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Presidents Message

The July EARS meeting was a milestone for me, as a large contingent of members and two guests attended a summer meeting. Everything went along smoothly and the only glitch was in discussing the need for a slate of officers for next year(s). Nobody at the meeting volunteered for any open office. All offices are open except for one director position. If any of you have the time, energy and disposition necessary for filling any office, please contact one of the Nominating Committee, Ken-W4JQT, Vic-K4VHX or Martin-N4FA.

Jackie and I are planning to leave next week for the first vacation we've had in over six years. We are heading north to Old Orchard Beach, Maine and spending the month of August there. We rented a condo on the sixth floor of a building on the beach, facing the Atlantic Ocean. I'm taking my golf clubs and six dozen balls in order to play a round with Larry-W2FTL. I'm also taking a rig, power supply (from Bob-N1RA), and an antenna (from George-KA4JKY) to try to keep in contact via the Snowbird Net or otherwise, long path propagation willing. If that doesn't work, I've got my cell phone. We'll be returning the first week in September and then Jackie becomes a golf widow for a couple of weeks as I am leaving for Myrtle Beach, SC. I usually lose a lot of golf balls with this group of, shall I say lunatics (I fit in well), who have met every year since 1978, same time, same station. Wine, women (?), beer, song, food and golf. We change the ten courses we play every year, as possible, and this year we are once again playing the Grand Dunes course, 7618 yards of misery. Two years ago, I shot a respectable 128.

Our Vice President, Tom-WA3PRC, will be chairing the next two meetings. Make sure he brings coffee and treats.

See y'all in October.

73 and have a great summer.
Martin, N4FA

Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2005

Call to Order: President Martin Horowitz-N4FA called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 17 members present and two guests. One of the guests was Leo Mayne, who is anxious to become a ham.

Secretary's Report: ON MOTION, the June meeting minutes were approved as published in the July newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: With Vic-K4VHX, being absent, his representative, Ken-W1NQT, reported our treasury balance is \$4,721.89. Significant expenditures were related to our Field Day (FD) activity. We also took in over \$160 by selling scrap aluminum donated by Dave Kelce. Ken, W4JQT, asked if we had paid for the FD tent. That was paid on July 20. ON MOTION, the Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Correspondence: No correspondence was reported this month.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT, Secretary Pro Tem

Committee Reports

RACES/ARES: Mel-W9BSM mentioned we would have an ARES training session on Thursday, July 28 at 9 a.m. at Tringali. Also mentioned the RACES net every Wednesday at 8 p.m. on the 146.745 repeater.

Publicity: There was an article about Jessica Gardberg, the EARS 2005 scholarship winner in the paper.

Testing: The July EARS/TARC VE Test session had a single candidate who passed the written portion of his General Examination.

Sunshine: No Sunshine activity was reported. It was requested that Marcia, KA1GCV, send a card to both Vic Emmelkamp and Dr. John Combs.

DX: The CY0 station is active on Sable Island. J.R. commented he had good success on Six Meters during the past weekend's VHF contest.

Nominating Committee: We are in serious need of people to run for just about all elected positions of our club. Please contact Ken Anderson or Vic Emmelkamp if you can help out.

Old Business

No old business was reported.

New Business

There was discussion of next year's Hamfest and the need to secure involvement from other ham clubs to make it successful. There was also discussion on involving ourselves with Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge activity. Troop #36 meets at the church on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Contact Wilbur Malacics at 697-3856. It was also noted that there would be an antenna party on July 27 to help take down W4JQT's antennas.

Adjournment: The meeting was closed at 8 p.m. We then had an interesting show and tell session from several of the hams that were present. Very interesting was one from Keith Kelly, KC5AS, concerning his time working on oil platforms in the North Sea.

– Local Happenings –

- **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.
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 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 Meetings** – are the **1st Wednesday** of each month, from June through September, at the Panda Pavilion in Venice.
- **Snowbird Net** – is twice daily; first on 14.278 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.230 MHz at 7:00PM EST.
- **Connecticut 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 in Englewood and 8AM at Peach's Restaurant in Venice.

