



The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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President's Message

With the temperatures beginning to drop up north, I expect we'll be seeing more of our transient friends at the EARS meetings. Martin-N4FA has already lined up a fancy banquet for our

Christmas Dinner, so please let him know if you plan to attend. Vic-K4VHX has done some work to restore a trailer that was donated to EARS and would like the membership to either reimburse him for his expenses or sell the trailer; however, this issue was tabled so we can give it more thought and get more input from other members. Also, EARS decided rather than attempting to get an interest bearing checking account, \$2,500.00 will be invested in a CD for a better return.

Dee Turner, N4GD, our section manager, paid us a visit at the last meeting to update us on ARES, to inform us of a NOAA program offering public alert radios for schools, and to answer any questions on the new FCC Omnibus changes. Plus, he invited us to the Tampa Hamfest on December 2-3 with \$6 advance tickets instead of the \$8 tickets at the door. We had some discussion concerning our own hamfest and welcomed the North Port organization to the team effort this year.

Keeping in the spirit of the service aspect of ham radio, a number of hams volunteered to provide communications at the Optimist Club's Boca Bop triathlon on November 5, but if any additional hams would like to help please give me a call or send an e-mail to matthew@mhenry.com.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



EARS Meeting Minutes September 21, 2006

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Matthew Henry-KE4VEM followed by the pledge of allegiance. There were 21 members and two guest present. New member KI4REI was introduced.

September Meeting Minutes: On Motion the September meeting minutes were approved as published in the EARS Newsletter.



Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Vic-K4VHX reported \$4,471.99 in the EARS bank account. A discussion followed concerning the amount of money in the treasury. ON MOTION, \$2,500.00 of the Club's treasury fund will be invested in a Certificate of Deposit. The treasurer was instructed to investigate interest rate. Vic reported one check for the fairgrounds remains outstanding.

Correspondence: The only correspondence presented from the Florida Repeater Council, Inc., presented by Matt-KE4VEM.

Committee Reports

Sunshine Committee: Nothing reported

RACES: Mel-W9BSM was absent so there was no RACES report. Matt-KE4VEM however, did present the most recent schedule for ARES/RACES for West County Emergency Communications: 10/25: 146.745 at 8 PM, 10/26:146.865 at Tringali

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EARS Meeting

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30PM. Meeting location is the ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 700 E. Dearborn St. (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.



Center at 9:30 AM, Simplex discussion on 10/27: 146.580 at 7:30 PM. (See newsletter "Local Happenings") Keith-KC4AS commented on the Melbourne Hamfest and the new communications motorhome a combination of four clubs have acquired from Federal grants.

Publicity: Nothing to Report

Testing: Martin-N4FA reported testing is going well and have two new licensees and six upgrades.

DX: WA2PRC gave the DX report. ZL8, XF4DL, and VU7 are rare and available for those who chase DX.

Hamfest: The Hamfest this year will include three clubs; North Port, Peace River, And Ears with Peace River and North Port sharing one half of the profit/loss, and EARS receiving the other one half.

Discussions

Lighthouse Weekend was discussed noting next year the lighthouse will be open for business during the event, which should increase traffic.

Boca Bop was discussed and member participation was solicited.

ARRL New Rules: There was discussion about the new rules adopted by the FCC for amateur radio

band segments.

The Tampa Bay Hamfest will be December 7, 2006.

Old Business

- **Christmas Party**

There was discussion about the upcoming Christmas Party At Boca Royale Country Club. Martin-N4FA needs the money as soon as possible from those attending.

- **Club Trailer**

Vic-K4VHX raised the issue of the EARS trailer. He gave two possible options for discussion; reimbursement for the work he had done on the trailer and let him keep the trailer to use or recover his expenses. Discussion followed. ON MOTION, the trailer discussion will be tabled until more members are present.

