



The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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EARS

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2002 Officers

President
Position
Not Filled

Vice-president
Position
Not Filled

Secretary
Ken Blackshaw
W1NQT
474-0662

Treasure
Bruce Robideau
K2OY
475-8330

Trustees
Gay Herve
KL0LV
460-0507

Don Spencer
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475-7228

Ken Anderson
W4JQT
475-3172

Newsletter
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From The Editor

A message from the EARS president is not available for this issue. Election of officers during our last meeting did not provide anyone to fill the President or Vice-President positions. I find this situation discouraging and frustrating considering we have 80+ members in a reasonably active club. EARS provides so much for the membership, prospective hams and the Englewood community. I hope someone capable steps forward to protect what we have by grabbing the reins and leading us through this year filled with already planned activities and events.

Dennis-K4NF

January 17 Meeting Minutes

- President Gay Herve-KL0LV called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Free-W1NPR introduced two guests he brought to the meeting: Jerry Lasley-WB8CRV, and Bob Sternbergh who is interested in amateur license training. Vance Frost-N8IAS also introduced himself as a visitor who has been an inactive ham but now intends to become more active. Gay-KL0LV welcomed the visitors then asked for introductions from others attending the meeting.
- For the Secretary's report, Free W1NPR made a motion the minutes of the December, 2002 meeting be accepted as printed in the January EARS newsletter. Seconded by Keith-WL7CKY and carried.
- The Treasurer's report was given by Vic-K4VHX, because Bruce-K2OY our treasurer is home sick. The report shows a balance in our treasury of \$3976.76. Keith-WL7KY made a motion to accept the report. Seconded by George-KA4JKY and carried. Free-W1NPR asked for a card to be sent to Bruce.
- Correspondence
A letter was received and read from the Sarasota County Elsie Quirk Library thanking EARS for donating the Cynthia Wall Amateur Radio series of five books.
- A letter was received and read from the Englewood Charlotte County Public Library thanking EARS for donating the Cynthia Wall Amateur Radio series of five books. An Email with a picture of Pam-KG4EDF presenting the books was passed around for everyone to see.

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.

- An Email letter was received from Dave Armbrust-AE4MR ARRL WCF Section Manager advising the Club Leadership Conference scheduled for January 18, 2003 has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.
- A letter was received from Lemon Bay High School requesting support for Project Graduation 2003. Jerry-K4JWE made a motion to donate \$100.00, seconded by Keith-WL7CKY. Since this is an unbudgeted item, it will be in the newsletter for 30 days notice and voted on at the February meeting under Old Business.

Committee Reports

Sunshine - Gene-KA1GCU reported cards were sent to Al-KA9KAZ, Don-KD9SJ's wife, Virginia, and Joe-WA1WLU. Gene will send a card to Sel-WB1CYM who is in the Englewood Hospital with Cellulitis in his right leg.

RACES - Frank-W4VV gave the RACES report. He said it is getting more important to be prepared for emergency communications. He reported a new tactical site is planned for West County, and he plans to attend a RACES Staff meeting on January 21st.

Publicity - Jerry-K4JWE had nothing to report. Vic-K4VHX said he is working on getting EARS listed on the Herald Tribune Web Site.

Testing/Training - Ken-W4JQT advised no testing is planned for this month. A Technician training class is being set up to start March 1st. Classes will be on Saturday afternoons from 1 to 4 PM. Please call Ken at 475-3172 to get registered.

DX - Tom-WA3PRC says Wake Island is active. Frank-W4VV mentioned that JR-K9HUY had received a nice letter from Bill Moore at the ARRL, and said maybe JR could tell us about it. JR said he had made the DXCC honor roll with 328 countries confirmed. He received an enthusiastic round of applause.

Old Business

- Keith-WL7CKY reported on the EARS Christmas Party at the Hills Country Club, and said the folks there

were a pleasure to work with. George-KA4JKY added that George-W1PZE's granddaughter Kelly was an excellent waitress at the party. Keith made a motion that the club refund Al-KA9KAZ's Christmas Party money. Al and his wife were involved in an automobile accident on their way to the party. Seconded by Jim-N4JBZ and carried.

New Business

- Election of Officers - Keith-WL7CKY reported the following candidates have been nominated and agreed to serve:

Secretary:	Ken Blackshaw	W1NQY
Treasurer:	Bruce Robideau	K2OY
Trustee:	Gay Herve	KL0LV
Trustee:	Don Spencer	WA4IWL
Trustee:	Ken Anderson	W4JQT

Keith reported he has a candidate for vice president when a president is in place, but no candidate for president at this time. President Gay opened the floor for nominations for president with three calls. There were no nominations. Keith made a motion that we vote on the above candidates. Seconded by Jerry-K4JWE with the request that the secretary cast a single vote for the above slate. It was done.

