



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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### President's Message

Well, it appears that the EARS is growing. We have 72 members as of this date. Still, we cannot sit on our laurels; we have to do something to stimulate the younger generations to make sure that amateur radio does not fall by the wayside. With cell phones, the internet and the like, this will not be an easy task. Last year proved the value of amateur radio and the mantle of hams, especially in Florida. The folks around here and the eastern seaboard know what we did, but memories are short. We must keep amateur radio in the forefront and press the life saving and national security values it affords, as well as being just fun. To this, I would like anybody interested in moving this cause forward to contact me with their ideas. I, for one, would like to approach the powers that be at Lemon Bay High School to see if they are amenable to the EARS initiating a Radio Club. This I will do. If we get the OK, I will need several of our members to teach (if a teaching certificate is not necessary) the kids, who ARE THE FUTURE of amateur radio. Any of you who has a idea as to what we can do to further the cause of amateur radio, please step forward.

Tnx & 73  
de Martin-W4MHH

### Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2005

**Call to Order:** President Martin-W4MHH called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were in attendance 25 members and 1 guest.

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

**Treasure's Report:** ON MOTION, the Treasure's report was approved. Balance in our check book is \$5,071.68.

Big Stick, NI4CE, repeater performance relating to the events of the hurricane its' projected increased capabilities when the intended enhancements are implemented.



**Special Guest Introduction:** Mr. Paul Toth, NA4AR, the coordinator for the West Central Florida Group was introduced. He provided information on Hurricane Charley, Sky Warn and how helpful hams were to the National Weather Station in Ruskin, FL during this tragic event. He also provided information about the

Correspondence: A request for funds for Project Graduation was received. This a yearly item in our budget. An Email was received from our *Sunshine*

**Committee** Gene Fowler KA1GCU, that his wife Marcia KA1GCV had fallen, hurting her foot, and will probably need surgery to take care of the problem.

### **Committee Reports**

**Sunshine:** The Sunshine report was included in the Minutes' Correspondence.

**RACES:** Frank-W4VV gave the usual reminders about end of the month meeting. He did report there are several openings on the board for West County RACES.

**Publicity:** Jerry-K4JWE reported publicity is all set to go for the Tailfest on March 5.

**Testing:** Reminder that testing is a joint effort through both EARS and TARC on the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Venice Library. Martin-W4MHH reported he passed his extra exam test.

**DX:** JR K9HUY reported that Peter 1 Island is a go and

should be up and running in about a week

**Field Day:** Will be covered next month.

**Tailfest:** All ready to go. Volunteers are needed to help set up at noon Friday the day before and to man the gates on Tailfest day for collecting entry money.

### **Old Business**

No old business was presented

### **New Business**

Peter-N4RD and Jack-WA8GRO agreed to take on the task of the annual EARS Treasury audit. There being no further business ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Hugh Myers, KG4ZDX  
Secretary

## **CHARLOTTE COUNTY TAILGATE - FEST MARCH 5, 2005 - SATURDAY 7AM -12 NOON**

Location : Charlotte County fairgrounds across from Charlotte County Stadium on state road 776.

Admission - \$5.00

Tailgate - \$5.00 per vehicle space

Additional spaces \$5.00

Tailgate - test is an Amateur Radio focus "Flea Market" co-sponsored by the Englewood Amateur Radio Society and the Peace River Radio Association.

This event is the annual fund raiser for both organizations. Proceeds are used to support Amateur Radio education and County wide disaster Emergency communications, such as Hurricane Charley.

Hourly door prize drawings

Public is welcome

For more information: contact Reg Knarzer (941) 627-9828

### **– 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

#### Email address change for:

Joe Riccio-W2ORP, [joericcio@earthlink.net](mailto:joericcio@earthlink.net)

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

None listed this month

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.

### March Hamfests

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

- 5 Mar 2005 Charlotte County Tailgate-Fest, Peace River Radio Assn. & Englewood ARS, 2333 El Jobean Road, Murdock (Port Charlotte), FL, Charlotte County Fairgrounds, <http://www.earsradioclub.org>, Talk-In: 147.255, Contact: Reg Knarzer, K9ZKS, 4407 Albacore Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948, Phone: 941-627-9828, Fax: 941-627-9828, Email: [k4vhx@arrl.net](mailto:k4vhx@arrl.net)
- 5 Mar 2005 + Highlands County Amateur Radio Club, Sebring,

FL, Agri-Civic Center, 4505 George Blvd, <http://www.strato.net/~hamradio>, Talk-In: 147.045+ (PL100) from South; 145.33- (PL103.5), Contact: Bill Henderson, KG4TQQ, 225 Lark Avenue, Sebring, FL 33872, Phone: 863-385-4192, Email: [bhenderson2@juno.com](mailto:bhenderson2@juno.com)

