



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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## From The President

President Gay-KL0LV was out of town returning to learn of a serious family health problem requiring her undivided attention. She regrets not providing a message for the EARS members this month and said "Just tell everyone I wish them a safe and happy holiday."

Dennis-K4NF

## November 15 EARS Meeting Minutes

- ▶ President Gay-KL0LV opened the meeting at 7:30 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance. This month we met in room 300 in the education building. There being no flag in this room, the flag on Ken's pocket calendar served for the pledge.
- ▶ New member Dr. Jim Lawlor-KB2NZ was introduced and made welcome. Introductions were then made around the room. Jim said to just call him Doc.
- ▶ Frank-W4VV asked for the minutes of the last meeting to be read. However a motion by Keith-WL7CKY to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter was seconded by Howard-N4MLJ and carried.
- ▶ Bruce-K2OY gave the Treasurer's report, showing the checkbook balance to be \$3715.76. A motion by Keith-WL7CKY to accept the report was seconded by Vic-K4VHX, and the motion passed.

## Committee Reports

**Sunshine** - Ken-W4JQT reported for Gene-KA1GCU that cards have been sent to Bill-W1AMU, John-W1JF, and Uncle John's family (K1RSC).

**RACES** - Frank-W4VV gave the RACES report and advised the RACES drill will not be on the last Thursday this month, as it is Thanksgiving day. It is expected to be the 3rd Thursday. Frank will advise. Frank mentioned there are future changes planned for the Englewood EOC. Also Betty Campbell has taken Don Campbell's job as Emergency Management Technician. Frank stressed the importance of everyone checking in for the RACES monthly drills.

## CLUB MEETING

Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. **December's meeting will be our Christmas party at the Rotonda Hills Restaurant on the 14th of December at 6:00.** The next regular meeting will be held in January. Contact one of the officers for directions to the meeting room.

**Testing** - Ken-W4JQT reported no testing is planned this month.

**DX** - Bruce-K2OY gave the DX report, and discussed FR5RH/J who is expected to operate from Juan De Nova Island east of Africa. Bruce also talked about Ron Wright-ZL1AMO, a taxi driver who goes on many dxpeditions. JR-K9HUY reported that Ron was air lifted off Fiji Island yesterday with serious illness.

**Old Business**

At the meeting last month we approved a request to purchase two sets of children's ham radio books at \$15.00 per set for the two Englewood libraries. The books have arrived. Vic-K4VHX will take one set to the Charlotte County Library, and Howard-N4MLJ will take the other set to the Elsie Quirk Library.

**New Business**

Gay-KL0LV needs a count by Dec. 4th of those coming to the EARS Christmas Party on December 14th at the Rotonda Hills Country Club. Please mail in your intention using the November News Letter reservation form as soon as possible.

**Announcements**

- ▶ Bruce-K2OY suggests we all check with our QSL bureau. There may be cards there we don't know about, and some we would like to have
- ▶ Gay-KL0LV reminded all about the Peace River/EARS picnic at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds on November 23rd, and asked for a count of those planning to attend.
- ▶ Vic-K4VHX announced the Venice club has an echo link in operation on 145.13 MHz.
- ▶ Ken-W4JQT reported that all three Henry boys have been awarded 2002 FAR scholarships. (FAR - Foundation for Amateur Radio) Mark-KE4UFT and Matthew-KE4VEM were awarded scholarships sponsored by the QCWA, and Michael-KF4KDI from the Dade Radio Club Tropical Hamboree.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm and a view graph was set up for the program speaker.

**Program**

EARS member Dan Tomcik-K4OU presented an excellent history of Al Kahn-K4FW and his work at Electro Voice, then eventually starting Ten Tec and building amateur radio equipment. Dan worked with Al as an engineer at electro voice, and later on at Ten Tec. Dan described a few of the projects he worked on and showed some interesting view graph slides. This was a good inside view of the Ten Tec operation.

Ken Anderson - W4JQT  
Secretary Pro Tem

**Email & Phone Number Changes**

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**Member Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale**

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Icom IC-746, S/N 3389, 160 through 2 meters, all mode, 100 watts output ..... \$750

Icom IC 746, S/N 3845, 160 through 2 meters, all mode, 100 watts output ..... \$785

Hygain TH11DXX HF antenna, 11 element, 5 band 20-10 meters ..... \$400

**EARS Donated Equipment Sales**

This is the final chapter on sales of equipment donated to EARS during 2002. On November 30, 2002 the following equipment was sold at the Okeechobee hamfest:

Ten Tec Scout Transceiver, Ten Tec 12 Volt Power Supply, Ten Tec 300 watt Antenna Tuner, SX-25 Hallicrafters Receiver, Hand Telegraph Key, and a pair of headphones.

Dan Tomcik, K4OU made a significant contribution in getting this equipment ready to sell by getting the Ten Tec power supply repaired.

The November 30 receipts were \$247.00. This represents a combined total for the EARS treasury of \$1,451.00 during 2002 from sales of donated equipment.

Ken Anderson  
W4JQT

### **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 AM. Tiffany’s restaurant is in Tiffany Square at the intersection of San Casa and SR 776.

The second to meet are the ones that like to sleep in a little later and meet at the Hungry Hound around 8 AM. The Hungry Hound restaurant is Palm Plaza shopping center at the intersection of SR 776 & 775 (Placida Road).

### **Internet Sites To Explore**

<http://www.qsl.net/g4fon/Opener.html> Includes a CW trainer which G4FON wrote to build his CW speed back up and a logging program for the Palm OS.

<http://www.425dxn.org/> The Italian weekly bulletin for serious DXers since 1995 with over 9200 subscribers all over the world

- ▶ If you come across a website of interest, forward the address to Dennis-K4NF (k4nf@arrl.net).

### **>>> P5/4L4FN QRT <<<**

Ed, P5/4L4FN has been QRT from North Korea since Friday evening (22 November), when the local Radio Regulation Board, without any explanation, asked him to quit all transmissions and pack all his radio equipment.

### **Hamfests, December Remainder and January**

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