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

Estate of Vincent Therieau KG4IAV

◆ Icom 746/mike \$800

- ◆ MFJ 4225mv, 22a power supply \$75
- ◆ MFJ iambic paddle \$30
- ◆ Yaesu 450 rotor/control \$125
- ◆ Philips light duty rotor/control \$30
- ◆ Cushcraft A3S, 10/15/20m beam \$125
- ◆ Gap Titan Vertical \$185

All the above is OBO

Contact Tom Hawes at 941-627-4644

- ◆ Contact the editor to add your equipment needs.

Local Special Event

International lighthouse/Lightship Weekend is August 20th and 21st at the Boca Grand lighthouse. "The toll fee to Gasparilla island is now \$4.50". Operating times are 8:30am to 4:30pm each day. Tom-WA3PRC and Vic-K4VHX will setup the antenna and equipment. Show up, sit down, operate and have fun!

Tom-WA3PRC

Antenna Party

Ken-W1NQT, Frank-W4VV, Vic-K4VHX, Pam-KG4EDF, John-K9JPC, Peter-N4RD and Tom-WA3PRC dismantled Ken-W4JQT's tower and antenna system, than transported it to Mike-KC2KBR's, the new owner's, house on Wentworth street in Englewood.



Internet Sites to Explore

<http://w4dux.org/index.htm>, new Internet address for the Peace River Repeater Association

http://www.cordell.org/htdocs/KURE/KURE_pages/KURE_Overview.html Great site and an important DXpedition. From Vic-K4VHX

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

August Hamfests

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

13 Aug 2005 **Ft. Pierce Amateur Radio Club**, Indian River Community College, 3209 Virginia Avenue, Ft. Pierce, FL, Talk-In: 147.345 (PL 107.2),

<http://www.qsl.net/w4akh>, Contact: Pete Amar, KD4SPW, 1046 Trinidad Avenue, Ft. Pierce, FL 34982, Phone: 772-465-5204, Email: kd4spw@aol.com

27 Aug 2005 **TARCFest, Tampa Amateur Radio Club**, 7801 North 2nd Street, Tampa, FL,

<http://www.hamclub.org>, Talk-In: 147.105 (146.2), Contact: Biff Craine, K4LAW, 13515 Greenleaf Drive, Tampa, FL 33613, Phone: 813-265-4812, Email: k4law@arrl.net

Special Events

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

- Aug 4-Aug 6, 2000Z-1800Z, Bolingbrook, IL. Antique Radio Club of Illinois, W9R. 25 th Anniversary Radiofest. 14.255 21.355 28.455 146.97. QSL. James Novak, WA9FIH, 2335 South 2nd Ave, North Riverside, IL 60546-1308. www.antique-radios.org
- Aug 4-Aug 7, 0000Z-0500Z, Hannibal, MO. Hannibal Amateur Radio Club, K9P. Masters International Shooting Championship 20 th Anniversary. 14.258 7.258. Certificate. Robert G. Mitchell, 816 Long Dr, Quincy, IL 62305. www.ewingmissouri.com/w0kem/
- Aug 5-Aug 7, 1500Z-0300Z, Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club, W9IMS. Brickyard 400 NASCAR Race. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. QSL. Indianapolis Motor Speedway ARC, PO Box 18495, Indianapolis, IN 46218. www.w9ims.com
- Aug 5-Aug 7, 2100Z-0100Z, Alma, MI. Michigan Masonic Radio Club, K8M. Masonic Family and Community Festival. 14.270 7.270 145.580.

