



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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## EARS

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## President's Message

The EARS has a great Executive Committee!! We are the only amateur radio club in the area that has not had a major conflict within the Executive Committee or general membership. Other clubs have experienced cheating, backstabbing, outright lying and fisticuffs. We meet, we discuss, we decide, we act. This is done with the full knowledge and consent of the general membership, as applicable.

These conflicts have led to both membership resignations and Executive Committee resignations at these clubs. The EARS is steadily growing and initiating new programs to strengthen the position of Amateur Radio in our communities. My fellow Executive Committee members are doing one heck of a job. We are not sitting on our laurels and our club is steadily moving forward. THANKS TO ALL!!

We have five highly qualified applicants for this year's EARS Scholarship at Lemon Bay High School. I am reviewing these applications and ranking them in terms of several criteria. I need a couple of members to review the applications and give me their opinions before the April 12th deadline for submission. Please call me ASAP if you are willing to do this. I do not want this to be a one man effort.

We also need a Field Day Committee Chairman. In years past everything just fell into place and it worked fine. This year I would like to have a chairman to coordinate and integrate the effort. Please call me if you are willing to do this task. We must start now, as June is not that far away. As in the past, Frank-W4VV is our chief cook and bottle washer for the picnic.

Respectfully,  
Martin, N4FA

## Meeting Minutes – March 17, 2005

**Call to Order:** President Martin-N4FA called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the pledge of allegiance.

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

## Committee Reports

**Sunshine:** Get well cards were sent to Ken Anderson and Marcia Fowler.

**RACES:** A report by Mel-W9BSM was given. Check the newsletter – Local Happenings – for RACES information and net events. All were asked to attend or check in from home.

**Publicity:** The EARS meeting announcement is in the local newspaper.

**Testing:** No testing reports. Check the newsletter – Local Happenings – for Testing information.

**DX:** JR-K9HUY reported TO7C was on all bands from French Guiana. FT5WJ on from Crozet Island, and FT5X from Kerguelen will be on by Saturday March 19.

**Treasury Report:** Vic-K4VHX reported on the club treasury condition. ON MOTION, the Treasurer's report was approved

**Correspondence:** A letter of response from Lemon Bay High School concerning the EARS student grant was presented.

**Hamfest:** Vi-K4VHX reported the Hamfest was a success and a full report will be given later.

### Old Business

No old business was presented

### New Business

EARS name plates were handed out to new members.

### General Discussion

Bill L.?? is in a Venice hospice.

Ken Anderson is up and around and doing OK.

Duane Whittinham-N9SNN, a visitor, gave a report on the North Carolina Hurricane.

Peter-N4RD gave a report on organizing South Sarasota County for emergency operation.

### Adjournment

There being no further business, ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned.

After a coffee break a video on the 1992 South Sandwich Island DXpedition was shown.

Tom Hawes, WA3PRC

Acting Secretary

### – 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

Please make the follow changes to the 2005 Directory:

- Bruce Robideau-K2OY's telephone number is now 960-3652.
- Michael Daly-KC2KBR's street address is now 99 Wentworth Street.

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

#### For Sale:

Cushcraft-2 meter yagi, 24 foot boom, 19 elements, \$125.00. Contact JR House-K9HUY, 475-3005

**Icom** 756 Pro, 160 through six meter transceiver, \$1,100 OBO. Contact Dennis Babcock-K4NF, 468-4131.

Contact the editor to add your equipment needs.

### Internet Sites to Explore

<http://tamiamiarc.tripod.com/> Tamiami ARC website

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

### April Hamfests

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

- 16 Apr 2005 Free Tailgate Swapfest, Flamingo / U of Miami ARC, Coral Gables, FL, University of Miami Physics Parking Lot, <http://www.FlamingoNet.8m.Net>, Talk-In: 146.865 -600 (PL 103.5), Contact: Bill Moore, WA4TEJ, 73 Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139, Phone: 305-264-4465, Email: [w4tej@juno.com](mailto:w4tej@juno.com)
- 16 Apr 2005 TARCFest XIII, Tampa ARC, Tampa, FL <http://www.hamclub.org>, Contact: BiffCraine, K4LAW, 13515 Greenleaf Drive, Tampa, FL 33613, Phone: 813-265-4812, Email: [k4law@arrrl.net](mailto:k4law@arrrl.net)
- 23-24 Apr 2005 2005 Gainesville, FL Poorman's Hamfest & Computer Show, Gainesville Amateur Radio Society, <http://www.gars.net/hamfest>, Talk-In: 146.820 (PL 123.0), Contact: Ray Forrester, W4YTC, GARS, PO Box 140383, Gainesville, FL 32614, Phone: 352-371-0654, Fax: 386-454-1411, Email: [hamfest@gars.us](mailto:hamfest@gars.us)

### April Special Events

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

- Santa Ana, CA: Anaheim Police Amateur Radio Club, K6O.

