



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



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## President's Message

My term as the EARS President is coming to an end. We have moved forward as a Service society in many ways during the past year. This was due to the dedication and hard work of all our members.

We supported many good causes. To enumerate all would be overkill; but here are my top five:

1. The outstanding service provided by EARS members in the face of the Hurricane Charlie disaster; not to mention Frances, Ivan and Jeanne.
2. The "over and above" assistance provided by, and for, EARS members in establishing and rebuilding AmRad and other services for our extended community.
3. The leadership which made the EARS/PRRC Hamfest the success it was.
4. The Field Day exercise and picnic.
5. The establishment of the EARS Scholarship at the Lemon Bay High School.

People say that Pride is one of the Seven Deadly Sins, but I am proud to be a part of EARS. The Amateurs Code stands as tall today as it did when written in 1928.

That's what Amateur Radio is all about!!

Respectfully,  
Martin, W4MHH

PS, Jackie and I wish everybody a very happy Holiday Season and a healthy prosperous New Year.

## EARS Meeting Minutes – November 18

**Call to Order:** President Martin Horowitz-W4MHH opened the meeting at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 24 members and one guest, Konrad Owens-WA3RRS, in attendance.

**Secretary's Report:** ON MOTION the October meeting minutes were approved as published in the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Vic-K4VHX reported in the past month we had \$279.50 income and \$81 outflow.

Balance is \$4,658.23. ON MOTION the treasurer's report was approved.

**Correspondence:** Received a thank you note from the United Methodist Church for the overhead projector the club donated to them. Received a letter of appreciation from the Englewood Charlotte Public Library for the demonstration EARS members presented to the children during the summer. TARC extended an invitation to any of our members who would like to attend their

Christmas party on 12/18 at Marco Polo. Anyone interested see Martin-W4MHH.

### Committee Reports

- ▶ **Sunshine:** No report.
- ▶ **RACES:** Frank-W4VV reminded all of the check-ins on the last Wednesday of the month at 8PM, 146.745MHz; and the last Thursday of the month at 9AM at the Tringali EOC, 146.865MHz. Frank reported that the club responded and performed well during Hurricane Charley.
- ▶ **Publicity:** Gerry-K4JWE and others said response to the EARS display at Elsie Quirk library has been very favorable.
- ▶ **Testing:** Ken-W4JQT reminded everyone that testing now takes place the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Venice Library in conjunction with TARC.
- ▶ **DX:** VU2RBI is expecting, within days, permission to operate as VU4/ from Andaman Islands. She, Devulapalli, is planning on being there for the month of Dec. This is very rare. No activity since 1978. PY1, Peter Island, near the Antarctic Circle, is due up in January. No one there for about 10 years. FT8X, Kerguelen Islands, will be coming up on March 15. Last operation was 1998. See pages 77 & 78, Dec. QST for more info.
- ▶ **Hamfest:** Vic, K4VHX, advised that we would have to run the Hamfest ourselves, as PRRC members have too much going on due to Hurricane Charley. This is a very difficult job and needs full time attention by several people. As there were no volunteers to take this on, a discussion was held to investigate the possibility a tailgate Hamfest on the EUMC grounds. Ken, W4JQT, will check with the church to see if this is possible. We are shooting for March 5, 2005.

### Old Business

Only four members were able to make the Boca Bop, but everything went off well.

Our EARS Christmas party is on Dec. 12th at the Rotonda Golf Club at 6 PM. Contact Martin-W4MHH

or Vic-K4VHX for reservations.

Ken-W4JQT, moved and Gerry-K4JWE, seconded a motion to give a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior at Lemon Bay High School. Motion passed. Martin-W4MHH will contact the cognizant people at the high school to arrange the requirements and presentation.

Englewood Animal Rescue Sanctuary, the other "EARS", was discussed. Ken-W4JQT, moved and Don, WA4IWL, seconded a motion, that we do not pursue further action against them for using "EARS" as their acronym. Motion passed (23 to 1).

Our withdrawal from the Chamber of Commerce was discussed. Bill-W1AMU, moved and Ken-W4JQT, seconded that we rejoin the Chamber. Motion failed (19 to 5).

### New Business

ARRL bylaws state that a club needs 60% or more ARRL members to maintain being a ARRL affiliated club. A show of hands affirmed that status for EARS. If any EARS member wants to become a member of ARRL, and does it through EARS, our club will receive \$15 per new member. Any renewal through the club nets us \$2. This is a good way to support EARS. Full membership dues are \$39 per year for ARRL with discounts for other categories.

EARS dues for 2005 are \$15 per member (\$18.50 for a family membership). They are due.

