



The WA4IWL Newsletter



President's Message

Spring is here, not that we haven't enjoyed rather pleasant weather here all year. During the March meeting, EARS: shared our thoughts on the Charlotte County Hamfest; announced

a Lighthouse special event on April 26, 2008 (with a rain date of the following Saturday) in Charlotte Harbor; requested participation in an April 19, 2008 RACES/ARES Simulated Emergency Test on 146.745 (-); described the club's new generator; reminded members to bring their Emergency-Ready To-Go Boxes to share ideas at the next meeting; and, discussed much more, so be sure to review the minutes. Under the sunshine report, I had forgotten to mention that EARS sent a card to Mark (KE4UFT) and Amber Henry, congratulating them on their new baby girl, Emily Grace, born on February 28, 2008. I expect to see my new niece here in Englewood in a couple weeks for her baptism.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM
President



EARS Meeting Minutes March 20, 2008

Call to Order: President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Secretary's Report: ON MOTION, the EARS February 2008 meeting minutes were approved as published in the March, 2008 news letter.



Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was given by our EARS treasurer, Vic-K4VHX. The treasury balance is 5,092.81. ON MOTION, the treasurer's report was approved as given.

Correspondence: No correspondence reported.

Committee Reports

Sunshine: No report available

Publicity: Charlotte Sun newspaper included two pictures of the Hamfest in one of their issues.

Testing: Several took the test at the hamfest. Three passed, one being EARS member John-K9JPC for the General Class.

DX: Lots of activity now. 5T5 Mauritania, 9X0 Rwanda, HQ Swain Island being the good catch.

Hamfest: Vic-K4VHX reported the Hamfest was good but the attendance was down. Profits to each club was \$199.47. Discussion followed about whether to continue with the yearly hamfest. Vic reported the club table took in \$266.

Lighthouse Events: Bob-NJ4R is co-ordinating the Charlotte Harbor Lighthouse Project, a lighthouse event by water, on April 26. This will be on board a boat using solar power. All are encouraged to participate in the event.

Old Business

The new purchased club generator was discussed.

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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President Matthew Henry-KE4VEM 380-5980	Vice-President Thomas Hawes-WA3PRC 627-4644	Secretary Ken Anderson-W4JQT 475-3172 Ken Blackshaw-W1NQT 474-0662	Treasurer Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX 473-5560
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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.



New Business

- Frank-W4VV reported a Boy Scout asking for info on becoming a ham.
- Gerry-K4JWE reported on a vendor at our hamfest explaining what a vacuum tube was to a Boy Scout.
- Pam-K1UEG reported on her venture of biking into the Myakka State Park. She put up a J-Pole and brought up three repeaters with her hand held. She also had a QSO with John-K9JPC from this location.
- The estate sale for Frank Kouri is being coordinated by Vic-K4VHX and Gerry-K4JWE.
- Membership Directory matters; see Dennis-K4NF.
- Keith-KC5AS reminded us to bring our emergency "grab it and go" kits to the April meeting for a show and tell, then at a later date we plan a field test using these kits at various locations around the area.

Adjournment: ON MOTION, President Matthew-KE4VEM adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Tom Hawes, WA3PRC
Acting Secretary,

Note On Hamfest ARRL Table

Vic,
Your group is always providing support to me with the table and cover. It's always a well run hamfest and pleasure to attend. I'll pass this to Ron, KP2N.

Thanks,
73 de Dee, N4GD

EARS Directory Update

- "Schoenthaler" there needs to be a 'c'. My friends and family call me "Jack", Jack Schoenthaler, KI4REI
- Konrad Owens, WA3RRS, wife's name is Lenee.

Internet Sites to Explore

No new sites this month.

If you find links which might be useful to hams, please forward them to the editor.

- Local Happenings -

VE Exam Sessions: The exams are given at 9:30 A.M. 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 A.M., 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 14.293 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.230+- MHz at 7:00 P.M.

Connecticut Connection Net: Net is twice daily at 8:00 A.M. on 14.340+- MHz and at 7:30 P.M. on 7.225 MHz immediately after the Snowbird net.

Two Meter Nets

EARS	Simplex 146.550	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

Weekly Area Amateur Breakfasts:

- Tuesday, 7 A.M. at Denny's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Angeles in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Peach's in Venice .
- Friday, 8 A.M. at Denny's, 1681 US 41 Bypass, Venice.

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

Looking for older used TNC with manual. Contact Pam-K1UEG, 475-9727,

blackbird309q@peoplepc.com

Contact the Editor to add your FS or WTB.

