



The WA4IWL Newsletter



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Hello everyone.

Spring is here; I think. It has been a busy month. Our Hamfest went very well and a good time was had by all. The weather was beautiful and the attendance was excellent. After all was said and done we added \$1,500.00 to our treasury. Thank you to all our volunteers and Vic Emmelcamp our Hamfest chairman. We should all remember to thank our friends from the Peace River club. Without them this Hamfest would not have been what it was and they did take the lead role in this year's activity.

Several license tests were taken during the festivities. The ones I know the results of and congratulations go out to; Pam Eggleton KG4EDF in now a general class licensee and Hugh Meyers is now a technician with call KG4ZDX.

The Gulf Coast Humane Society held their annual Furry Skurry in Venice the last Saturday in March. If you like pets, especially dogs, they were there in all shapes and sizes. Vic-K4VHX and Bill-W1AMU helped me represent the club at this event at a club table and with radio assistance as required.

It is with deep sorrow that I must report John-W1JF became a silent key the last week in March. At the request of his family he did not have a public funeral. John was an active member and a great friend.

I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting April 18th. Enjoy our spring weather.

73 Keith WL7CKY

March 21 Meeting Minutes

- ▶ **Call To Order** - President Keith-WL7CKY called the meeting to order promptly at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Guests introduced were Hugh Myers and his wife Bobbie. Hugh passed his Tech exam at the Charlotte County Hamfest and is anxious to receive his license. Frank-W8OK introduced his wife Carolyn. President Keith welcomed the visitors and then asked for introductions around the room.
- ▶ **Secretary's Report** - Free-W1NPR made a motion that the minutes of the February meeting be accepted as printed in the news letter, Seconded by Ted-KB8UXK and carried.

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

April: Jerry-K4JWE, Keith-WL7CKY, June: Field Day Discussion, July: Pam-KG4EDF

August: Vic-K4VHX, September: Ted-KB8UXK, October: Freeman-W1NPR, November: George-KA4JKY

This month's program is a Coast Guard Auxiliary presentation by Gerry-K4JWE on Environmental Pollution Awareness.

Gerry encourages Members to have their spouses attend for this presentation.

Treasurer's Report - Bruce-K2OY gave the Treasurer's report which included deposits of \$532.00 from the hamfest club table sales and \$108.50 from dues for a balance of \$4,637.49. A motion to accept the report by Gene-KA1GCU, seconded by Bill-W2OJ and carried.

Committee Reports

Sunshine - Gene-KA1GCU reported that Charlie Fox-KD4YHZ passed away March 19. Charlie was a graduate of our training classes and a loyal member of EARS.

RACES - Frank-W4VV reported the RACES monthly drill will be next Thursday, March 27 at 9 a.m. at the San Casa EOC. The RACES annual meeting will be April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners meeting room at Murdock. Frank also reported on up coming changes for the EOC. The RACES radio installation will be moved out of the present San Casa location into temporary quarters at the Tringali Center. The schedule is not yet firm, but it is expected to be in the next few months. Permanent RACES quarters are planned in a new building at the San Casa site.

Publicity - Gerry-K4JWE reported our hamfest had some newspaper publicity.

Testing - No testing is planned in March.

Training - Ken-W4JQT reported that a Tech license class is in progress at the Elsie Quirk Library with 8 students.

DX - Bruce-K2OY gave the DX report. He said the A and K indices are indicating poor DX conditions. There has been activity on Ducie Island recently. Frank-W8OK mentioned he has 376 countries confirmed. He says he started a long time ago.

Hamfest - Vic-K4VHX reported on the Charlotte County hamfest. He thanked all the volunteers who helped. The attendance was good, ticket sales were good, the food was good, but table sales were disappointing. A wrap up meeting is scheduled for March 26. A final report will be available after the meeting. The EARS table sales amounted to \$532.00.

Announcements

The Furrie Scurrie is scheduled for March 29 in Venice. They need three operators for the morning shift, starting around 8 am. Vic-K4VHX and Keith-WL7CKY volunteered.

Pam-KG4EDE passed her General Class exam at the hamfest session. Congratulations Pam!

There will be an officers board meeting to draw up a 2003 budget prior to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. to break for refreshments and set up for the program. There were 25 members and 4 visitors present.

