X6. [www.marc.on.ca](http://www.marc.on.ca)
- ★ 1400Z Jun 4-2400Z Jun 7, New Orleans, LA. Jefferson Amateur Radio Club, W5D. 61st anniversary of D-Day from the National D-Day

- Museum. 21.250 14.250 7.250. Certificate. W5GAD, PO Box 73665, Metairie, LA 70033. [www.w5gad.org](http://www.w5gad.org)
- ★ 0000Z Jun 4-2400Z Jun 12, Wyabdotte, OK. The Bunker D-Day Reenactment Club, N5D. Re-enactment of D-Day landing with 4000 paintball players. 14.235 14.035 7.225 7.035. Certificate. Larry Strain, N7DF, 10 Mountain Vista, La Luz, NM 88337. [www.oklahomadday.com/](http://www.oklahomadday.com/)
  - ★ 0400Z Jun 4-0359Z Jun 19, Atkinson, NH. Atkinson Amateur Radio Club, K1D. Celebrating Kid's Day & Amateur Radio Awareness. 28.370 21.370 14.270. QSL. Peter Schipelliti, W1DAD, 7 Dearborn Ridge Rd, Atkinson, NH 03811.
  - ★ 1800Z Jun 10-0200Z Jun 12, Worthington, MN. Worthington Okabena Windsurfers, WØW. Annual Windsurfing Regatta and Unvarnished Music Festival. 21.375 14.275 7.275 3.875. QSL. Randy Shirbroun, 1745 N Douglas Ave, Worthington, MN 56187. [www.wgtn.net/wow/index.htm](http://www.wgtn.net/wow/index.htm)
  - ★ 1300 Z -1700Z June 10 and 1400Z-2200Z Jun 11-Jun 12, Fond du Lac, WI. Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club, W9EBV. Walleye Weekend. 21.375 14.325 3.975. QSL. Dave Witt, WD9W, 1600 S Park Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935-8032. [www.fdlhams.org](http://www.fdlhams.org)
  - ★ 1700Z-2300Z Jun 11, Stanhope, NJ. Nutley Amateur Radio Society, W2GLQ. Waterloo Village. 28.350 21.275 14.350 7.250. QSL. Nutley ARS, 169 Chestnut St, Nutley, NJ 07110. <http://hometown.aol.com/kc2aup>
  - ★ 1200Z Jun 11-2100Z Jun 12, Hamilton, OH. Butler County VHF Association, W8P. Ohio Covered Bridge Event. 14.250. QSL. John DelaCroix, W8WCQ, 67 Woodcrest Dr, Middletown, OH 45044. [www.qsl.net/w8cci/bc07004.html](http://www.qsl.net/w8cci/bc07004.html)
  - ★ 1200Z Jun 11-2400Z Jun 12, Cambridge, OH. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, Inc, W8G. Ohio's Covered Bridges On The Air Weekend. 7.243. QSL. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, Inc, PO Box 1804, Cambridge, OH 43725. [www.w8vp.org](http://www.w8vp.org)
  - ★ 1200Z Jun 11-2400Z Jun 12, Norwich, OH. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, Inc, W8D. Ohio's Covered bridges On The Air Weekend. 7.243. QSL. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, Inc, PO Box 1804, Cambridge, OH 43725. [www.w8vp.org](http://www.w8vp.org)
  - ★ 1400Z Jun 11-2200Z Jun 12, Camden, NJ. United States Power Squadrons and Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station, NJ2BB. National Safe Boating Week from the Battleship New Jersey. 28.367 21.367 14.267 7.267. Certificate. Donald R. Stark, N3HOW, 65 Stark Spur, Eighty Four, PA 15330-2547
  - ★ Jun 11-Jun 12, 1500Z-0000Z, Marshfield & Wausau, WI. Marshfield Area Amateur Radio Society and Wisconsin Valley Radio Association, W4S. Central Wisconsin Walk for Sarcoma Relay Event. 14.268 7.268. QSL. Jerry Graebel, 624 E Bridge St, Wausau, WI 54403-3566
  - ★ 0000Z Jun 13-2359Z Jun 26, Great Falls, MT. Great Falls Area Amateur Radio Club, W7M. Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Commemoration. SSB 28.350 21.350 14.250 3.855 CW up 35 kHz on CW bands. QSL. W7ECA, PO Box 1763, Great Falls, MT 59405. [www.w7eca.org](http://www.w7eca.org)
  - ★ 1500Z Jun 17-0300Z Jun 19, Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club, W9IMS. United States Grand Prix. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. QSL. Indianapolis Motor Speedway ARC, PO Box 18495, Indianapolis, IN 46218. [www.w9ims.com](http://www.w9ims.com)
  - ★ 1500Z Jun 18-2100Z Jun 18, Effingham, IL. National Trail Amateur Radio Club, K9UXZ. The Historic National Road (America's first interstate). 14.240 7.240. Certificate. K9UXZ, PO Box 903, Effingham, IL 62401. [www.nationalroad.org](http://www.nationalroad.org)
  - ★ 1400Z Jun 18-1800Z Jun 19, Dalton, PA. Northeast Pennsylvania DX Club, N3XX. 33rd anniversary of Hurricane Agnes. 21.350 14.250 7.250 3.860. QSL. Brian Mennig, KM3X, RR1 Box 308, Dalton, PA 184141
  - ★ 1500Z Jun 18-2000Z Jun 22, Chicago, IL. Rotary International--Rotarians of Amateur Radio (ROAR), W9R. Celebrating 100 years of Rotary service to mankind. 21.310 14.293 7.280 3.955. Certificate. ROAR - W9R, c/o John Maier, W8AUV, PO Box 797832, Dallas, TX 75379-7832. [www.ifroar.org](http://www.ifroar.org)
  - ★ 1400Z-2200Z Jun 24, Sault Ste Marie, MI. U.P. Net/Wexaukee Amateur Radio Club, N8S. 150th anniversary of the St Marys River Soo Locks. 21.255 14.255 7.255 3.921. Certificate. Al Robertson, PO Box 202, Stevensville, MI 49127-0202
  - ★ 1400Z -1800Z Jun 25, Emerson, AR. PurpleHull Pea Amateur Radio Club, K5PEA. Commemorating 16th Annual PurpleHull Pea Festival. 14.240 7.240.