- **Lemon Bay Radio Club**

The issue of a radio club at Lemon Bay High school appears to be moot since the potential faculty sponsor is too busy and the principal student appears to be now living in Deep Creek no longer attending Lemon Bay.

New Business

Adjournment: President Matthew-KE4VEM adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted
KB2NZ, Secretary

Note From Martin-N4FA

See the EARS newsletter "Local Two Meter Nets" for the new weekly two meter simplex net schedule and the "Local Happenings" for the TARC new weekly breakfast location.

Tampa Bay Hamfest Tickets - Vic-K4VHX

WCF Section Manager, D ee Turner-N4GD, was a guest at our October general meeting, at which time he left 25 tickets for the December 2nd, 3rd Tampa Bay Hamfest with our Treasurer, Vic Emmelkamp - K4VHX. These advance sale tickets cost \$6.00 each and are good for both days. Let me know if you're interested in buying a ticket to attend the biggest hamfest anywhere in this area.

Ears Directory Update

New Member: John (Jack) Shoenthaler, KI4REI
Wife: Amy, 13292 Bucket Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33981, (941)698-9481, sailmontserrat@yahoo.com

Email Address Change: Jim Hanushek-N4JBZ from jimbo@ewol.com to jim@hanushek.com.

Ann Hanushek ann@hanushek.com

Address Change: Konrad Owens, WA3RRS
480 Pine Lily Way, Venice, FL 34293
(941)492-9097, e-mail: kdowens39@hotmail.com

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

No needs listed this month.

Contact the editor to add your equipment

- Local Happenings -

VE Exam Sessions: The exams are given at 9:30 AM the 2nd 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, 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 Chapter 53 Meeting: 11:30 AM, 1st Wednesday of each month at Denny's on Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota, October through May, and the Panda Pavilion in Venice June through September.

Snowbird Net: Net is twice daily; first on 14.278 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.225 MHz at 7:00PM.

Connecticut Connection Net: Net is twice daily at 8:00 AM on 14.340 MHz and at 7:30PM on 7.225 MHz immediately after the Snowbird net.

Weekly Area Amateur Breakfasts:

- Tuesday, 7AM at Denny's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8AM at Valentine's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8AM, at Peach's in Venice .
- Friday, 8AM at Denny's, 1681 US 41 Bypass, Venice.

Local Repeaters

EARS	146.700	- MHz	77Hz
EARS	146.865	-	
EARS	146.775	-	77Hz
NPARC	147.120	+	136.5Hz
NPARC	442.100		136.5Hz
PRRA	147.255	+	
SERC	145.130	-	
SERC	146.730	-	100Hz
CARS	146.745	-	
SARA	146.910	-	
WCF	145.430	-	100Hz
TARC	146.805	-	100Hz
ENG	444.625		77Hz

Local Two Meter Nets

EARS	Simplex146.580	Wednesday	7:30pm
NPARC	147.120+	Tuesday	8:00pm
CARS	146.745-	Daily	8:30am
TARC	Simplex 146.580	Tuesday	7:30pm
TARC	146.805-	Thursday	7:30pm

Editor's Note:

We are looking for articles to post in the EARS newsletters. Any member who would like to contribute an article please contact Dennis-K4NF at k4nf@arrl.net

Members who would like to give a program or have

suggestions for a program should contact one of the club officers. We would like your input.

NEW LAW FORMALLY MAKES AMATEUR RADIO PART OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COMMUNITY

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A section of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2007 Appropriations Act, HR 5441 <<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:h.r.05441:>>, formally includes Amateur Radio operators as a part of the emergency communications community. Congress approved the measure before adjourning for its pre-election break. President George W. Bush signed the bill into law October 4.

Amateur Radio is included within the legislation's Subtitle D, Section 671, known as the "21st Century Emergency Communications Act." Radio amateurs are among the entities with which a Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECC Working Group) must coordinate its activities. Included within the DHS's Office of Emergency Communications -- which the measure also creates -- RECC Working Groups attached to each regional DHS office will advise federal and state homeland security officials. The final version of the legislation incorporated language from both House and Senate bills and was hammered out in a conference committee.

