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President's Message

I want to say welcome back to all our members who have returned from their Summer hiatus. You missed a great Summer in Englewood and surrounding communities. Four of my unkindness friends visited me, namely, Charlie, Francis, Ivan and Jeanne. They left an indelible mark on the memories of our year round residents, especially me. Hopefully, none of their relatives will visit us next year.

If you haven't been reading our newsletter, let me reiterate the outstanding job our members did, prior to, during and after these trying times. We were, basically, the only club whose members were prepared for these disasters and able to react. Our reaction time was minimal, and the dedication to our mission was without president. As president of the EARS, I gained added respect for amateur radio, in general, and for our membership, in particular. (Pride is one of the seven deadly sins, but I don't care). I'm proud of our members. Again, A JOB WELL DONE!

Our resolve to this effort did not cease with the end of hurricane season. Many of our members are joining in the effort to rebuild the stricken communities and are aiding many of our fellow amateurs by re-establishing their amateur radio capabilities (erecting new antennas and resolving equipment problems, etc.).

Anything else would be superfluous.

Martin, W4MHH

EARS Minutes - October 15

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Martin Horowitz, W4MHH, at 7:30PM. Martin led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 22 members, XYL Terry Luccio, and guest speaker Louis Piche of Metro Crime Prevention of Florida present.

Secretary's Report: Ken-W4JQT moved that the previous month's minutes be approved as published in the newsletter. Howard-N4MLJ seconded the motion. Passed.

Treasurer's Report: Vic-K4VHX provided the Treasurer's Report showing a balance of \$4,428.73 (as of 10/30/04). Larry-W2FTL moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as read, seconded by Howard-N4MLJ. Passed

Committee Reports

Sunshine: Gene-KA1GCU and Marcia-KA1GCV reported that a card was sent to Al-KA9KAZ to wish

him a quick recovery. It was reported that Dennis Babcock-K4NF was feeling better after a bout with kidney stones. The members wished him a speedy recovery.

Races: Frank-W4VV updated us on the RACES check-in the last Wednesday of the month at 8:00PM on the 146.745MHz repeater and at 9:30AM on 146.865MHz simplex at the Tringali Center.

Publicity: Gerry-K4JWE updated the members on the on-going PR work he is undertaking.

Testing: See “New Business”, below.

DX: JR-K9HUY gave a report on the existing conditions for DX and some recent DXpeditions.

Old Business

Martin-W4MHH went to the Elsie Quirk Library to see the display case for our EARS display during the month of November at the library. It is in the main entrance and should provide good PR for us. Donations of equipment for display were made by Don-WA4IWL, Frank-W4VV, JR-K9HUY, Martin-W4MHH, Ken-W4JQT and Vic-K4VHX.

A reminder: We have discontinued the EARS VE sessions at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce and have dropped our membership in that group. We were not using the facility enough to justify our membership. From now on, we will be holding a joint EARS/TARC VE session on the second Saturday of each month at 9:30AM in the Conference Room of the Venice Public Library, 300 South Nokomis Avenue, Venice, FL. The exam cost is \$12.00, made payable to “ARRL/VEC”

New Business

A discussion to send a \$50.00 donation to the Lighthouse was initiated by Tom-WA3PRC. Although we did not use the facility this year due to the hurricanes, the facility operates on donations from the public and the state. A motion to send \$50.00 was made by JR-K9HUY and seconded by Gene, KA1GCU. Passed.

Four members renewed their membership and Alf Rye-LA1MC, returned from Norway after an illness, and has rejoined EARS. Welcome aboard Alf

Martin-W4MHH asked for volunteers to man strategic locations for emergency communication along the route of the Boca Bob Triathlon. The triathlon is being held on Sunday, November 7th. Volunteers will meet at the parking lot on the right side of the causeway at 6:00AM. To date, 6 members have volunteered, which is enough to cover the event. Members are: Gerry-K4JWE; Vic-K4VHX; Tom-WA3PRC; JR-K9HUY, Martin-W4MHH; and Peter-N4RD.