- Certificate. Benjamin Creech, K8LHR, 416 Sunset St, Plymouth, MI 48170. www.gl-mi.org
- Aug 5-Aug 8, 1400Z-0400Z, Canton, OH. Canton Amateur Radio Club, W8AL. Annual Pro-Football Hall of Fame Festival. 28.365 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Donald E. Perry, WQ8J, 968 Culverne Ave NW, Massillon, OH 44647. www.w8al.org.
 - Aug 6-Aug 6, 1200Z-2000Z, Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis Repeater Association, W9Z. Kids Special Event at Broad Ripple Hamfest. 28.350 21.330 14.280 7.250. Certificate. Steven Wendt, 9559 Neptune Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46229. All operators 18 and under
 - Aug 6-Aug 6, 1400Z-1900Z, Townshend, VT. West River Radio Club, W1RRC. Grace Cottage Hospital Day. 14.270 7.270. QSL. John Borichevsky, POB 8087, Guilford, VT 05304. www.westriverradio.net
 - Aug 6-Aug 7, 0001Z-1959Z, Bristol, ME. Lincoln County Amateur Radio Club, K1LX. National Lighthouse-Lightship Weekend from Pemaquid Lighthouse, US#278, ARLS#589. 14.250. Certificate. John Peters, K2LOT, 154 Boothbay Rd, Edgecomb, ME 04566
 - Aug 6-Aug 7, 0001Z-2359Z, Gulf Coast, TX. Central Texas Contest Group, WA5DTK. Operation from multiple Texas lighthouses--NLLW. 14.270 14.030 21.370 7.030/7.060. QSL. Barry Brewer, 603 Broken Bow Dr, Round Rock, TX 7868
 - Aug 6-Aug 7, 0001Z-2359Z, Port Hope, MI. Milford Amateur Radio Club, K8S. National Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend from Pointe Aux Barques Lighthouse. 28.370 21.370 14.270 7.270. Certificate. Gary I. Sklar, 7296 Green Farm Rd, West Bloomfield, MI 48322
 - Aug 6-Aug 7, 1200Z-2359Z, St Augustine, FL. St Augustine Amateur Radio Society, N4AUG. LH 758 celebrating NA Lighthouse Activity. 14.270 14.030 7.265 7.030. QSL. SAARS, PO Box 860084, St Augustine, FL 32086. www.saars.net
 - Aug 6-Aug 7, 1400Z-1600Z, Mathews County, VA. Middle Peninsula Amateur Radio Club, N4P. Commemorating New Point Comfort Lighthouse, USA-543. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.960. QSL. William Sale, AE4RB, 6543 Belroi Rd, Gloucester, VA 23061. www.arlhs.net
 - Aug 10-Aug 14, 1300Z-2100Z, Sycamore, IL. Amateur Operators of the NISPC, W9S. Steam Power on the Farm. 28.390 14.290 7.270 3.990. CERTIFICATE. Bob Yurs, W9ICU, 1107 Commercial St, Sycamore, IL 60178. www.w9icu.com
 - Aug 12-Aug 13, 1400Z-2100Z, Angle Inlet, MN. Northwest Angle Amateur Radio Club, NW0AA. Northern most club in contiguous 48 states. 21.350 14.240 7.200 3.960. QSL. Dan Whipple, 11726 Norway St NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448
 - Aug 13, 0001Z-2355Z, Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra/Kenneth Bandy, W9O. Commemorating 75th anniversary of Indianapolis Orchestra. 14.275 7.260 21.360. QSL. Kenneth Bandy, 1405 S Bridgeport Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46231. <http://bandyrecording.com/W9O.htm>
 - Aug 13, 1400Z-2100Z, Rush Springs, OK. W5PAA-FAA Aeronautical Center Amateur Radio Club, W5F. 2005 Rush Springs Watermelon Fest. 10-80 m CW/SSB. QSL. David Begue, K5FOZ, 2155 County Rd 1230, Tuttle, OK 73089-3112. www.W5PAA.org
 - Aug 13, 1300Z-2200Z, Baltimore, MD. Social Security Employees Amateur Radio Club, W3SSA. Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Social Security Act. 14.280 7.280. Certificate. Greg Stec, K3ANG, 1624 Pickett Rd, Lutherville, MD 21093. An electronic version of the certificate is available
 - Aug 13-Aug 14, 1400Z-2200Z, Perry, OH. Lake County Amateur Radio Association, N8BC. Celebrating 27 years of public service in Lake County. 14.270 7.272 147.2100. Certificate. Dennis Brostek, KI8U, 7187 Maple St, Mentor, OH 44060. www.lcara.org
 - Aug 13-Aug 14, 1400Z-2400Z daily, Window Rock, AZ. Navajo Amateur Radio Club, N7C. Navajo Code Talkers Day. 14.265 7.265. QSL. Herbert Goodluck, PO Box 3611, Window Rock, AZ 86515
 - Aug 14, 1500Z-1800Z, Pikes Peak, CO. Colorado 14er Event Task Force, Various call signs. Colorado 14er Event--operating from summits of CO mountains. 14.260 147.42 147.45 446.00. QSL. Bob Witte, K0NR, 21060 Capella Dr, Monument, CO 80132. www.14er.org
 - Aug 19-Aug 21, 0001Z-2359Z, Touros, Brazil. LABRE/RN, ZW7LH. International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend from Calcanhar Lighthouse, BRA 035. digital, phone and CW 10 to 160 meters. QSL. via PS7AA bureau or direct to, PO Box 251, Natal RN 59010-970, Brazil South America. www.labre-rn.org.br
 - Aug 19-Aug 28, 0000Z-2400Z, Lebanon, TN.