Florida April Hamfests

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

- ◆ 12 Apr 2008 TARCfest, Tampa Amateur Radio Club TARC Clubhouse, 7801 North 22nd Street, Tampa, FL, <http://www.hamclub.org>, Talk-In: 147.105 + (PL 146.2), Contact: William Bode, N4WEB, 14302 Capitol Drive, Tampa, FL 33613, Phone: 813-382-9262, Fax: 813-878-7954, Email: n4web@arrl.net
- ◆ 19 Apr 2008 Flamingo Net / UMARC Free Flea, UM Physics Parking Lot, 5001 San Amaro, Coral Gables, FL, <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 (days), Email: wa4tej@juno.com
- ◆ 19 Apr 2008 Titusville Tailgate, North Brevard ARC, Disabled American Veterans, 435 North Singleton Avenue, Titusville, FL <http://www.northbrevardarc.org/tailgateparty.htm>, Talk-In: 145.250 minus (PL 107.2), Contact: Bob Jones, N6USP, PO Box 1033, Mims, FL 32754, Phone: 321-264-2622, Email: n6usp@bellsouth.net
- ◆ 25-26 Apr 2008 Southeastern VHF Society 12th Annual Conference, Southeastern VHF Society, Holiday Inn / UCF, 12125 High Tech Avenue, Orlando, FL, <http://www.svhfs.org>, Contact: Chuck Hoover, K0VXM, 1945 East Phillips Court, Merritt Island, FL 32952, Email: k0vxm@arrl.net
- ◆ 26-27 Apr 2008 Gainesville Poorman's Hamfest & Computer Show, Gainesville Amateur Radio Society, Alachua County Fairgrounds, 3400 NE 39th Avenue, (SR 222) <http://www.gars.net>, Talk-In: 146.82, 146.985, Contact: Ray Forrester, W4YTC, PO Box 140383 Gainesville, FL 32614, Phone: 352-339-4210, Fax: 386-454-1411, Email: hamfest@gars.net, Gainesville, FL

April Special Events

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

- ◆ Apr 1-Apr 30, 0000Z-2359Z, Quebec, QC, Canada. Club Radio Amateur de Quebec, VC2VQ. 400th anniversary of foundation of Quebec City. 14.150 7.070 3.780. QSL. CRAQ, CP 70021, Succ Quebec-Centre, Quebec, QC G2J 0A1, CANADA. www.craq.qc.ca
- ◆ Apr 5, 0000Z-2359Z, Tulsa, OK. Tulsa Health Department Amateur Radio Club, K5THD. Celebrating World Health Organizations World Health Day 2008. 14.273 7.273 14.070 14.230. Certificate. Dave Cox, Tulsa Health Department, 5051 S 129 E Ave, Tulsa, OK 74134. www.tulsa-health.org/k5thd
- ◆ Apr 5, 1500Z-1900Z, Pine Bluff, AR. Pine Bluff Amateur Radio Club, K5DAK. 819 Steam Locomotive and Museum. 14.250. QSL. E. Glenn Wolf Jr, 210 S Estates Cove, White Hall, AR 71602.
- ◆ Apr 6-Apr 7, 0000Z-0500Z, Independence, MO. Association of Saints Church Radio Amateurs, W0C. ASCRA "QSO Party" - Founding of Community of Christ church in 1830 and ASCRA in 1973. 14.287 7.233 3.985.

Certificate. ASCRA/W0SHQ, PO Box 73, Independence, MO 64051. This is not a contest. We invite all hams (and world-wide ASCRA members) to contact us. Include SASE for certificate. www.ASCRA.org