An earlier version of the 21st Century Emergency Communications Act, HR 5852, included Amateur Radio operators as members of the RECC Working Groups.

In addition to Amateur Radio operators, RECC Working Groups also will coordinate with communications equipment manufacturers and vendors -- including broadband data service providers, local exchange carriers, local broadcast media, wireless carriers, satellite communications services, cable operators, hospitals, public utility services, emergency evacuation transit services,

ambulance services, and representatives from other private sector entities and nongovernmental organizations.

The RECC Working Groups will assess the survivability, sustainability and interoperability of local emergency communication systems to meet the goals of the National Emergency Communications Report. That report would recommend how the US could "accelerate the deployment of interoperable emergency communications nationwide." They also will coordinate the establishment of "effective multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency emergency communications networks" that could be brought into play in an emergency or disaster.

In light of the new legislation, the ARRL plans to follow up to determine how it can interact with the DHS and its Office of Emergency Communications.

October Florida Hamfests

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

- ◆ 4 Nov 2006 Lake ARA, Eustis Senior Center, 301 West Ward Avenue, <http://www.k4fc.org>, Talk-In: 147.255 (PL 103.5), Contact: David Nachbaur, KR4OW, 26722 Pelican Street, Eustis, FL 32736, Phone: 352-357-3485, Email: kr4ow@arrl.net, Eustis, FL
- ◆ 4 Nov 2006 Titusville Hamfest, North Brevard ARC, Titusville, FL, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 109, 4 3 5 S i n g l e t o n A v e n u e , <http://www.northbrevardradioclub.org>, Talk-In: 145.490 (PL 100.0), Contact: Bob Jones, N6USP, c/o NBARC, PO Box 1033, Mims, FL 32754, Phone: 321-264-2622, Email: n6usp@gnc.net
- ◆ 18 Nov 2006 Free Flea, Flamingo Net & University of Miami ARCs, Coral Gables, FL, University of Miami Physics Parking Lot, 5001 San Amaro, <http://www.FlamingoNet.8m.net>, Talk-In: 146.865 (PL 103.5), Contact: Bill Moore, WA4TEJ, 73 Palm Avenue Miami Beach, FL 33139, Phone: 305-264-4465, Email: wa4tej@juno.com
- ◆ 25 Nov 2006 Okeechobee ARC, Okeechobee, FL, Okeechobee County Civic Center, 1750 Highway 98 North, <http://www.flweather.com/oarc/hamfest/>, Talk-In: 147.09+ (PL 100 Hz), Contact: Tom Smith, KK4TA, 625 NE 72nd Circle North, Okeechobee, FL 34972, Phone: 863-357-0384, Fax: 863-462-5215, Email: kk4ta@adelphia.net

