



The WA4IWL Newsletter



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Hi ya'll.

2003 is coming to an end and this should be my last message as your president. Many thanks to all of you. Your support this year has been great and has helped all our endeavors run very smooth.

As our appointed Vice President, Martin has done an outstanding job in more ways I can express appreciation. He has kept up with e-mail notifications and has done a wonderful job of extending invitations to our other Ham Radio Clubs in the local area. As hams we are all friends and this sharing of hospitality will go a long way to strengthen our friendships and ranks.

Our two Kens have again done a great job as secretary and Bruce has kept the books in fine shape. Don't forget that without Dennis, none of us would receive this newsletter.

Our joint picnic with the Peace River Club was a great success and included guest from several of our local clubs.

The good news for the closing of the year is, we have volunteers for next year's officers.

As proposed by the nominating committee:

President	Martin Horowitz	W4MHH
Vice President	Tom Hawes	WA3PRC
Secretary	Hugh Meyers	KG4ZDX
Treasurer	Vic Emmelkamp	K4VHX
Trustee	Don Spencer	WA4IWL
Trustee	Ken Anderson	W4JQT
Trustee	Keith Herve	WL7CKY

Thank you all for your support!

Happy Holidays

73 Keith WL7CKY

November 21 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – Vice President Martin-W4MHH, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. There were 25 members and 2 visitors in attendance. Introductions were made around the room. Visitors Bill and Shelby Rudolph were made welcome. Carol Nottingham W4NEM, was given a special welcome after a long absence.

Secretary's Report– A motion to accept the minutes of last months meeting as printed in the news letter was seconded and carried.

CLUB MEETING

Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3rd 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.

There will be no regular December EARS meeting.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's report was given by Vic, K4VHX. The check book balance is \$4402.53 as of November 21, 2003. A motion by Sel-WB1CYM to accept the report was seconded by Don-WA4IWL and carried.

Committee Reports

Sunshine – Gene-KA1GCU says nothing to report.

Publicity – Jerry-K4JWE reported that hamfest notices have been sent to several magazines.

RACES – Frank-W4VV gave this report. We now have an EOC located at the Tringali Community Center with a new VHF antenna installation. He also mentioned a new building is under construction at the San Casa location.

Testing – Ken-W4JQT reported we had one candidate on 11/15 from Germany who took the general written test and code test and passed both.

DX – Tom-WA3PRC said Juan De Nova, Europa Island will be on from November 24 to December 15 using the call TO4E. They will also be on during the CQWW CW Contest using the call TO4WW. Frank-W4VV reported he has received ARRL approval with 329 countries confirmed, placing him on the DXCC honor roll. He has 336 overall.

Correspondence

A letter was received and read from Jack-WA8GRO stating that he and Vic-K4VHX have completed an audit of the financial records of EARS for the period January 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003. He states there were no undocumented expenditures, and the financial books of the Society are up to date and in good order.

A letter was received and read from the Boca Grande Lighthouse Museum thanking EARS for our donation of \$50.00.

A letter and certificate was received and read from ARRL thanking EARS for our donation of \$100.00 for Spectrum Defense.

Old Business

Hamfest – Vic, K4VHX reported the Fairground deposit has been made, the insurance certificate has been received, tickets and flyers have been printed, and some publicity has been put out. A meeting will be held in early December.

Christmas Party – The form in the October news letter with your check should be mailed to Keith by November 26 for the party at the Hills Country Club on December 2, 2003.

2 Meter Simplex Net – Each Friday evening at 7:30 PM on 146.58 MHz. George-KA4JKY was Net Control on 11/14 and reported 9 check-ins. Frank-W4VV encouraged antenna improvement to provide good signals for this net.

Student Leadership Academy – Nothing new to report. Still getting information.

Joint Picnic – Hugh-KG4ZDX reported we had a nice shady location at the fair grounds with 68 in attendance and all had a good time and good eats.

New Business

Nominating Committee – Appointments are as follows: Don Spencer-WA4IWL, Bill Stevens-W1AMU, and Martin Horowitz-W4MHH.

Announcements

TARC Christmas Party – Will be on Friday, 12/12 at the Cajun Club. Call John Fyke VE6AIV for info.

Meeting Programs – Marty-W4MHH reports programs are set up for the 2004 January and February EARS meetings.

EARS Meeting – There will **not be** a regular EARS meeting in addition to the Christmas party in December. A slate of 2004 EARS officer nominations will be presented at the Christmas party.

Jim-NX2II reported his wife installed a voice synthesizer in his Kenwood 850 transceiver.

EARS Dues – are due in January 2004. The yearly dues are \$15.00 for single, and \$18.50 for family membership.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. After a break for refreshments, George-KA4JKY presented a program of ham radio experiences narrated by Ken-W4JQT, Jerry-K4JWE, Bill-W2OJ, Joe-W2ORP, Sel-WB1CYM, Frank-W4VV, Jack-WA8GRO, and Hugh-KG4ZDX.