- ◆ Apr 10, 0000Z-2359Z, San Angelo, TX. AB5BG. Bataan Death March. 28.400 21.300 14.250 7.235. Certificate. Donald R. Goff, 1210 Ardmore, San Angelo, TX 76905. ab5bg@wcc.net
- ◆ Apr 11-Apr 12, 1330Z-2100Z, Indian Orchard, MA. Titanic Historical Society, W1MGY. 96th Anniversary of the Titanic voyage. 14.260 14.033 7.260 7.033. QSL. Titanic Historical Society QSL, PO Box 51053, 208 Main St, Indian Orchard, MA 01151-0053. www.hcra.org/titanic.htm
- ◆ Apr 11-Apr 13, 1300Z-2359Z, Venice, FL. Tamiami Amateur Radio Club, K4S. Annual Venice Sharks Tooth Festival. 21.313 18.153 14.236 7.233. QSL. Jack Sproat, W4JS, 1419 E. Manasota Beach Rd, Englewood, FL 34223-6341. w4js@juno.com or tamiamiarc.tripod.com
- ◆ Apr 12, 1400Z-2200Z, Gaylord, MI. Top Of Michigan Amateur Radio Club, N8ES. 1st Annual Statewide Youth Conference for Amateur Radio. 14.300 14.250 7.250 7.230. Certificate. TOMARC, PO Box 15, Gaylord, MI 49734. www.nm8rc.org
- ◆ Apr 12, 1400Z-2200Z, Hawthorne, NJ. Bergen Amateur Radio Association, K2BAR. Earth Day Celebration. 28.350 21.325 14.325 SAT. Certificate. Fred Buchner, 202 Tenth Ave, Hawthorne, NJ 07506. ko2fb@arrl.net or www.bara.org
- ◆ Apr 12, 1600Z-2300Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway CV-41 Museum Radio Room, N16IW. Commemorating the Centennial of the Great White Fleet visit to San Diego in 1908, and the USS Midway decommissioning in 1992. 14.325 7.250 14.060 7.040. QSL. USS Midway CV-41 Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. af6ha@yahoo.com.
- ◆ Apr 12-Apr 13, 1400Z-0400Z, Ft Rucker, AL. Enterprise Amateur Radio Society, WD4ROJ. Army Aviation Branch 25th Year. 14.285 7.240. QSL. EARS c/o Carl Rippe, 21 Old Newton Rd, Daleville, AL 36322. www.earsweb.com/calendar.asp
- ◆ Apr 12-Apr 13, 1500Z-1900Z, Ft Sumter, Charleston Harbor, SC. Coastal Amateur Radio Association, W4BWZ. 2nd Annual "First Shots of the US Civil War" April 12. 21.412 14.312 7.212 3.912. Certificate. Coastal Amateur Radio Assn, K4KOA, 14 Campground Rd, Yemassee, SC 29945. This also a 3X Light House on the Air Station, covering historic Ft Sumter light, Sullivans Island & Morris Island lights. k4koa@arrl.net
- ◆ Apr 12-Apr 14, 1300Z-0000Z, Branson, MO. Titanic Hams, W0S. To commemorate the 96th anniversary of the Titanic disaster. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. QSL. Dave Beckler, WA0SAP, 1005 W Oakhurst, Nixa, MO 65714. w0s.org
- ◆ Apr 14-Apr 23, 0000Z-2359Z, Westford, MA. PART of Westford, K1P. Patriots Day celebration. 21.300 18.140

14.250. QSL. PART of Westford, WB1GOF, PO Box 503, Westford, MA 01886. www.wb1gof.org

- ◆ Apr 16-Apr 21, 1600Z-0000Z, Linthicum, MD. Historical Electronics Museum ARC, W2W. Dedication of Wurzburg Radar at Museum. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. Certificate. W2W Wurzburg-HEMARC, Box 1693 MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21203. w3hem@arrl.net
- ◆ Apr 19, 1500Z-2000Z, Carthage, TX. Panola County Amateur Radio Club, WA5PC. From the only international boundary marker within USA. 14.287 7.240 3.900. Certificate. WA5PC, 380 CR 1241, Gary, TX 75643. www.wa5pc.org
- ◆ Apr 19, 1600Z-2300Z, Everett, WA. Cascade Radio Club, W7K. 60 years of ARRL affiliation. 21.350 14.250 7.25 3.85. Certificate. Roger Attwell, WN7M, 1814 Silver Lake Rd, Everett, WA 98208. All stations worked will receive a certificate confirming the contact, postage paid, no QSL required. www.cascaderadioclub.org
- ◆ Apr 19, 1600Z-2200Z, Long Beach, CA. Shoreline Amateur Radio Association, K6SYC. SYC Salutes 33rd year of Long Beach Grand Prix. 14.265 7.250 3.850 147.090. QSL. K6SYC, 386 Shoreline Dr S, Long Beach, CA 90802. Tune in and hear the roar of Grand Prix racing in the background. Special event station is just a few yards from the track. K6SYC@yahoo.com
- ◆ Apr 19, 1600Z-2200Z, Norman, OK. South Canadian Amateur Radio Society, W5NOR. Commemorating the Oklahoma Land Run of 1889. 14.325. QSL. SCARS, PO Box 720993, Norman, OK 73070. www.w5nor.org
- ◆ Apr 19-Apr 20, 1400Z-0500Z, McArthur, OH. Vinton County Amateur Radio Club, W8V. 5 Covered Bridges in Vinton County, Ohio. 14.250 14.080 7.225 3.835. Certificate. Tom Coelho, 62130 Locker Plant Rd, McArthur, OH 45651.
- ◆ Apr 24-Apr 26, 0700Z-2300Z, Barry, IL. Hannibal Amateur Radio Club, K9P. 2008 USPSA Handgun Nationals PASA-Park. 14.265 7.265. QSL. Hannibal Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1522, Hannibal, MO 63401. www.w0kem.com
- ◆ Apr 25-Apr 27, 1900Z-0700Z, Visalia, CA. International DX Convention, K6V. Celebrating the 59th International DX Convention. 14.250. QSL. Mel Hughes, K6SY, 28017 San Nicolas Dr, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. www.dxconvention.org
- ◆ Apr 26, 0000Z-2359Z, Wall, NJ. Ocean Monmouth Amateur Radio Club, N2MO. International Marconi Day, Award Station. 14.250 14.050 7.250 7.050. Certificate. OMARC, PO Box 267, Oakhurst, NJ 07755. International Marconi Day Award Station from the original Belmar, NJ site. www.omarc.org
- ◆ Apr 26, 1300Z-2330Z, Springfield, IL. Sangamon Valley Radio Club, N9L. 2008 BSA Lincoln Trail Hike. 14.240 7.240. QSL. Sangamon Valley Radio Club, c/o American Red Cross, 1045 Outer Park Dr, Springfield, IL 62704. www.svrc.org
- ◆ Apr 26-Apr 27, 1600Z-2300Z, Aberdeen, WA. Grays