- 0000Z Apr 1-2400Z Apr 15. 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Okinawa in WW2. 28.450 21.350 18.150 14.250. QSL. Mark McMullin, KM6HB, PO Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799.
- Gig Harbor, WA: Peninsula Amateur Radio Emergency Team, KA7EOC. 1600Z-2300Z Apr 2. Gig Harbor Health and Safety Expo. 14.270. Certificate. Mark Yordy, W7BBO, 8914 149th St NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98329.
  - St Joseph, MO: Missouri Valley Amateur Radio Club, W0P. 1400Z-2200Z Apr 2. Start of the Pony Express. 28.350 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Missouri Valley Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1533, St Joseph, MO 64502.
  - Tulsa, OK: Tulsa Health Department Amateur Radio Club, K5THD. 0000Z-2400Z Apr 2. Celebrating World Health Day 2005. 28.365 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Dave Cox, Tulsa Health Department Amateur Radio Club, 5051 S 129 E Ave, Tulsa, OK 74134. [www.tulsa-health.org/k5thd](http://www.tulsa-health.org/k5thd)
  - Zebulon, NC: Triangle East ARA, WA4UQC. 1400Z-2000Z Apr 2. Scootworks Open House & ACS Relay for Life. 21.275 14.275 7.275 147.39. Certificate. Dave Hockaday, WB4IUY, 7804 River Dare Ave, Youngsville, NC 27596. [www.TEARA.org](http://www.TEARA.org)
  - Brampton, ON: Peel/Mississauga Amateur Radio Clubs, VE3XR. 1300Z-1600Z Apr 9. Ham-Ex Annual Hamfest. 14.265 7.240. QSL. Via bureau or direct to Jeff Richardson, VA3QSL, 36 Crawley Dr, Brampton, ON, Canada L6T 2S1. [www.peelarc.org](http://www.peelarc.org). Note: US postage cannot be used in Canada.
  - Green Valley, AZ: Green Valley Amateur Radio Club, N7GV. 1500Z-2300Z Apr 9. Community Emergency Awareness in the Best Snowbird Nest in the Southwest. 21.375 14.245 14.050 145.29. Certificate. Gene Schouweiler, W0KAD, 214 N Crocodile Rock Dr, Green Valley, AZ 85614.
  - Indian Orchard, MA: Titanic Historical Society, W1MGY. 1330Z Apr 9-0527Z Apr 15. Commemorating the 93rd anniversary of the Titanic voyage. 14.260 14.033 7.033 3.860. QSL. Titanic Historical Society QSL, PO Box 51053, 208 Main St, Indian Orchard, MA 01151-0053. [www.hcra.org/titanic.htm](http://www.hcra.org/titanic.htm)
  - Trento, Italy: Carabinieri On The Air (C.O.T.A.), I13CC. 0700Z Apr 15-1900Z Apr 17. XVI National Meeting ANC Associazione Nazionale Carabinieri. 28.500 21.280 14.280 7.070. QSL. Orlando Balisciano, IZ8DDG, Via Villa Bisignano, V Traversa no. 21, Napoli, Italy 80147. [www.cota.cc](http://www.cota.cc).
  - Bossier City, LA: Shreveport Amateur Radio Association and 8th Air Force Museum, W5E. 2100Z Apr 15-2300Z Apr 17. 60th anniversary of the last combat mission flown by the 8th Air Force over Germany during WWII. 80-10 m SSB and CW; vintage 80 40 m AM/CW. Certificate. W5E, PO Box 37632, Shreveport, LA 71133. [www.k5sar.com](http://www.k5sar.com)
  - Bethlehem, PA: Delaware-Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, W3OK. 1700Z-1900Z Apr 16. National Library Week. 14.250 7.250 7.105 146.560. QSL. W3OK DLARC, RR 4 Greystone Bldg, Nazareth, PA 18064-9211. [www.dlarc.org](http://www.dlarc.org)
  - Blacksburg, VA: Virginia Tech Amateur Radio Association, K4KDJ. 1200Z-0000Z Apr 16. Tenth anniversary of the Virginia Tech Alumni Net. 21.350 14.260 7.260 3.980. Certificate. Virginia Tech Amateur Radio Association, 347 Squires Student Center, Blacksburg, VA 24060. [www.vtara.org.vt.edu](http://www.vtara.org.vt.edu)
