



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



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## From the President

**H**oliday Greetings to all! I have a lot of items to cover in the next few paragraphs so hear we go. First of all our nominating committee has been busy contacting members to serve as officers next year. Two positions need to be filled, mine as President and Marty Henry as Vice President. Our Treasurer, Bruce Robideau-K2OY and Secretary, Ken Blackshaw-W1NQT have indicated they would like to serve another year. Of course, in addition to the formal nominees, nominations will be accepted and encouraged from the floor at our Annual Meeting in January.

Be that as it may, the important point here is if you are called upon to help with the running of the club please give it your wholehearted support. If each of us contributes some of our time and talent to the club affairs we will continue to have a viable and energetic organization. However, if you choose not to get involved (and let "George" do it) we are in danger of fading into the sunset. I don't want that to happen because this is a great club, one of the best in SWF I think. Finally, we need all of our members to take a turn at being an Officer/Chairman/Trustee or we risk losing the club if no one answers the call.

My plans are to remain fully involved in club affairs, promote our Hamfest in March and work on getting my Extra Class license; after that I would like to work with the new officers to put together programs or classes which will help build up our membership and serve our community.

## Other Newsletter Items

*Donation* - In accordance with the membership vote at the November meeting a check for \$50.00 was sent to: The New York Police and Fire Widows' and Children's Benefit Fund which is a non-profit organization that assists the families of fallen New York City firefighters and police officers. The Fund provides funds to families at the time of a death to assist with immediate expenses. In addition, the benefit fund distributes an annual check to each of the surviving families. The fund was established in 1985 by Daniel J. "Rusty" Staub, who serves as chairman. Thus far, the fund has distributed over \$7.3 million to help the families defray education, housing and medical expenses.

For more information about 'The New York Police and Fire Widows' and Children's Benefit Fund', visit their official Web site at <http://www.nypfwc.org/>

*Equipment* - Howard Hawkins' son Tim can be reached at 474-1505 concerning the disposal of some of Howard's ham equipment i.e. 40ft tower, antennas, and rotor.

*Dues* - It is that time of year again. Time to pay your dues! Membership dues for an individual are \$15.00 per year. An immediate relative of a full dues paying member, living at the same address, may become a member with full rights, except the right to individual notices and mailing, upon payment of dues of \$3.50 per year. Dues for the current year shall be \$8.00 if the application is filed after July first. Please note: Any member whose dues are not paid by the Annual meeting is not in good standing. Membership shall automatically terminate if dues remain unpaid at the end of February.

*Party Time* - We have had to move up the starting time of our Christmas Party to 5:00 p.m. on Friday December 14th. We just learned that the Elks kitchen stops serving at 7. So please plan to arrive early and hungry!

**Vic-KF4VHX**  
**President**

## CLUB MEETING

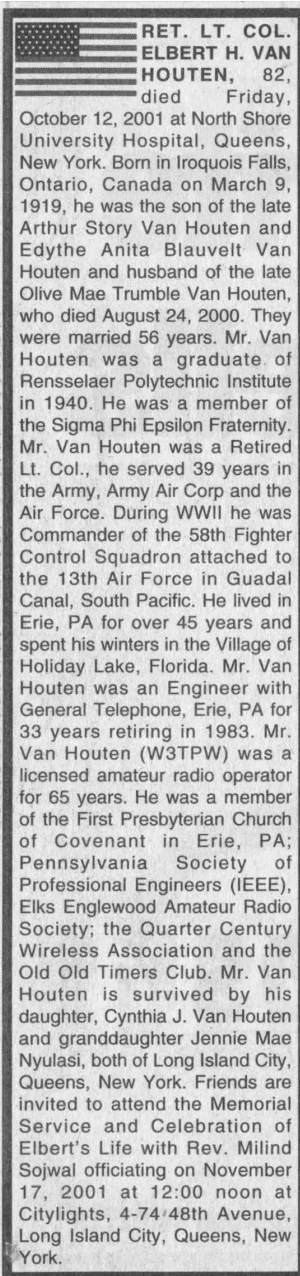
Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. Meeting location is at the Englewood United Methodist Church 700 E. Dearborn St. (near Pine St. & River Road). Contact one of the officers for directions to the meeting room.