- 19 Mar 2005 + Playground ARC, Ft. Walton Beach, FL, Okaloosa County Fairgrounds, 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd. (SR 189), <http://www.w4zbb.org>, Talk-In: 146.19/.79, Contact: Terry Young, K4KJP, c/o PARC, PO Box 873, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549, Phone: 850-243-4315, Email: [parcfest@w4zbb.org](mailto:parcfest@w4zbb.org)
- 19 Mar 2005 + Martin County ARA's 30th Annual Hamfest, Martin County Amateur Radio Association, Stuart, FL, Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Highway, Talk-In: 147.060+ PL tone 100, Contact: Peter Lynch, W1MNY, 7003 SE Cutler Trail, Stuart, FL 34997, Phone: 772-288-1048, Email: [w1mny@arrl.net](mailto:w1mny@arrl.net)
- 26 Mar 2005 + Gulf Coast ARC, New Port Richey, FL, <http://www.gulfcoastarc.org>, Contact: Rick Brown, AG4JN, PO Box 595, New Port Richey, FL 34656-0595, Phone: 727-849-4159, Email: [cbrown38@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cbrown38@tampabay.rr.com)
- 26 Mar 2005 Cy Harris W4MAQ Memorial Free Flea, MARC & BARC, Plantation, FL, Motorola, 8000 West Sunrise Blvd, <http://www.geocities.com/bcepn/freeflea.html>, Talk-In: 146.790, Contact: Richard Block, KG4CHW, 5080 SW 64th Avenue, Apt. 201, Davie, FL 33314-5214, Phone: 954-275-0652, Email: [kg4chw@arrl.net](mailto:kg4chw@arrl.net).

### WA7BNM March Contest Calendar

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

- AGCW YL-CW Party 1900Z-2100Z, Mar 1
- ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 5 to 2400Z, Mar 6
- Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0400Z-0600Z, Mar 5
- Open Ukraine RTTY Championship 2200Z-2359Z, Mar 5 (Low Band) and 0000Z-0159Z, Mar 6 (Low Band) and 0800Z-1159Z, Mar 6 (High Band)
- DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest (Mar) 1100Z-1700Z, Mar 6
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data (Mar) 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 7
- ARS Spartan Sprint (Mar) 0200Z-0400Z, Mar 8
- Pesky Texan Armadillo Chase 0200Z-0400Z, Mar 10
- RSGB Commonwealth Contest 1000Z, Mar 12 to 1000Z, Mar 13
- AGCW QRP Contest 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 12
- Oklahoma QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 12 to 0200Z, Mar 13 and 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 13
- North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 13
- UBA Spring Contest, CW 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 13
- NSARA Contest 1200Z-1600Z, Mar 13 and 1800Z-2200Z, Mar 13
- Wisconsin QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 13 to 0100Z, Mar 14
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW (Mar) 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 16
- 10-10 Int. Mobile Contest 0001Z-2359Z, Mar 19
- BARTG HF RTTY Contest 0200Z, Mar 19 to 0200Z, Mar 21
- SARL VHF/UHF Contest 1000Z, Mar 19 to 1000Z, Mar 20
- Russian DX Contest 1200Z, Mar 19 to 1200Z, Mar 20
- CLARA and Family HF Contest 1700Z, Mar 19 to 1700Z, Mar 20

- Virginia QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 19 to 0200Z, Mar 21
- UBA Spring Contest, 6m 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 20
- 9K 15-Meter Contest 1200Z-1600Z, Mar 20
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB (Mar) 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 24
- CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 26 to 2359Z, Mar 27
- UBA Spring Contest, 2m 0600Z-1000Z, Mar 27
- Spring QRP Homebrewer Sprint 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 28
- Low Power Spring Sprint 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 28
- San Antonio, TX: Alamo Area Radio Organization, AA5RO. 1400Z Mar 5-2400Z Mar 6. "Remember The Alamo" 168th anniversary, battle of the Alamo. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW, 6146 Spring Time Dr, San Antonio, TX 78249. <http://users.stic.net/aaro>
- Mena, AR: Boy Scout Troop 850, WB5BSA. 2300Z March 11-1800Z Mar 15. 30+ mile backpack trip for the Backpacking Merit Badge. 14.325. QSL. Larry Holden, W5MPA, 907 W Lakeview Dr, Guthrie, OK 73044  
[www.geocities.com/bsatroop850/Picturearch.htm](http://www.geocities.com/bsatroop850/Picturearch.htm)
- Macon, GA: Macon Amateur Radio Club, W4BKM. 1500Z-2200Z Mar 19. 23rd Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. 21.335 14.240 14.055 7.055. Certificate. Macon ARC, PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208. [www.qsl.net/w4bkm](http://www.qsl.net/w4bkm)
- Virginia Beach, VA, and Moss, Norway: Virginia Beach Amateur Radio Club, Inc, and Mossegruppen av NRRL, W4UG and LA5M. 1300Z Mar 19-2200Z Mar 20. 114th anniversary of the Norwegian Lady. US: 14.278 14.040 7.280 7.040 Norway: 28.363 21.192 18.164 18.145 14.278 14.070 (7.121 morning) 7.040. Certificate. US: VBARC, PO Box 62003, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Norway: Haakon Andreassen, LA1YKA, PO Box 88, N-1501, Moss, Norway; include1 IRC and A4 envelope.

### March Special Events

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

- Arlington Heights, IL: US Peace Corps ARC, KA9NLX. 1700Z Mar 1-2100Z Mar 5. 44th anniversary of the founding of United States Peace Corps. 28.500 21.375 14.325 7.283 3.985 2 m. Certificate. John Paskevicz, 1423 North Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.
- San Antonio, TX: San Antonio Radio Club, W5SC. 2330Z Mar 4-2330Z Mar 6. Texas Independence Station, San Antonio. 28.450 14.250 7.250 3.850. Certificate. San Antonio Radio Club, PO Box 34263, San Antonio, TX 78265.
- Newport News, VA: Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service, W4CAR. 1500Z-2100Z Mar 5. Battle of the Ironclads, 143rd Anniversary. 28.362 21.362 14.062 7.262 7.062 PSK31. Certificate. W4CAR, PO Box 6867, Chesapeake, VA 23323. [www.qsl.net/cars/](http://www.qsl.net/cars/)