Ken Anderson-W4JQT
Secretary, Pro Tem

Internet Sites To Explore

<http://www.ac6v.com/#INDEX> – Reference guide and links for Amateur Radio and DX.

http://www.hobbiton.com/RV/ham_radio_links_for_rv.htm and <http://www.rvweb.net/club/gsrvrnet/> – Ham radio links and net schedules for those who enjoy amateur radio with their recreational vehicles (RVs).

EARS December Christmas Party Pictures



Florida Hamfests December/January

Listing from <http://www.arrl.org>

6-7 Dec 2003 West Central Florida Section, Convention, Palmetto, FL, Florida Gulf Coast AR Council <http://www.fgcarc.org>, Contact: Dan Johnson, W4BNC PO Box 48725, St. Petersburg, FL 33743, Phone: 727-343-9879, Email: w4bnc@arrl.net

10 Jan 2004 Boca Raton ARA Free Flea, Boca Raton ARA Contact: Lew Lehman, K4LEW, Email: k4lew@juno.com

10 Jan 2004 Fort Myers ARC, Fort Myers, FL Contact: Paul Horton, K4OVC, 4111 Hidden Acres Circle North Fort Myers, FL 33903-7108, Phone: 239-995-8951 Email: phorton@peganet.com

31 Jan 2004 DeSoto ARC, Arcadia, FL, Contact: Doug Christ, KN4YT, 1593 NE Livingston Street, Arcadia, FL 34266 Phone: 863-491-0618, Email: kn4yt@arrl.net

WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

December 2003

- QRP ARCI Topband Sprint 0000Z - 1200Z, Dec 4
- ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2200Z, Dec 5 - 1600Z, Dec 7
- PSK31 Death Match 0000Z, Dec 6 - 2400Z, Dec 7
- TARA RTTY Melee 0000Z - 2400Z, Dec 6
- TOPS Activity 80m Contest 1800Z, Dec 6 - 1800Z, Dec 7
- QRP ARCI Hol. Spirits Sprint 2000Z - 2400Z, Dec 7
- ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 13 - 2400Z, Dec 14
- Great Colorado Snowshoe Run 0200Z - 0400Z, Dec 14
- AGB Party Contest 2100Z - 2400Z, Dec 19
- Russian 160-Meter Contest 2100Z - 2300Z, Dec 19
- OK DX RTTY Contest 0000Z - 2400Z, Dec 20
- Croatian CW Contest 1400Z, Dec 20 - 1400Z, Dec 21
- International Naval Contest 1600Z, Dec 20 - 1600Z, Dec 21
- DARC Christmas Contest 0830Z - 1059Z, Dec 26
- RAC Winter Contest 0000Z - 2400Z, Dec 27
- Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Dec 27 - 1500Z,

Dec 28

• Original QRP Contest, CW 1500Z, Dec 27 - 1500Z, Dec 28

January 2004

- AGB NYSB Contest 0000Z - 0100Z, Jan 1
- SARTG New Year RTTY Contest 0800Z - 1100Z, Jan 1
- AGCW Happy New Year Contest 0900Z - 1200Z, Jan 1
- ARRL RTTY Roundup 1800Z, Jan 3 - 2400Z, Jan 4
- Kid's Day Contest 1800Z - 2400Z, Jan 3
- EUCW 160m Contest 2000Z - 2300Z, Jan 3 and 0400Z - 0700Z, Jan 4
- Hunting Lions in the Air 0000Z, Jan 10 - 2400Z, Jan 11
- East Asia 160/80 DX Contest 0900Z, Jan 10 - 2200Z, Jan 11
- UK DX Contest, SSB 1200Z, Jan 10 - 1200Z, Jan 11
- Midwinter Contest, CW 1400Z - 2000Z, Jan 10
- North American QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Jan 10 - 0600Z, Jan 11
- NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW 0530Z - 0730Z, Jan 11
- NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB 0800Z - 1000Z, Jan 11
- Midwinter Contest, Phone 0800Z - 1400Z, Jan 11
- DARC 10-Meter Contest 0900Z - 1059Z, Jan 11
- 070 Club PSKFest 0000Z - 2400Z, Jan 17
- LZ Open Contest, CW 1200Z - 2000Z, Jan 17
- MI QRP January CW Contest 1200Z, Jan 17 - 2359Z, Jan 18
- Hungarian DX Contest 1200Z, Jan 17 - 1200Z, Jan 18
- North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Jan 17 - 0600Z, Jan 18
- ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes 1900Z, Jan 17 - 0400Z, Jan 19
- CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW 0000Z, Jan 24 - 2359Z, Jan 25
- REF Contest, CW 0600Z, Jan 24 - 1800Z, Jan 25
- BARTG RTTY Sprint 1200Z, Jan 24 - 1200Z, Jan 25
- UBA DX Contest, SSB 1300Z, Jan 31 - 1300Z, Feb 1