## October Meeting Minutes

President Vic-KF4VHX called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Guest Larry Yacobelli-W4ERN was introduced. There were no new members present. Vic mentioned there are name tags that have not been picked up.

A motion to accept the minutes of last months meeting as printed in the news letter was made by Free W1NPR, seconded by Jim NX2II and carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by Bruce-K2OY. Bruce reports that dues and Christmas Party payments are coming in strong. The treasury balance is \$3010.65. A motion by Joe-KE4WVA to accept the report was seconded by George-KA4JKY and carried. A copy of the Treasurer's report was passed to the secretary for file. Approval of last months treasurer's report was overlooked. A motion by Jack-WA8GRO to accept lat months treasurer's report was seconded by Bobby-KF4YOW and carried.



### Announcements

- ★ Vic is looking for spouse's names for the new directory. The sign in sheet has a column for that tonight.
- ★ Our Christmas party is to be held at the Englewood Elks Lodge on Friday, Dec. 14th. There is a \$5.00 charge per person to cover expenses, a cash bar, and we order from the menu. Social hour starts at 6 pm. (See Pres. Msg. For Change)
- ★ Get your ham shack pictures in for the new web site. The address will be [www.earsradioclub.org](http://www.earsradioclub.org).
- ★ Bruce-K2OY will head the nominating committee with assistance from George-KA4JKY. Nominations are reported in December and elections in January.
- ★ Remember the EARS Friday night two meter net at 7:30 pm on the 146.700 MHz repeater.
- ★ Dues are being accepted for next year. The new directory cut off date is 2/28/02. Dues must be in by the cut off date to be included in the new directory.

### Correspondence

A letter from the Optimist Club of Englewood signed by Arlene Knight was received thanking us for our assistance with the Triathlon held on Boca Grande November 4, 2001. Shirts were

distributed to those who participated.

An Email letter from Ken-W1NQT advised of a fund that has been set up to assist the families of the broadcast engineers still missing at the World Trade Center.

### Committee Reports

*HAMFEST 2002:* Vic-KF4VHX reported on the recent meeting and the status to date. See Vic for advance tickets @\$4.00 each. They are \$5.00 at the gate.

*SUNSHINE:* Frank W4VV reported that Ken-K8OHG is in a nursing home in Gainesville, Florida, and asked that we send him a card.

*RACES:* Frank-W4VV asked that we remember to check in Wednesday evening at 8 pm on 146.745 MHz, and attend the meeting Thursday morning at 9 am at the San Casa EOC. The Thursday morning net is at 9:30 am on 146.865 MHz. Frank also reported on meteor shower tests planned for Nov. 17 and 18 on amateur frequencies.

*TESTING:* Jack-W4JS gave the VE report, and advised that we will not have a test session this month.

### Old Business

The motions made in the September meeting to donate \$50 to the Police and Firemen Relief fund and \$50 to the Red Cross were unbudgeted items requiring 30 days notice before voting. They were advertised in last months news letter and are now ready for a vote. The motion to donate \$50 to the Police and Fireman carried. The motion to donate \$50 to the Red Cross was defeated.

Our annual membership dues of \$128 in the Chamber of Commerce was overlooked in our budget, and is now due. This was discussed in the October meeting and advertised in the October newsletter. A motion was made by Dennis-K4NF to pay our 2002 membership dues of \$128.00. Seconded by Bill-W2OJ and carried.

### New Business

A motion to donate \$50 to the Society of Broadcast Engineers was made by Bobby-KF4YOW and seconded by Freeman-W1NPR. This will be voted on at the December meeting.

### Comments

- ★ Bob-KG4IAW suggested our newsletter be distributed to various neighborhoods to attract new members.
- ★ Bruce-K2OY read a note from Bill Morgan W3VM with a list of equipment he has for sale.
- ★ Frank-W4VV reported that Ken-K8OHG has a Kenwood 940 for sale.
- ★ Dennis-K4NF would like to receive ham radio items of interest for the news letter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. There were 29 members and one guest in attendance.

### Program

The presentation was "Online Communications" given by Michael Kulaw from Comcast Internet Service.