  - St Louis, MO: Jefferson Barracks Amateur Radio Club, K0ZFK. 1600Z-2000Z Apr 16. West Point of the West, Jefferson Barracks. 28.238 14.238 7.238. Certificate. Jefferson Barracks ARC, PO Box 6553, St Louis, MO 63125-6553. [www.jbarc.org](http://www.jbarc.org)
  - Topeka, KS: Local Amateur Radio Operators, N0G. 1400Z-2200Z Apr 16. 150th anniversary of the Kansas National Guard. 28.400 21.400 14.300. Certificate. Steve Hamilton, KB0JYL, 2503 SW Carlson Rd, Topeka, KS 66614
  - Bonham, TX: Fannin County Amateur Radio Club, K5FRC. 1500Z-2200Z Apr 16. Fannin County Emergency Response Fair. 14.270 7.275. QSL. Fannin County Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 684, Bonham, TX 75418
  - Liberal, KS: Southern Plains Amateur Radio Klub, N0L. 1400Z-2200Z Apr 16. 150th anniversary of the Kansas National Guard. 14.280 7.260. Certificate. SPARK, 1925 N Calhoun, Liberal, KS 67901
  - Piscataway, NJ: Piscataway Amateur Radio Club, K2VOA. 1600Z Apr 16-2400Z Apr 17. Former Voice of America relay station WBOU. 21.370 28.370 14.270 7.270. Certificate. Bill Toth, 6 Rivercrest Dr, Piscataway, NJ 08854
  - Broken Arrow, OK: Wayne Rumley Amateur Radio, W5R. 0000Z Apr 22-0000Z Apr 24. 50th anniversary of Rock and Roll. 21.250 14.250 7.250 3.850. QSL. Wayne Rumley II, WA5YNE, 12315 E 61 St, Broken Arrow, OK 74012
  - Asheboro, NC: Randolph Amateur Radio Club, NC4ZO. 1400Z-2000Z Apr 23. Celebrating spring at the North Carolina Zoo in Asheboro. 28.400 21.350 14.260 7.275. Certificate. Butch Simpson, 6747 King Mountain Rd, Asheboro, NC 27205
  - Norman, OK: South Canadian Amateur Radio Society, W5NOR. 1500Z-2100Z Apr 23. Commemorating the Oklahoma Land Run of 1889. 14.315. QSL. SCARS, PO Box 720993, Norman, OK 73070
  - Farmville, NC: Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, W4AMC. 1200-2100Z Apr 23-1200-2100Z Apr 24. 18th Annual Farmville, NC, Dogwood Festival. 14.045 7.275 7.125 3.875. QSL. Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835-7207
  - Gainesville, FL: Gainesville Amateur Radio Society, K4GNV. 1200Z Apr 23-1600Z Apr 24. 50 year anniversary of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society. 28.325 21.325 14.325 7.235. QSL. David Price, PO Box 143215, Gainesville, FL 32614
  - Jacksonville, TX: Cherokee County Amateur Radio Club, K5JVL. 1500Z Apr 23-0500Z Apr 24. 4th Annual Drakes On the Lake. 21.375 14.275 7.275 3.875. Certificate. K5JVL, 840 Henderson St, Jacksonville, TX 75766. [www.k5jvl.org](http://www.k5jvl.org)
  - Johnson County, NE: Lincoln ARC, K0KKV. 1700Z Apr 23-1700Z Apr 25. Activation of rare Nebraska County during the NEQP. CW up 35 kHz from band edge; General portion of SSB bands. QSL. Greg Brown, 10800 W Mill Rd, Malcolm, NE 68402. <http://larc.unl.edu>
  - Wells County, IN: Grant County Amateur Radio Club, W9EBN. 1700Z-2200Z Apr 24. McNatt United Methodist Church Ham Radio Fellowship Event. 14.245 7.228 146.79. Certificate. L. B. Nickerson, K9NQW, 517 N Hendricks Ave, Marion, IN 46952. [www.grantarc.com](http://www.grantarc.com)
  - Beecher, IL: Hams of Beecher, W9B. 1600Z-2300Z Apr 30. Beecher Depot Railroad Convention. 28.340 14.270 14.040