October Special Events

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

- ◆ Nov 2-Nov 6, 1700Z-1700Z, Whitefish Point, MI. Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society, K8F and N8F. Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. Certificate. Richard Barker, 264 N East St, Brighton, MI 48116. www.qsl.net/w8njh
- ◆ Nov 3-Nov 5, 1430Z-2000Z, Split Rock, MN. Stillwater Amateur Radio Association, WØJH. Anniversary of the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald, from Split Rock Lighthouse (ARLHS USA 783). 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. Certificate. Shel Mann, NØDRX, 1618 W Pine St, Stillwater, MN 55082. www.radioham.org
- ◆ Nov 3-Nov 12, Knokke-Heist, Belgium. UBA Section ONZ, ON25CLM. Canadian Liberation March/Canadian Week. SSB and CW 80 40 20 17 15 10 2 m bands. OO4CLM Special Event, Postbox 1006, B-8300 Knokke-Heist, Belgium. www.on4clm.be
- ◆ Nov 4-Nov 5, 1500Z-2000Z, Melbourne, FL. Titusville Amateur Radio Club, W4V. Operation StandUp, helping returning veterans of all conflicts. 28.333 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. W4V, c/o Robert Osband, N4SCY, PO Box 6841, Titusville, FL 32782. operationstandup.org/w4v
- ◆ Nov 4-Nov 5, 1600Z-0300Z, Detroit, MI. Livonia Amateur Radio Club, W8F. Dossin Museum, commemorating the loss of the Edmund Fitzgerald. 21.372 14.272 7.272 145.72. Certificate. Livonia Amateur Radio Club/Special Event, PO Box 51532, Livonia, MI 48151-5532. www.larc.mi.org/
- ◆ Nov 5, 1400Z-2100Z, Rocky Point, NY. Radio Central Amateur Radio Club, W2RC. Radio Central 85th anniversary of the first transatlantic wireless transmission from RCA's Radio Central transmitter site. 14.270 14.050 7.270 7.050. Certificate. Radio Central ARC, PO Box 396, Centereach, NY 11720. www.rcarc.org
- ◆ Nov 9-Nov 12, 1600Z-2000Z, Arlington Heights, IL. Armored Force Amateur Radio Net, KA9NLX. Veteran's Day SE honoring all veterans. 14.325 7.283 7.035 3.985. Certificate. John Paskevicz, 1423 North Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. AFAR members will operate from different parts of the country on all amateur HF frequencies and 2 meters
- ◆ November 10-13, 1300-2100Z, Hampton, VA. US Army Amateur Radio Society, W4V. Veterans' Day observance from Fort Monroe, VA. 14.248 7.248 SSB. Certificate and special QSL card. US Army Amateur Radio Society, 244 Beauregard Heights, Hampton, VA 23669. www.usaars.com
- ◆ Nov 11, 1200Z-2400Z, Nutley, NJ. Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Association, N2UL. CQ Veterans Day, Labor remembers our heroes. 28.420 14.260. Certificate. RDGULARA, c/o WA2VJA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716. www.rdgulara.org
- ◆ Nov 11, 1300Z-1900Z, Brownsville, TX. Charro Amateur Radio Club, W5CRC. Return of the Snow Bird to South Texas. 28.335 21.335 14.335. QSL. Bob Austin, K5VC, 107 W Park Dr, Brownsville, TX 78520. www.qsl.net/w5crc
- ◆ Nov 11, 1430Z-2039Z, Grand Rapids, MI. Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance, W8USA. Veteran's Day. 14.250 7.250 14.070 7.040. QSL. W8USA, PO Box 670, Comstock Park, MI 49321. www.w8usa.org
- ◆ Nov 11, 1500Z-2230Z, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge Amateur Radio Club, W5KID. Veteran's Day. CW 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040 SSB 14.250 to 24.320. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS Kidd Museum, 305 South River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm
- ◆ Nov 11, 1500Z-2200Z, Waterloo, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club, WØFSB. Veterans' Day and the 64th Anniversary of the loss of the Five Sullivans. 50.140 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate and QSL. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703
- ◆ Nov 17-Nov 19, 1400Z-2200Z, Calhoun, GA. Cherokee Capital Amateur Radio Society, K4C. Celebrating the 10th anniversary as a club. 14.270 7.270 14.060 7.040. Certificate. Felton Floyd, 1054 Mountain Loop Rd NW, Sugar Valley, GA 30746. www.qsl.net/k4woc
- ◆ Nov 18, 1400Z-2000Z, Guthrie, OK. Edmond Amateur Radio Society, K5EOK. Oklahoma Statehood Day from original State Capitol Building. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. Certificate. EARS, PO Box 48, Edmond, OK 73083. www.k5eok.org
- ◆ Nov 18, 1400Z-2359Z, Smithsburg, MD. Cheese Hollow ARS, W3HAM. 10th anniversary of W3HAM as a club call. 14.270 7.230 7.061 3.920. Certificate. CHARs, 22613 Stevenson Rd, Smithsburg, MD 21783. www.w3cwc.org
- ◆ Nov 24, 1400Z-2000Z, Provincetown, MA. Steamship Portland Amateur Radio Association, W1P. 108th anniversary of sinking of SS Portland off Cape Cod. 144.565 18.130 14.260 7.260. QSL. Henry Brown, K1WCC, 19 Sao Paulo Dr, E Falmouth, MA 02536
- ◆ Nov 24, 1400Z-2000Z, Watkinsville, GA. Oconee County Amateur Radio Society, W4EEE. Watkinsville Bicentennial Historic Eagle Tavern. 14.265 7.265 3.986 147.000. Certificate. Mike Lamb, 1050 Jacob Dr, Watkinsville, GA 30677
- ◆ Nov 25-Nov 26, 0000Z-2400Z, All USA Call Area. 10-10 International Club Station, W6OI. Celebrating 44 years and 75,000 members. 28.340 to 28.400 PSK 28.120. Certificate. Jack Moore, K5CC, 371 Ridge Creek Ln, Bulverde, TX 78163. www.10-10.org
- ◆ Nov 25-Nov 26, 1500Z-2000Z daily, The Villages, FL. The Villages Amateur Radio Club, K4VRC. Eleventh anniversary of the club, from Sumter Landing Square. 14.310 7.250 3.940 146.925. Certificate. Ed Crowell, 1570 St James Cir, The Villages, FL. 32162. www.synh.com/tvarc