Ken Anderson-W4JQT  
Secretary - Pro Tem

## New Amateur Extra Class Question Pool Released

ARRL announcement ARLB053

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators' Question Pool Committee has released a revised and expanded Amateur Extra Class (Element 4) question pool into the public domain which will become effective July 1, 2002.

The Question Pool Committee now will turn its attention to developing an outline for the Technician class (Element 2) question Pool. A draft Element 2 syllabus is scheduled for public release and comment next spring.

### The Reason Why

By Hiram Percy Maxim, President ARRL

From September, 1927 QST

Sitting back in the old armchair, with the last issue of QST read from cover to cover and with everybody else in the house asleep hours ago, I fell to thinking of amateur radio today and amateur radio of other days. As the blue smoke curls slowly upward from the old pipe, visions of early ARRL directors meetings float before me. I see those old timers grappling with problems of organization, with QRM, with trunk line traffic and rival amateur leagues. I see sinister commercial and government interests at work seeking to exterminate amateur radio. They were dark days, those early ones.

Today I see Amateur Radio an institution, recognized by our American Government and on the road to recognition by the other governments of the world. I see a fine, loyal ARRL membership of 20,000 standing shoulder to shoulder and believing in each other and still blazing the way in radio communication. I see a rapidly developing world wide amateur radio brother hood taking shape, in the form of our I.A.R.U. And as the last embers of the old pipe turn to grey ash, I ask how it all came about: that the ARRL should have succeeded and all its opponents failed. The answer is clear. It is because with our opponents there was always some kind of a selfish motive to be served for someone, whereas in our ARRL we insisted from the beginning that no selfish motive for anybody or anything should ever prevail. Everything that ARRL undertakes must be 100% for the general good. That policy bred loyalty and confidence. With those two things an organization can prosper forever. Amateur Radio owes its very existence to Hiram Percy Maxim and those who worked with him during the early days of radio. On September 17, 1936 in a tribute to the memory of Mr. Maxim, Herbert Hoover had this to say:

"I well remember the battle in which Hiram Percy Maxim joined with me as Secretary of Commerce in setting apart definitely and for all time certain segments in the radio range and dedicating them for the perpetual use of the amateurs. The commercial value of these wavelengths was well recognized at the time and great pressures were brought to bear to allot them to commercial use. Mr. Maxim's sturdy mobilization of the thousands of amateurs contributed greatly to saving this field, which has now extended into world wide use."

Submitted by: Ken-W4JQT

## Internet Sites To Check Out

<http://www.dxatlas.com/Default/asp> - Electronic World Atlas for radio amateurs

<http://www.ac6v.com> - Features over 700 Amateur Radio Topics, over 6,000 links, 125 pages

<http://www.jungleheaven.com/slingshot>

SlingShot is offering ham radio clubs and organizations a free forum. This service will be provided to clubs and organizations with or without web sites. It is free of charge and no ugly banners on any pages. Clubs will have full control of the forum and will be able to make the forum a members only forum or a public forum. The club Moderators will be able to ban users edit and delete post. The club's administrator will be able to add and delete Moderators.

SlingShot-99 is a network of amateur radio related web sites working together to help you find ham radio web sites anywhere in the world.

Features include:

A search engine like the ones Google and Yahoo run, and we will index any ham web site.

Live, 1 on 1 chess with real time chat.

Photo gallery, with photo upload.

Want ads, with photo upload.

Messenger-99, a messenger system.

Polls, news articles, video games and much much more.

SlingShot-99 is a new web site and we are just getting started.

We are looking for editors for the site and Moderators for the forums. If interested, contact us. So please visit us at [www.jungleheaven.com/slingshot](http://www.jungleheaven.com/slingshot)

### Members New Email Addresses

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[des@ewol.com](mailto:des@ewol.com) John Fellin-WB0GUX

**The 2001 Tampa Bay Hamfest** was a tremendous success.

Every aspect of the hamfest grew over 2000. Table sales were up nearly 70%, tailgating almost doubled in size and attendance increased! The forums were excellent and well attended, and amateur exams were administered to approximately 50 people total at three exam sessions.

Please mark your calendar for Dec 7 & 8, 2002 (the first full weekend of December) for the 27th Annual Tampa Bay Hamfest and 2002 ARRL State of Florida Convention.