- Wilson Amateur Radio Club, W4C. Special Event Station from the Wilson County Fair. 28.320 21.320 14.320 7.265. QSL. Greg Tomerlin, K4KO, 1562 Walnut Grove Rd, Lebanon, TN 37090. www.wilsonarc.org
- Aug 20, 1100Z-2000Z, Hillsboro, TX. Lockheed Martin Recreation Association and Fannin County ARC, N5B. North Texas Balloon Project Launch #12. 14.282 7.220. QSL. Ed McGinley, W5ETM, PO Box 6215, Fort Worth, TX 76115. www.ntbp.org
 - Aug 20-Aug 21, 0001Z-2359Z, Dunkirk Lighthouse, NY. Dunkirk Lighthouse--Lancaster ARC, W2SO. International Lighthouse Weekend. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Lancaster ARC, 525 Pavement Rd, Lancaster, NY 14086. [Http://larc.hamgate.net](http://larc.hamgate.net)
 - Aug 20-Aug 21, 0000Z-2359Z, Eagle Harbor, MI. International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend, K8E. Lighthouse and two range lights. 14.275 14.030 7.275 7.030. Certificate. QSL via bureau or N8MR, 14071 Fairway, Livonia, MI 48154. www.kc8nah.com/Interests/illw05.htm
 - Aug 20-Aug 21, 0001Z-2359Z, Newport, OR. Oregon-Idaho DX Group, N7L. International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend, from Yaquina Bay Lighthouse, USA-906. 28.351 28.021 21.221 21.021 14.221 14.021 7.155 7.021 3.755 3.521. QSL. via Buro, or to K7VAN, Box 12941, Salem, OR 97309. Participating lighthouses: <http://arlhs.com>
 - Aug 20-Aug 21, 1200Z-2359Z, St Augustine, FL. St Augustine Amateur Radio Society, N4AUG. LH 758 Celebrating ILLH Weekend. 14.270 14.030 7.265 7.030. QSL. SAARS, PO Box 860084, St Augustine, FL 32086. www.saars.net
 - Aug 20-Aug 21, 1300Z-1600Z, Buffalo, NY. Western New York DX Association, K2L. International Lighthouse Weekend. 14.230 14.030 7.230 7.030. QSL. Bob Nadolny, WB2YQH, PO Box 73, Spring Brook, NY 14140. www.wnydxa.org
 - Aug 20-Aug 21, 1300Z-2100Z, Sea Girt, NJ. North America DX Association and Neptune Radio Club, WR2DX. ILLW from Sea Girt Lighthouse. 14.260 7.260. QSL. NADXA, PO Box 357, Bradley Beach, NJ 07720
 - Aug 20-Aug 21, 0001Z-2359Z, Rochester, NY. Brockport Amature Radio Klub, N2VY. International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend. 14.275. Certificate. Allen Skiles, N2VY, 1-A Burke Lane, Spencerport, NY 14559. www.barkarc.org
 - Aug 20-Aug 21, 0000Z-2359Z, River Rouge, MI. Motor City Radio Club, W8MRM. Mariners' Memorial Lighthouse/International Lighthouse Weekend. 14.275 7.275. Certificate. N8MR, 14071 Fairway, Livonia, MI 48154. www.w8mrm.org
 - Aug 20-Aug 28, 1600Z-1600Z, Lincoln, MI. Alcona County Amateur Radio Group, K8A. 34 th Annual Alcona County Fair. 21.345 14.245 7.245 3.945. QSL. Stanley L. Darmofal, W8SZ, PO Box 15, Harrisville, MI 48740. www.alconaradio.org
 - Aug 24-Aug 28, 1400Z-0000Z, Ringoes, NJ. Cherryville Repeater Association II, W4H. 2005 Hunterdon County 4H and Agricultural Fair. 28.375 21.375 14.275 7.275. Certificate. Special Event Radio W4H, Cherryville Repeater Association II, PO Box 308, Quakertown, NJ 08868. <http://www.qsl.net/w2cra/w4h/W4H-webpage.htm>
 - Aug 26-Aug 29, St John's Island, Singapore. Singapore Amateur Radio Transmittin Society, S61FD. Local Field Day. 40-15 m all modes including digital. QSL. Via bureau or direct to: Henk van Hensbergen, PAØKHS, Smaragdstraat 53, 6534WN Nigmegen, The Netherlands. www.sarts.org.sg
 - Aug 27, 1500Z-2300Z, Plainfield, IL. Plainfield Radio League, W9P. The Plainfield Tornado, Aug 28, 1990. 14.260 14.070 14.230 7.260. Certificate. Plainfield Radio League, PO Box 682, Plainfield, IL 60544. www.prlham.org/spev
 - Aug 27-Aug 28, 1350Z-2100Z, Westfield, MA. Hampden County Radio Association HCRA, W1NY/A10. ANG 104th Fighter Group Airshow. SSB 28.336 21.360 14.260 7.260 CW 28.033 21.033 14.033 7.033 3.533. QSL. HCRA, PO Box 562, Agawam, MA 01001. www.hcra.org
 - Aug 28, 1400Z-2100Z, Hanover, KS. Crown Amateur Radio Association, K0ASA. Hollenberg Pony Express Station Festival. 18.085 14.245 14.040 7.125. Certificate. Crown Amateur Radio Association, 11551 W 176 th Terr, Olathe, KS 66062. www.kshs.org/places/hollenberg/index.htm
 - Aug 29-Sep 4, 2000Z-2000Z, Black Rock Desert, NV. Nevada-7-Burn at Burning Man Festival, N7B. Burning Man 2005. 21.360 14.290 7.263 3.940. QSL. Kenneth M. Beck, 425 N Columbia Center Blvd #F207, Kennewick, WA 99336. <http://n7bweb.net/>