The EARS/PRRC Hamfest committee is being formed and should be operational soon. PRRC is the lead organization this year.

Autopatch number assignments and control is still to be decided. Vic-K4VHX will handle same.

The club received a donation of a overhead projector from the Directors of Park Forest, through Dan-K4OU. A letter was sent thanking them for the donation. The members discussed donating the projector to the Englewood United Methodist Church. A motion to do this was made by Tom-WA3PRC and seconded by Howard-N4MLJ. Passed.

Correspondence

We received a request form the Lemon Bay High School to participate in the Senior Awards Night (the EARS Scholarship) as we did last year in awarding a scholarship (\$500.00) to a deserving graduate. This was tabled for discussion at our November meeting.

A letter was written by our President on October 3rd to the Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary regarding their use of the acronym “EARS”. The negative publicity that organization has generated affects us. Our good name and works are jeopardized. We have received denigrating remarks from local people and businesses when the acronym is used, until they are told we are not the animal people but the Amateur Radio Society. This was pointed out in the letter, and they were asked to change their name. A suggestion was made to use Englewood Animal Rescue League and EARL, or the like. This change would resolve the conflict between their organization and ours.

We received a letter from Peggy Hauptman, Founder & President of the Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary. The following are excerpts:

“ On the surface I am surprised and saddened that you would have the temerity to besmirch our fine organization....”

“ While we appreciate your concern for the drop in support for your organization, it is unfair and lessens your credibility to blame other organizations. One should first carefully examine their internal approaches and changes for possible flaws.”

“We are proud to share our acronym with your organization and always clarify any comments or confusion by the public when encountered, which is seldom. We hope your organization can rise above the comments in your letter and we wish you success in your efforts.”

Basically, what Hauptman is saying is “bug off”. I, for one, would like to pursue this further but need all the resources our members can bring to bear for an amicable settlement. Please let me know what you want to do. Martin, W4MHH.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

After meeting Program

Mr. Louis Piche, of Metro Crime Prevention of Florida, presented a very interesting program on “lifesaving” information relative to home and personal security. The program presented information as to how we can become proactive against crime and take simple precautions to enhance personal safety.

A demonstration of personal and home safety equipment followed.

– Local Happenings –

- ▶ **The Christmas Party** is December 12 and will be held at the Rotonda Club House; time, 6PM.
- ▶ The “Lemon Bay Chord Company” chapter of the Barbershop Society, here in Englewood, is presenting their annual Christmas show at 3:00 P.M. December 12, in the United Methodist Church on the corner of Dearborn and Pine Streets. The program is entitled “In The (St.) Nick Of Time” and should really be a lot of fun! Tickets are \$6.00 and you can go from there to the Ham Radio Christmas party. You can also donate toys for families who might not have a Christmas, otherwise, at this event. It is a good way to relax and get into the Christmas spirit. If you need tickets or an ad for yourself or your business in the widely read program, contact Marty Henry, KE4UFS, at 698-0926 or Email m.henry@comcast.net
- ▶ EARS Meeting – Englewood Amateur Radio Club

meetings are the **3rd 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.

The May program will be a presentation by Darrell Davis, KT4WX, Technical Coordinator from ARRL WCFS on “Broadband Over Power Line” (BPL) and its’ impact on Amateur Radio.

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 2nd Saturday of each month, on a reservation basis only, in the conference room of the Venice public library, 300 South Nokomis Avenue, Venice, FL. The exam cost is \$12.00. 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.
- ▶ **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 Update

Bill Stevens-W1AMU has changed his Email address to: wstevens22@ewol.com.

Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX has changed his Email address to: ekamp2@verizon.net.

Alf Rye-LA1MC, new membership, 1800 Englewood Rd. Lot 103, Englewood, FL 34223

Email: skerry1@peoplepc.com.

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

Bill Schober-W2OJ has a Alpha 77 and a Icom 756Pro for sale. Members should contact him for details. PH: 697-4772 After November 4.