Harbor Amateur Radio Club, W7ZA. 54th Birthday at Bowerman Airfield Tower, Hoquiam, WA. 14.280 14.100 7.250 3.950. QSL. W7ZA GHARC, PO Box 2250, Aberdeen, WA 98520. www.gharc.org

- ◆ Apr 27, 1600Z-2200Z, Charlottesville, VA. Albemarle Amateur Radio Club, W9GFZ. National Radio Astronomy Observatory Community Open House. 14.220 7.220. QSL. AARC, PO Box 6833, Charlottesville, VA 22906. awslinger@earthlink.net

WA7BNM March Contest Calendar

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

- ◆ Montana QSO Party 0000Z, Apr 4 to 2400Z, Apr 5
- ◆ NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 4
- ◆ YLRL DX-YL to NA-YL Contest, CW 1400Z, Apr 4 to 0200Z, Apr 6
- ◆ ARCI Spring QSO Party 1200Z, Apr 5 to 2400Z, Apr 6
- ◆ SP DX Contest 1500Z, Apr 5 to 1500Z, Apr 6
- ◆ EA RTTY Contest 1600Z, Apr 5 to 1600Z, Apr 6
- ◆ QCWA Spring QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 5 to 1800Z, Apr 6
- ◆ Missouri QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 5 to 0500Z, Apr 6 and 1800Z-2400Z, Apr 6
- ◆ RSGB RoPoCo 1 0700Z-0900Z, Apr 6
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 1900Z-2030Z, Apr 7
- ◆ 144 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 7
- ◆ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Apr 9
- ◆ NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 11
- ◆ YLRL DX-YL to NA-YL Contest, SSB 1400Z, Apr 11 to 0200Z, Apr 13
- ◆ JIDX CW Contest 0700Z, Apr 12 to 1300Z, Apr 13
- ◆ Radio Maritime Day 1200Z, Apr 12 to 1200Z, Apr 13
- ◆ EU Spring Sprint, CW 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 12
- ◆ Georgia QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 12 to 0359Z, Apr 13 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 13
- ◆ Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 12 to

2100Z, Apr 13

- ◆ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 0000Z-2400Z, Apr 13
- ◆ UBA Spring Contest, SSB 0600Z-1000Z, Apr 13
- ◆ 222 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 15
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 1900Z-2030Z, Apr 16
- ◆ NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 18
- ◆ Holyland DX Contest 0000Z-2359Z, Apr 19
- ◆ TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Apr 19
- ◆ ES Open HF Championship 0500Z-0559Z, Apr 19 and 0600Z-0659Z, Apr 19 and 0700Z-0759Z, Apr 19 and 0800Z-0859Z, Apr 19
- ◆ Feld Hell Sprint 1500Z-1700Z, Apr 19
- ◆ EU Spring Sprint, SSB 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 19
- ◆ Michigan QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 19 to 0400Z, Apr 20
- ◆ EA-QRP CW Contest 1700Z-2000Z, Apr 19 (20-10m) and 2000Z-2300Z, Apr 19 (80m) and, 0700Z-1100Z, Apr 20 (40m) and, 1100Z-1300Z, Apr 20 (20-10m)
- ◆ Ontario QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 19 to 0500Z, Apr 20 and 1200Z-1800Z, Apr 20
- ◆ YU DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 19 to 0500Z, Apr 20 and 0900Z-1700Z, Apr 20
- ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Apr 21
- ◆ SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Apr 23
- ◆ 432 MHz Spring Sprint 1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 23
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 1900Z-2030Z, Apr 24
- ◆ SP DX RTTY Contest 1200Z, Apr 26 to 1200Z, Apr 27
- ◆ Helvetia Contest 1300Z, Apr 26 to 1259Z, Apr 27
- ◆ QRP to the Field 1500Z, Apr 26 to 0300Z, Apr 27
- ◆ Florida QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 26 to 0159Z, Apr 27 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 27
- ◆ Nebraska QSO Party 1700Z, Apr 26 to 1700Z, Apr 27

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