WA7BNM October Contest Calendar

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

- ◆ PSK63 Sprint 2000Z-2200Z, Nov 3
- ◆ IPARC Contest, CW 0600Z-1000Z, Nov 4 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 4
- ◆ Ukrainian DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 4 to 1200Z, Nov 5
- ◆ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 4 to 0300Z, Nov 6
- ◆ 6NA Collegiate ARC Championship, CW 2100Z, Nov 4 to 0300Z, Nov 6
- ◆ PARC Contest, SSB 0600Z-1000Z, Nov 5 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 5
- ◆ High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z-1100Z, Nov 5 and 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 5
- ◆ DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Nov 5
- ◆ ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Nov 7
- ◆ WAE DX Contest, RTTY 0000Z, Nov 11 to 2359Z, Nov 12
- ◆ ARRL EME Contest 50-1296 MHz - Part 3 0000Z, Nov 11 to 2359Z, Nov 12
- ◆ JIDX Phone Contest 0700Z, Nov 11 to 1300Z, Nov 12
- ◆ OK/OM DX Contest, CW 1200Z, Nov 11 to 1200Z, Nov 12
- ◆ Kentucky QSO Party 1400Z, Nov 11 to 0600Z, Nov 12
- ◆ CQ-WE Contest 1900Z, Nov 11 to 0500Z, Nov 13
- ◆ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Nov 16
- ◆ YO International PSK31 Contest 1600Z-2200Z, Nov 17
- ◆ SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Nov 18 to 1000Z, Nov 19
- ◆ LZ DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 18 to 1200Z, Nov 19
- ◆ EUCW Fraternizing CW QSO Party 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 18 (20m) and 1800Z-2000Z, Nov 18 (40m) and 0700Z-0900Z, Nov 19 (40m) and 1000Z-1200Z, Nov 19 (20m)
- ◆ All Austrian 160-Meter Contest 1600Z, Nov 18 to 0700Z, Nov 19
- ◆ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2100Z, Nov 18 to 0300Z, Nov 20
- ◆ RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 18 to 0100Z, Nov 19
- ◆ NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB 2100Z, Nov 18 to 0300Z, Nov 20
- ◆ EU PSK63 QSO Party 0000Z-2400Z, Nov 19
- ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Nov 20
- ◆ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Nov 25 to 2400Z, Nov 26
- ◆ ARCI Topband Sprint 0000Z-0600Z, Nov 30