- The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm local time. There was no program planned for this meeting. There were 23 members and three guests present.

Respectfully submitted

Ken Anderson - W4JQT

Secretary - Pro Tem

License Training Class

The Englewood Amateur Radio Society will offer a 13-week amateur license training class beginning March 1 at the Elsie Quirk Public Library, 100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood. The course is free, but there is a charge for materials. Registration is required. Call Ken Anderson-W4JQT at - 941-475-3172.

Hamfest Announcement

Last year's hamfest was a great success; not only did we have a lot of fun but the club benefitted greatly from the sale of donated equipment sold from the Club Table.

If you have some equipment you are no longer using and it is in good condition please contact me and I will arrange to get it to the hamfest.

By the way mark your calendars for Saturday, March 15th from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and plan to attend the Second Annual Charlotte County hamfest at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds on SR 776 across from the 'Sports Complex', (Same as last year). Hope to see you there.

Vic-K4VHX

Internet Sites To Explore

EARS Herald Tribune Club Listing on the internet

*Go to: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/>

*Select "Clubs Finder" in the "Services" section.

*Select "Special Interests"

*Select "Englewood Amateur Radio Society" from the list.

*Selecting the "Englewood Amateur Radio Society" link in the EARS club listing will take you to our EARS home page <http://www.earsradioclub.org>

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 the 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).

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale

Dennis k4nf@arrl.net, 698-1251

Ameritron AI-1500, HF Amplifier, 160-10 meters, < 65 watts to legal limit+, 3CX1500 tube \$1,700

Hygain TH1DX, 5 band 10 through 20 meter antenna, 2kw/4kw cw/pep, new \$1,159 \$375

Hamfests, Feb. Remainder & March

11-16 Feb 2003 ARC of the Wally Byam Caravan Club Christmas, FL, <http://www.rvweb.net/club/wbcciar/>
Contact: Jerry Williams, KJ4IT, PO Box 1657,

Mechanicsville, VA 23116, Phone: 804-730-0221
Email: kj4it@arrl.net

15 Feb 2003 Hernando County ARA, Brooksville, FL
<http://www.hcara.org>, Contact: John Nejedlo, WB4NOD
15430 Waxweed Avenue
Spring Hill, FL 34610, Phone: 727-856-2568
Email: wb4nod@gate.net

15 Feb 2003 Highlands County ARC, Sebring, FL
Contact: Ben Wilbanks, KA6R, 2003 Flower Terrace
Sebring, FL 33875, Phone: 863-314-0963
Email: benw01@earthlink.net

23 Feb 2003 Zephyrhills Area ARC Zephyrhills, FL
Contact: Ronald Russell, N8VFE, 38545 Goodland Drive,
Zephyrhills, FL 33540, Phone: 813-782-1602
Email: ron301@aol.com

8 Mar 2003 Dixie ARC, Trenton, FL, Contact: John Mc
Cleese, K8HL, HC 5, Box 163 Old Town, FL 32680
Phone: 352-542-3235, Email: k8hl@arrl.net

15 Mar 2003 Playground ARC, Ft. Walton Beach
<http://www.w4zbb.org>, Contact: Louis Carter, KF4HRM
PO Box 873, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549
Phone: 850-243-4315, Email: parcfest@w4zbb.org

15 Mar 2003 Peace River Repeater Assn. &
Englewood ARS, Port Charlotte, FL,
<http://www.fcrosby.com/hamfest/flyer.html>
Contact: Bill Norris, KC7TSG, 6468 Pan American
Blvd. North Port, FL 34287, Phone: 941-426-0214
Email: hamscanner@aol.com

15 Mar 2003 Martin County ARA, Stuart, FL
<http://www.qsl.net/kg4via>, Contact: Peter Lynch, W1MNY,
PO Box 1901, Stuart, FL 34997
Phone: 772-288-1048, Email: w1mny@arrl.net

22 Mar 2003 "Hamfest Under the Sun" Gulf Coast ARC,
New Port Richey, FL,
<http://www.gulfcoastarc.org/>, Contact: Donald Patee,
AA4EK, 4811 Rowan Road, Apt. 401
New Port Richey, FL 34653, Phone: 727-372-3811
Email: aa4ek@arrl.net

22 Mar 2003 Cy Harris W4MAQ Memorial Free Flea
Plantation, FL
<http://www.geocities.com/bcepn/freeflea.html>
Contact: Robin Terrill, N4HHP, Phone: 954-583-3625
Email: kg4chw@arrl.net