Martin-W4MHH appointed a nominating committee consisting of JR-K9HUY and Gerry-K4JWE to recommend a slate of candidates for the 2005 EARS officers. Presentation of the slate will take place at our December meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the EARS Christmas party on December 12th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

### After Meeting Program

The program was presented by Vic-K4VHX giving a demonstration of Anderson powerpoles and Ken-W4JQT demonstrating techniques for attaching PL259 connectors to coax.

Respectfully submitted  
Hugh Myers, KG4ZDX.  
Secretary



**EARS Amateur Radio Display  
Elsie Quirk Library**

#### – Local Happenings –

- **The EARS Christmas Party** is December 12 and will be held at the Rotonda Club House; 6PM.
- **EARS Meeting** – Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, on a reservation basis only, in the conference room of the Venice

public library, 300 South Nokomis Avenue, Venice, FL. The exam cost is \$12.00. Contact Jack Sproat-W4JS, [w4js@juno.com](mailto: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 **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of each month at 11:30AM in Denny's on Bee Ridge Road.
- **Snowbird Net** – is twice daily; first on 14.275 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.230 MHz at 7:00PM EST.
- **Ft. Pierce 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 and 8AM at the Country Hound in Englewood. Friday morning, 8AM at Mel's diner in Venice.



**7AM Breakfast at Denny's**  
(8AM group next issue)

#### **Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy**

**FS:** Alpha 77 HF amplifier, Bill Schober-W2OJ  
**PH:** 697-4772.

**FS:** Kenwood TS-440AT HF transceiver, Drake TR-4, RV-4, MS-4, AC & DC Power Supplies. Keith Kelly-KC5AS, 697-9325, [yachtguy@aol.com](mailto:yachtguy@aol.com)

**FS:** Kenwood TS-440S HF transceiver, PS-50 Power Supply, SP-430 Speaker, MC-60 Microphone. Mint Condition \$500, AEA DSP 232 Data Controller \$45 Tom Hawes-WA3PRC, 941-627-4644

**Contact** the editor to add your equipment needs.

### EARS Directory Update

**Dennis Babcock-K4NF:** Phone number is now only 468-4131

### Internet Sites to Explore

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

#### November Hamfests

- 4-5 Dec 2004 West Central Florida Section Convention Florida Gulf Coast AR Council, Palmetto, FL, <http://www.tampabayhamfest.org>, Contact: Jim Schilling, KG4JSZ, 44 Joel Massey Road, Haines City, FL 33844, Phone: 407-356-3574 Email: [jim@schillingdesign.com](mailto:jim@schillingdesign.com)
- 11 Dec 2004 Silver Springs Radio Club, Ocala, FL, Marion County Government Complex (Green Clover Hall), SE 25th Avenue (just east of the 300 block of SE 29th Ct.) <http://www.qsl.net/ssrc/hamfest/index.html> Talk-In: 146.610 (PL 123.0), Input 146.01, Contact: Bill Miller, N6WGM, 3381 SW 46th Avenue, Ocala, FL 34474, Phone: 352-873-2017 Email: [n6wgm@cfl.rr.com](mailto:n6wgm@cfl.rr.com)

#### WA7BNM November Contest Calendar

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

- ARCI Topband Sprint 0000Z-0600Z, Dec 2
- ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2200Z, Dec 3 to 1600Z, Dec 5
- TARA RTTY Melee 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 4
- Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0400Z-0600Z, Dec 4
- CIS DX Contest, CW 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 5
- ARCI Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint 2000Z-2400Z, Dec 5
- ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Dec 7
- ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 11 to 2400Z, Dec 12
- Fall NA Meteor Scatter Rally 0000Z, Dec 11 to 0700Z, Dec 15
- Great Colorado Snowshoe Run 0200Z-0359Z, Dec 11
- Russian 160-Meter Contest 2100Z-2300Z, Dec 17
- MDXA PSK DeathMatch 0000Z, Dec 18 to 2400Z, Dec 19
- OK DX RTTY Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 18
- RAC Winter Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Dec 18
- Croatian CW Contest 1400Z, Dec 18 to 1400Z, Dec 19
- Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Dec 18 to 1500Z, Dec 19
- International Naval Contest 1600Z, Dec 18 to 1600Z, Dec 19
- RAEM Contest 0200Z-0959Z, Dec 26
- DARC Christmas Contest 0830Z-1059Z, Dec 26