Contact the editor to add your equipment needs.

Internet Sites to Explore Announced DX Operations

<http://www.cpcug.org/user/wfeidt/Misc/adxo.html>
<http://www.cpcug.org/user/wfeidt/ArlDX/>
<http://www.cpcug.org/user/wfeidt/Dxnl/>
<http://www.cpcug.org/user/wfeidt/Ohpadx/>

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

November Hamfests

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

- **6 Nov 2004** Free Flea/Tailgate Hamfest, Boca Raton ARA, Talk-In: 145.290, Contact: Lew Lehman, K4LEW Phone: 561-392-3913, Email: K4LEW@juno.com
- **6 Nov 2004** Lake ARA, Tavares, FL <http://www.qsl.net/k4fc>, Contact: John Gabele, W8KCE, Phone: 352-394-2723, Email: w8kce@vol.com
- **20 Nov 2004** Flamingo/UMARC Free Flea, University of Miami ARC & The Flamingo Net, Coral Gables, FL, <http://www.FlamigoNet.8m.Net>, Contact: Bill Moore, WA4TEJ, Phone: 305-264-4465, Email: wa4tej@beethoven.com
- **27 Nov 2004** + Okeechobee ARC, Okeechobee, FL, <http://www.flweather.com/oarc> Contact: Al Berryman, AD4RZ, Phone: 863-697-6719, Email: ad4rz@earthlink.net

WA7BNM November Contest Calendar

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

- ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Nov 2
- IPARC Contest, CW 0600Z-1000Z, Nov 6 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 6
- Ukrainian DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 6 to 1200Z, Nov 7
- ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 6 to 0300Z, Nov 8
- NA Collegiate ARC Championship, CW2100Z, Nov 6 to 0300Z, Nov 8
- IPARC Contest, SSB 0600Z-1000Z, Nov 7 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 7
- High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z-1100Z, Nov 7 and 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 7
- DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Nov 7
- WAE DX Contest, RTTY 0000Z, Nov 13 to 2359Z, Nov 14
- JIDX Phone Contest 0700Z, Nov 13 to 1300Z, Nov 14
- SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Nov 13 to 1000Z, Nov 14
- OK/OM DX Contest, CW1200Z, Nov 13 to 1200Z, Nov 14
- LZ DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 20 to 1200Z, Nov 21
- EUCW Fraternalizing CW QSO Party 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 20 and 1800Z-2000Z, Nov 20 and 0700Z-0900Z, Nov 21 and 1000Z-1200Z, Nov 21
- All Austrian 160-Meter Contest 1600Z, Nov 20 to 0700Z, Nov 21 ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2100Z, Nov 20 to 0300Z, Nov 22
- NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB 2100Z, Nov 20 to 0300Z, Nov 22
- RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 20 to 0100Z, Nov 21

- CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Nov 27 to 2400Z, Nov 28

Special Events

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

- Whitefish Point, MI: Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society, N8F. 1700Z Nov 4-1700Z Nov 7. Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald, lost November 10, 1975. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. Certificate. Richard Barker, W8VS, 264 N East St, Brighton, MI 48116. www.qsl.net/w8njh.
- Portsmouth, VA: USCG Auxiliary Ham Radio Ops of Tidewater, N4I. 1300Z Nov 5-2100Z Nov 6. International Search & Rescue Competition. 146.52 14.255 7.255 3.945. Certificate. -Richard Cook, AB4U, 14288 Riverside Dr, Ashland, VA 23005. www.internationalsar.com.
- Knokke-Heist, Belgium: UBA Section ONZ, ON60CLM. 1200Z Nov 5-1200Z Nov 9. Liberation of our town in 1944 by allied forces--60th Canadian Liberation March. 28.545 21.245 14.145 7.045. Certificate. ON60CLM, Rijks-wachtlaan 37, Postbox 1006, B-8300 Knokke-Heist, Belgium. www.on4clm.be.
- Butler, PA: Butler County Amateur Radio Association, W3UDX. 1200Z-1700Z Nov 6. Veterans Day. General bands 80 to 10. QSL. BCARA, PO Box 1787, Butler, PA 16003.
- Bonita Springs, FL: US Coast Guard Auxiliary Wiggins Pass, FL, W4W. 1300Z-2100Z Nov 6. US CG Auxiliary 65th and Canadian CG Aux 26th anniversaries. 28.380 21.375 14.275 7.275. QSL. Merle Zeek, W4MWZ, 86 8th St, Bonita Springs, FL 34134-7452.
- Cincinnati, OH: US Coast Guard Auxiliary, W8C. 1400Z-2100Z Nov 6. Div 5 8ER commemorating USCGA 65th anniversary and ISAR. 28.405 21.405 14.345 7.240. QSL. Dave Stroup, 6095 Drum Hill Ln, Milford, OH 45150-2275. www.uscgaux.org/~08205/.
- Cheverly, MD: US Coast Guard Auxiliary, K3A. 1400Z-2100Z Nov 6. 65th anniversary of USCGA. 28.350 21.340 14.280 7.282. QSL. W. Joe Saunders, K3UAL, 1520 Jutewood Ave, Hyattsville, MD 20785.
- Escondido, CA: US Coast Guard Auxiliary District 11S, N6C. 1600Z-2300Z Nov 6. USCG Auxiliary 65th and Canadian CG Auxiliary 26th anniversaries and ISAR event. 21.350 14.250 14.070 7.250. QSL. Ed Cooper, N6NP, 611 Maze Glen, Escondido, CA 92025.
- Flowery Branch, GA: United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Division 2, District 7, W4B. 1400Z-2200Z Nov 6. Commemorating the 65th anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and the 26th anniversary of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. 21.375 14.275 7.275. QSL. Albert Miles, KG4VIB, 3325 Rangers Gate Dr, Marietta, GA 30062.
- Marco Island, FL: US Coast Guard Auxiliary, District 7, N2K. 1300Z-2100Z Nov 6. USCGAUX 65th anniversary ISAR 2004. 28.325 21.310 14.330 7.250. QSL. Robert B. Witte, PO Box 1814, Marco Island, FL 34146.
- Media, PA: US Coast Guard Auxiliary District 5-NR, K3G. 1300Z-2100Z Nov 6. 65th anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.330 21.330 14.270 7.270. QSL. Daniel F. Amoroso, 196 Dam View Dr, Media, PA 19063.
- Raymond, ME: US Coast Guard Auxiliary D-1NR Radio Raymond, K1G. 0900Z-1600Z Nov 6. 65th anniversary of the