Program

Free-W1NPR presented a six minute ARRL video of Walter Cronkite giving his very positive views of amateur radio. Walter is KB2GSD.

An excellent program was presented by Frank-W8OK with comments and slides on the Elecraft K2 QRP Transceiver kit. Frank spoke very highly of the transceiver performance, especially on CW and the overall quality of the unit. Frank had a completed kit for display.

Ken Anderson, W4JQT
Secretary, Pro Tem

Internet Sites to Explore

Do you have any Internet sites which might be of interest to our members? Please forward them to the newsletter editor to include here.

Weekly Ham Operator Breakfasts

"Come and acquaint yourself with other hams!"

Each week on Tuesday mornings area ham operators gather at two restaurants here in Englewood. The first to meet are the ones that "rise and shine" early for breakfast at Tiffany's when they open at 7 a.m. Tiffany's restaurant is in Tiffany Square at the intersection of San Casa and SR 776.

The second group of Hams to meet are the ones who like to sleep in a little later and they meet at the Country Hound around 8 a.m. The Country Hound restaurant is in the Palm Plaza shopping center at the Intersection of SR 776 & 775 (Placida Road). They also meet at Mel's diner in Venice on Friday's at 8 a.m.

EARS 2003 Directory Updates

Please make the following changes to the directory:

- ▶ Table of contents page,
 1. Correct second line reading, "Members By Call" to, "Members By Name."
 2. Correct President Keith's call to "WL7CKY."
Add "KL0LV" to Trustee Gay Herve.
 3. Correct Treasure Bruce-K2OY's phone number to 468-3859.
- ▶ Members By Call Page 1:
Correct Treasure Bruce-K2OY's phone number to 468-3859.
- ▶ Members By Name Page 8
To 215 Rio Vista Dr. Add: #3489

- ▶ Recent Email address changes:
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8 A.M. Breakfast March 2003
Pictures by Dennis-K4NF
(Present but not in the picture)

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want-To-Buy

WTB: 2m handheld and/or mobile transceiver less than five years old.

Pam-KG4EDF blackbird@ewol.com or 475-9727

Florida QSO Party (FQP) 2,003

April 26th and 27th

Reference: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/months/apr.html>

Florida QSO Party--sponsored by the Florida Contest Group from 1600Z Apr 26-0159Z Apr 27 and 1200Z-2159Z April 27, no time limit, work FL stations. Frequencies (MHz): CW--35 kHz from band edges (Novices/Technicians--10 kHz from segment edge), Phone--7.260, 14.260, 21.335 and 28.485, (no 160 or 80 meters, VHF/UHF or WARC bands).

Categories: SO, MS, MM (one signal per band), Mobile, Novice/Technician, School Club, SWL all categories can enter as HP/LP(150 W) / QRP (5 W) and Mixed Mode/CW/SSB (except MM and SWL).

Exchange: RST and FL county or SPC. QSO Points: CW--2 pts., SSB--1 pt. Score: FL stations--QSO points x SPC (W/VE/KH6/KL7 do not count as DXCC entities) x power multiplier; non-FL stations--QSO points x FL counties x power multiplier. All multipliers count once per mode. Power multiplier--HP x1, LP x2, QRP x3.

For more information--<http://www.qsl.net/fqp>. Logs due May 27 to FLQSOParty@aol.com as ASCII text or in Cabrillo format or to Florida QSO Party, c/o Ron Wetjen, WD4AHZ, 5362 Castleman Dr, Sarasota, FL 34232.

The FQP can serve as a springboard to interest Hams in operating on HF!

Got questions? - contact: Jim White, K4OJ, Florida Contest Group - proud sponsors of The Florida QSO Party

Florida Hamfests April & May

19 Apr 2003 Tampa ARC, <http://www.hamclub.org>, Contact: Biff Craine, K4LAW, 13515 Greenleaf Drive, Tampa, FL 33613, Phone: 813-265-4812 Email: k4law@arrl.net

26 Apr 2003 Gainesville ARS, <http://www.gars.net/hamfest>, Contact: Patricia Callaway, K4HFJ 3515 NW 50th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605, Phone: 352-378-0512, Email: k4hfj@arrl.net

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