WA7BNM August Contest Calendar

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

- TARA Grid Dip Shindig 0000Z-2400Z, Aug 6
- 10-10 Int. Summer Contest, SSB 0001Z, Aug 6 to 2359Z, Aug 7
- National Lighthouse Weekend QSO Contest 0001Z, Aug 6 to 2359Z, Aug 7
- European HF Championship 1200Z-2359Z, Aug 6
- ARRL UHF Contest 1800Z, Aug 6 to 1800Z, Aug 7
- North America QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Aug 6 to 0600Z, Aug 7
- RSGB RoPoCo 2 0700Z-0900Z, Aug 7
- SARL HF Phone Contest 1230Z-1630Z, Aug 7
- NCCC Thursday Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 12
- WAE DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Aug 13 to 2359Z, Aug 14
- Maryland-DC QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 13 to 0400Z, Aug 14 and 1600Z-2359Z, Aug 14
- NCCC Thursday Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 19
- SARTG WW RTTY Contest 0000Z-0800Z, Aug 20 and 1600Z-2400Z, Aug 20 and 0800Z-1600Z, Aug 21
- ARRL 10 GHZ and Up Contest 0600 local, Aug 20 to 2400 local, Aug 21
- Keyman's Club of Japan Contest 1200Z, Aug 20 to 1200Z, Aug 21
- North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Aug 20 to 0600Z, Aug 21
- New Jersey QSO Party 2000Z, Aug 20 to 0700Z, Aug 21 and 1300Z, Aug 21 to 0200Z, Aug 22
- NCCC Thursday Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Aug 26
- ALARA Contest 0600Z, Aug 27 to 1159Z, Aug 28
- Hawaii QSO Party 0700Z, Aug 27 to 2200Z, Aug 28
- SCC RTTY Championship 1200Z, Aug 27 to 1159Z, Aug 28
- YO DX HF Contest 1200Z, Aug 27 to 1200Z, Aug 28
- Ohio QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 27 to 0400Z, Aug 28
- SARL HF CW Contest 1230Z-1630Z, Aug 28
- Kentucky QSO Party 1600Z, Aug 28 to 0400Z, Aug 29