- USCG Auxiliary and the International SAR Competition 2004 (N41). 28.320 21.315 14.310 14.250 7.262 7.250 146.520. Certificate. Keith C. Morton, W1NKH, PO Box 809, Raymond, ME 04071-0809.
- St Thomas, VI: US Coast Guard Auxiliary, N2A. 1300Z-2000Z Nov 6. 65th Anniversary of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. 28.320 21.310 14.260. QSL. Deborah Thomas, PO Box 9280, St Thomas, VI 00801.
 - Baton Rouge, LA: USS Kidd ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. 1500Z-2300Z Nov 11. Veterans Day. General class bands, 14.250 to 14.320; CW QRP subbands. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS Kidd Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.
 - Nutley, NJ: Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Association, N2UL. 1200Z-2200Z Nov 11. CQ Veterans Day. 449.975 28.460 14.260. Certificate. RDGULARA, c/o WA2VJA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716.
 - Marysville, KS: Marshall County Amateur Radio Club, W0GCI. 1400Z Nov 11-0500Z Nov 12. 150th anniversary of Marysville and the 1st KS Territory Post Office. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. Certificate. David Crawford, 905 Pomerory, Blue Rapids, KS 66411. www.qsl.net/w0gcj/event.htm.
 - Albuquerque, NM: Albuquerque Amateur Radio Club, N5VA. 1500Z Nov 11-0300Z Nov 12. Commemorating Veterans Day at VA Hospital. 28.460 21.360 14.260 7.250. QSL. Thomas R. Lea, 1009 Clancy Dr NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112. www.qsl.net/albuquerquearc/index.html.
 - Arlington Heights, IL: Armored Force Amateur Radio Net, KA9NLX. 1800Z Nov 11-2200Z Nov 14. Veterans Day. 21.375 14.325 7.283 7.040. Certificate. John Paskevicz, 1423 North Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. jpaskev@aol.com.
 - Madison, MN: West Central Minnesota Amateur Radio Club, K0D. 1400Z-2200Z Nov 13. Annual Norsefest (Lutefisk) Celebration. 28.450 21.350 14.260 7.260. Certificate. WA0KNP, 221 10th Ave, Madison, MN 56256.
 - Stuart, FL: Martin County Amateur Radio Association, K4ZK. 1300Z-1800Z Nov 13. 30th anniversary of MCARA. 14.253. Certificate. MCARA, PO Box 1901, Stuart, FL 34995.
 - Waterloo, IA: Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club, W0FSB. 1500Z Nov 13-2200Z Nov 13. Anniversary of the loss of USS Juneau and the 5 brothers. 146.340 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Five Sullivan Brothers ARC, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703.
 - San Antonio, TX: San Antonio Radio Club, W5SC. 0000Z Nov 13-0600Z Nov 14. Coral-Gold: San Antonio Radio Club's 85th anniversary. 28.360 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL. Steve Cerwin, 1619 CR 270, Mico, TX 78056. www.w5sc.org.
 - Little Rock, AR: Arkansas Section, ARRL, CAREN, ARES Club, W5C. 1500Z Nov 13-2200Z Nov 14. William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library dedication. 21.360 14.260 14.040 7.250. Certificate. Dennis Schaefer, 181 Schaefer Dr, Dover, AR 72837. <http://www.arkansashams.org/>.
 - Hackensack, NJ: WW2 Submarine USS Ling, NX2ND. 1300Z-2100Z Nov 14. 4th anniversary of NX2ND/USS Ling. 21.380 14.280 14.055 7.040. Certificate. Bill Stagg, KC2BLN, 38 Rutgers Dr, Oakland, NJ 07436. www.10-70.org.
 - Paulden, AZ: Yavapai Amateur Radio Club, K7NRA. 1500Z-2400Z Nov 17. From Gunsite Academy to celebrate NRA's 133rd birthday. 28.440 21.340 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Mike Campbell, K7NRA, 404 Lampliter Village, Clarkdale, AZ 86324. www.w7yrc.org/specevent.htm.
 - Joplin, MO: Joplin Amateur Radio Club, W0IN. 1900Z-2300Z Nov 20. Letha Dangerfield, W0OUD, Commemorative Special Event Station from the Joplin Association for the Blind. SSB: 14.260 CW 15 40 m. QSL. Joplin Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 2983, Joplin, MO 64803. www.joplin-arc.org.
 - The Villages, FL: The Villages Amateur Radio Club, K4VRC. 1600Z-2100Z Nov 27. Celebrating the Club's Ninth Anniversary. 14.260 7.030 147.030(+) Gen bands. Certificate. Don Edlund, 9616 SE 168 Elderberry Pl, The Villages, FL 32162.
 - Various, USA: 10-10 International, W6OI. 0000Z Nov 27-2400Z Nov 28. Celebrating four decades and just under 75000 members in all 10 call areas. 28.340-28.400. QSL. Jack Moore, K5CC, 371 Ridge Creek Ln, Bulverde, TX 78163. Certificate for working all areas. www.10-10.org.
 - Plymouth, MA: Whitman Amateur Radio Club, WA1NPO. 1400Z Nov 27-2000Z Nov 28. The first Pilgrim landing in Plymouth, MA. 28.360 14.280 7.250 3.890. Certificate. Bruce Hayden, NI1X, 1000 Locust St, Raynham, MA 02767.