7.270 144.49. Certificate. Gene Backlin, 26811 Greenbriar Dr, Monee, IL 60449.

- Paris, TN: Henry County Radio Society, KE4HC. 1500Z-2359Z Apr 30. Celebrating the 59th Annual World's Biggest Fish Fry. 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Barry Sandefer, 4715 Guthrie Rd, Paris, TN 38242
- Toad Suck, AR: Faulkner County Amateur Radio Club, W5AUU. 1500Z-2200Z Apr 30. Toad Suck Daze Festival. 21.350 14.260 7.260. Certificate. Faulkner County ARC, PO Box 324, Conway, AR 72032. [www.w5auu.org](http://www.w5auu.org)
- Manitowoc, WI: USS Cobia Radio Club/ManCoRad Radio Club, N9BQV. 1400Z Apr 30-2100Z May 1. WWII USS Cobia AGSS-245 sub radio reactivation. 14.243 14.043 7.243 7.043. QSL. Fred Neuenfeldt, W6BSF, 4932 S 10th St, Manitowoc, WI 54220. [www.qsl.net/w9dk](http://www.qsl.net/w9dk)
- Various, International: Sub Vets Amateur Radio Association. 0000Z Apr 30-2400Z May 1. 9th annual Submarines On-the-Air. 2 6 10 15 20 40 80 m SSB and CW. Certificate. Jim Flanders, W0OOG, 1539 California Tr, Plano, TX 75023-4300. Certificate for contacting 4 submarines. [w0oog.50megs.com/](http://w0oog.50megs.com/). (QSLs from individual ships working event.) Bonham, TX: Fannin County Amateur Radio Club, K5FRC. 1500Z-2200Z Apr 16. Fannin County Emergency Response Fair. 14.270 7.275. QSL. Fannin County Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 684, Bonham, TX 75418.

#### **WA7BNM April Contest Calendar**

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

- Kids Roundup 1400Z, Apr 2 to 2200Z, Apr 3
- SP DX Contest 1500Z, Apr 2 to 1500Z, Apr 3
- EA RTTY Contest 1600Z, Apr 2 to 1600Z, Apr 3
- Missouri QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 2 to 0500Z, Apr 3 and 1800Z-2400Z, Apr 3
- QCWA Spring QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 2 to 1800Z, Apr 3
- Montana QSO Party 2300Z, Apr 2 to 2300Z, Apr 3
- RSGB RoPoCo 0700Z-0900Z, Apr 3
- 144 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 4
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 2000Z-2130Z, Apr 4
- ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Apr 5

- YLRL DX-YL to NA-YL Contest, CW 1400Z, Apr 6 to 0200Z, Apr 8
- SARL 80m QSO Party 1700Z-2000Z, Apr 7
- JIDX CW Contest 0700Z, Apr 9 to 1300Z, Apr 10
- ARCI Spring QSO Party 1200Z, Apr 9 to 2400Z, Apr 10
- EU Spring Sprint, SSB 1500Z-1859Z, Apr 9
- Georgia QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 9 to 0359Z, Apr 10 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 10
- Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 9 to 2100Z, Apr 10
- UBA Spring Contest, SSB 0600Z-1000Z, Apr 10
- SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated Emerg Contest 1200Z-1400Z, Apr 10
- 222 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 12
- YLRL DX-YL to NA-YL Contest, SSB 1400Z, Apr 13 to 0200Z, Apr 15
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Apr 13
- Holyland DX Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Apr 16
- TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Apr 16
- ES Open HF Championship 0500Z-0859Z, Apr 16
- EU Spring Sprint, CW 1500Z-1859Z, Apr 16
- Michigan QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 16 to 0400Z, Apr 17
- Ontario QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 16 to 1800Z, Apr 17
- YU DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 16 to 0500Z, Apr 17 and 0900Z-1700Z, Apr 17
- NAQCC Weeknight 40/80-Meter Sprint 0030Z-0430Z, Apr 20
- 432 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 20
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 2000Z-2130Z, Apr 21
- DX Colombia International Contest 0000Z, Apr 23 to 2400Z, Apr 24
- SP DX RTTY Contest 1200Z, Apr 23 to 1200Z, Apr 24
- Helvetia Contest 1300Z, Apr 23 to 1300Z, Apr 24
- Florida QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 23 to 0159Z, Apr 24 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 24
- Nebraska QSO Party 1700Z, Apr 23 to 1700Z, Apr 24
- EUCW/FISTS QRS Party 0001Z, Apr 24 to 2359Z, Apr 30
- SBMS 2 GHz and Up WW Club Contest 0600 local, Apr 30 to 2400 local, May 1