QSL. PurpleHull Pea Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 273, Emerson, AR 71740. [www.purplehull.com/hams](http://www.purplehull.com/hams)

- ★ 1800Z Jun 25-1800Z Jun 26, Rusk, TX. A Group of Texas Amateurs, W5R, N5R. Texas State Railroad operation during Field Day. 14.250. QSL. Stephen Hicks, N5AC, 900 Carnegie Ct, Allen, TX 75002. [www.FieldDay05.com](http://www.FieldDay05.com)
- ★ 1800Z Jun 25-2100Z Jun 26, Brigantine, NJ. Shore Points Amateur Radio Club, W2HRW. Field Day 2005. 14.280 146.520 446.600 224.900. QSL. Shore Points Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 142, Absecon, NJ 08201

### WA7BNM June Contest Calendar

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

- ★ VK/Trans-Tasman 80m Contest, CW 0800Z-1400Z, Jun 4
- ★ IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW 1500Z, Jun 4 to 1459Z, Jun 5
- ★ RSGB National Field Day 1500Z, Jun 4 to 1500Z, Jun 5
- ★ QRP TAC Sprint 1800Z-2359Z, Jun 4
- ★ WorldRadio Friends' Day QSO Party 1800Z, Jun 4 to 1800Z, Jun 5
- ★ RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 2000Z-2130Z, Jun 6
- ★ ANARTS WW RTTY Contest 0000Z, Jun 11 to 2400Z, Jun 12

- ★ Portugal Day Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Jun 11
- ★ Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB 1100Z-1300Z, Jun 11
- ★ GACW WWSA CW DX Contest 1500Z, Jun 11 to 1500Z, Jun 12
- ★ REF DDFM Contest 1600Z, Jun 11 to 1600Z, Jun 12
- ★ ARRL June VHF QSO Party 1800Z, Jun 11 to 0300Z, Jun 13
- ★ RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 2000Z-2130Z, Jun 15
- ★ SARL Kid's Day 0700Z-0900Z, Jun 16\All Asian DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Jun 18 to 2400Z, Jun 19
- ★ SMIRK Contest 0000Z, Jun 18 to 2400Z, Jun 19
- ★ AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1600Z-1900Z, Jun 18 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Jun 18 (432)
- ★ West Virginia QSO Party 1600Z, Jun 18 to 0200Z, Jun 19
- ★ Quebec QSO Party 1700Z, Jun 18 to 0300Z, Jun 19
- ★ Kid's Day Contest 1800Z-2400Z, Jun 18
- ★ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Jun 23
- ★ Marconi Memorial HF Contest 1400Z, Jun 25 to 1400Z, Jun 26
- ★ ARCI Milliwatt Field Day 1800Z, Jun 25 to 2100Z, Jun 26
- ★ ARRL Field Day 1800Z, Jun 25 to 2100Z, Jun 26
- ★ His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB 1800Z, Jun 25 to 1800Z, Jun 26