#### Special Events

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

- Quincy, IL: Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club, K9C. 0000Z Dec 3-2400Z Dec 14. Quincy, Illinois, Christmas Avenue of Lights. 28.325 21.325 14.250 7.250 SSB CW RTTY PSK. Certificate. Robert G. Mitchell, 816 Long Dr, Quincy, IL 62305.
- Duluth, MN: Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club, W0GKP. 1500Z-2300Z Dec 4. 75th Anniversary of club affiliation with ARRL. 21.375 14.280 7.275 3.875. Certificate. Robert Schulz, 115 Eden Ln, Duluth, MN 55805-1533. [www.qsl.net/w0gkp/](http://www.qsl.net/w0gkp/).
- Pittsburgh, PA: Carnegie Science Center, NY3EC. 1500Z-2000Z Dec 4. 50th Anniversary Miniature Railroad and Display. 147.03 14.250 7.265. Certificate. Art Mueller, WA3BKD, 1532 Millers Run Rd, McDonald, PA 15057. [www.miniaturerailroad.org](http://www.miniaturerailroad.org).
- Various, United States: National Weather Service and ARRL. 0000Z-2400Z Dec 4. Sixth annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD). See page 72 in this issue or go to <http://hamradio.noaa.gov> for complete information.
- Grand Junction, CO: Western Colorado Amateur Radio Club, N0W. 0000Z Dec 4-0000Z Dec 5. 2004 SKYWARN Recognition Day at Walker Field Airport. 28.460 21.260 14.260 7.260. QSL. Bob Vogel, W0RY, 155 Ponderosa Dr, Fruita, CO 81521. [www.wearc.ws/status.htm](http://www.wearc.ws/status.htm).
- Homestead, FL: Everglades Amateur Radio Club, W4SVI. 1600Z Dec 4-1600Z Dec 5. Commemorating the dedication of Everglades National Park by President Harry S. Truman, December 6, 1947. SSB 40 20 15 10 m. Certificate. Everglades Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 900113, Homestead, FL 33090-0113.
- Linthicum, MD: Historical Electronics Museum ARC, W2W. 1400Z Dec 4-2200Z Dec 7. Commemorating the 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor. 14.241 14.041 7.241 7.041. Certificate. HEMARC-W2W, PO Box 742, MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21203. A QSL card may be requested. [www.qsl.net/w3hem](http://www.qsl.net/w3hem).
- Baton Rouge, LA: USS Kidd ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. 1500Z-2300Z Dec 7. Pearl Harbor Day. General class bands, 14.250 to 14.320; CW QRP subbands. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS Kidd Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.
- Nazareth-Bethlehem, PA: Christmas ARC and Delaware-Lehigh ARC, WX3MAS. 1400Z Dec 11-0200Z Dec 13. Annual Christmas greetings from the twin Christmas Cities. 28.465 21.365 14.265 7.270 3.970. Certificate. CCARC/DLARC, WX3MAS, Greystone Building, Gracedale Complex, RR 8, Nazareth, PA 18064. [www.dlarc.org](http://www.dlarc.org).
- Delmar, NY: Marconi Net, W2M. 0200Z-0400Z Dec 13. Commemorating the first anniversary of the Marconi Net. 3.872. Certificate. Fred Thumhart, Jr, 5 Old Oxe Rd, Delmar, NY 12054.
- Santa Ana, CA: Anaheim Police Radio Club, K6B. 0000Z Dec 16-2359Z Dec 30. 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge WW2. 21.350 18.150 14.250 7.250. QSL. Mark McMullin, KM6HB, PO Box 27271, Santa Ana, CA 92799. [km6hb@arrl.net](mailto:km6hb@arrl.net).
- Belen (Bethlehem), NM: Valencia County Amateur Radio Association, KC5OUR. 1400Z Dec 18-2359Z Dec 26. Celebrating the Christmas season from Bethlehem, New

- Mexico. 28.272 21.272 14.272 7.272. QSL. VCARA, PO Box 268, Peralta, NM 87042.
- Lake Charles, LA: , N1CC. 0000Z Dec 24-2359Z Dec 25. Christmas Carol. 28.475 21.375 14.275 7.245. QSL. Via <http://qrz.com> listing or <http://users.aol.com/N1CC>.
  - Atkinson, NH: Atkinson Amateur Radio Club, K1D. 0501Z Dec 26-0500Z Jan 10. Celebrating Kid's Day and Amateur Radio Awareness. 28.370 21.370 14.270 7.230. QSL. Peter Schipelliti, 7 Dearborn Ridge Rd, Atkinson, NH 03811.
  - Various, England: Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society, GB6BOB. 0001Z Dec 27-2359Z Jan 23. Commemorating the Battle of the Bulge. 21.070 21.056 14.070 14.056. Certificate. Mike Humphrey, GOSWY/KF4OFR, 4 Bluebell Rd, Bassett, Southampton, Hampshire SO16 3LQ, England. [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com).
  - New Castle, IN: Ashland Amateur Radio Technical Society, W9W. 0000Z Dec 30-2400Z Jan 2. New Years. 21.375 14.325 7.235 3.860. QSL. W9W c/o James Smith, 726 N Main St, New Castle, IN 47362. <http://kaarts.org/special.htm>.