Paul Knupke, Jr. - N4PK

Chairman, Tampa Bay Hamfest

### January Hamfests

11-12 Jan., 2002	Ft. Myers ARC	Contact: Earl Spencer-K4FQU, 1735 Hanson St., Ft. Myers, FL 33901, 941-332-1503, <a href="mailto:k4fqu@juno.com">k4fqu@juno.com</a>
19-20 Jan., 2002	Sarasota ARA	Contact: Eddie Martin-KI4ZJ, 7334 Deer Crossing Ct., Sarasota, FL 34240, 941-378-8371, <a href="mailto:KI4ZJ@worldnet.att.net">KI4ZJ@worldnet.att.net</a>
26 Jan., 2002	DeSoto ARC	Contact: Doug Christ, KN4YT, PO Box 1352, Nocatee, FL 34286, 863-494-5070, <a href="mailto:kn4yt@arrl.net">kn4yt@arrl.net</a>

### January ARRL Special Events

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

**Clarksburg, WV: Stonewall Jackson Amateur Radio Association, K8DF.** 1300Z to 2200Z Jan 19. Celebrating General Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson's 174th Birthday. 28.425 14.280 7.250. QSL. SJARA, PO Box 752, Clarksburg, WV 26302.

**Boise, ID: Voice of Idaho, W7BOI.** 1600Z Jan 25 to 2400Z Jan 26. Olympic Torch Relay through Boise. 28.380 14.293 7.225. QSL. Richard Dees, 22765 W Sandalwood Dr, Meridian, ID 83642.

**Dade City, FL: East Pasco Amateur Radio Society, K4EX.** 1300Z to 2200Z Jan 26. Commemorating the kumquat from the Kumquat Capital. 28.450 21.340 14.250 7.245. Certificate. EPARS Special Event, PO Box 942, Dade City, FL 33526.

**San Diego, CA: Challenger Middle School ARC, KI6YG.** 1500Z to 2400Z Jan 28. Commemorating the 16th anniversary of the Challenger tragedy. 146.52 28.350 21.350 14.250. QSL. Frank Forrester, KI6YG, Challenger Middle School, 10810 Parkdale Ave, San Diego, CA 92126.

### January Contests

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

<b>AGB NYSB Contest</b>	0000Z - 0100Z, Jan 1
<b>SARTG New Year RTTY Contest</b>	0800Z - 1100Z, Jan 1
<b>AGCW QRP Winter Contest</b>	1500Z, Jan 5 - 1500Z, Jan 6
<b>ARRL RTTY Roundup</b>	1800Z, Jan 5 - 2400Z, Jan 6
<b>Japan Int. DX Contest 160-40m</b>	2200Z, Jan 11 - 2200Z, Jan 13
<b>Midwinter Contest, CW</b>	1400Z - 2000Z, Jan 12
<b>North American QSO Party, CW</b>	1800Z, Jan 12 - 0600Z, Jan 13
<b>NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW</b>	0530Z - 0730Z, Jan 13
<b>NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB</b>	0800Z - 1000Z, Jan 13
<b>Midwinter Contest, Phone</b>	0800Z - 1400Z, Jan 13
<b>DARC 10-Meter Contest</b>	0900Z - 1059Z, Jan 13 LZ
<b>Open Contest, CW</b>	1200Z - 2000Z, Jan 19 MI
<b>QRP January CW Contest</b>	1200Z, Jan 19 - 2359Z, Jan 20
<b>North American QSO Party, SSB</b>	1800Z, Jan 19 - 0600Z, Jan 20
<b>ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes</b>	1 900Z, Jan 19 - 0400Z, Jan 21 CQ
<b>160-Meter Contest, CW</b>	2200Z, Jan 25 - 1600Z, Jan 27
<b>REF Contest, CW</b>	0600Z, Jan 26 - 1800Z, Jan 27
<b>BARTG RTTY Sprint</b>	1200Z, Jan 26 - 1200Z, Jan 27
<b>UBA DX Contest, SSB</b>	1300Z, Jan 26 - 1300Z, Jan 27
<b>Kansas QSO Party</b>	1800Z, Jan 26 - 1800Z, Jan 27