



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



## President's Message



At our January meeting, a large number of members were in attendance to elect the new officers and trustees, receive the treasurer's annual report, recognize certain members for their valued efforts, and otherwise

learn about the happenings of our organization. We also discussed RACES issues, the upcoming hamfest in March, a special event lighthouse station, and even a few program ideas for upcoming meetings. I'll defer my rambling's on all of these issues and let you either read about it in detail in the secretary's minutes. Please remember to pay your membership dues for 2008 if you have not already done so; we'd like to have as many members as possible paid-up in time to make the 2008 EARS Membership Directory.

73,  
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



## EARS Meeting Minutes January 17, 2007

**Call to Order:** President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. There were 30 members present.

**Secretary's Report:** On a Motion, the EARS December, 2007 meeting minutes were approved as published in the January, 2008 newsletter.



**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Vic-K4VHX gave the Treasurer's report. Since this was the Annual Meeting, Vic gave the year end financial report with a comparison to the budget for 2007. Income exceeded expenses by \$289.35. Since the actual and budgeted items were very close, a motion was made to make the 2008 budget the same as 2007, to which the Treasurer agreed. The motion carried.

**Correspondence:** Secretary Ken-W4JQT read the correspondence as follows:

- A thank you note from Joe-KE4WVA and Amelia Kato
- A Christmas Card from Don-WA4IWL and Edna Spencer
- A Christmas Card from Felicia and Michael Fox
- The Arcadia Hamfest flyer (January 26, 2008)
- The Tidelines newsletter from the Boca Grande Lighthouse museum.

## Committee Reports

**Sunshine:** No items to report

**RACES:** The club needs a new deputy director to represent us at the Charlotte county meetings, and various RACES activities. No volunteers came forward. President-KE4VEM says the responsibility is his, but he works during the day, so he would not be available for any daytime activities.

The antenna trouble at Tringali still has not received any attention from the RACES organization. Using field glasses, it appears the top is burned as though hit by lightning. The antenna shows a high SWR.

**ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**

P.O. Box 572  
Englewood, FL 34295

<b>President</b> Matthew Henry-KE4VEM 380-5980	<b>Vice-President</b> Thomas Hawes-WA3PRC 627-4644	<b>Secretary</b> Ken Anderson-W4JQT 475-3172 Ken Blackshaw-W1NQT 474-0662	<b>Treasurer</b> Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX 473-5560
<b>Trustee</b> Martin Horowitz-N4FA 473-1123	<b>Trustee</b> Pamela Eggleton-K1UEG 475-9727	<b>Trustee</b> Keith Kelly, KC5AS 697-9325	<b>Trustee Emeritus</b> Don Spencer-WA4IWL 508-234-8070

**EARS Meeting**

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY meetings are the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30PM. Meeting location is the ENGLEWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 700 E. Dearborn St. (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.*

This problem was first reported to the Charlotte County RACES organization in July, 2007. Only county employees are allowed on the roof.

The 2008 RACES Operation Manuals will be distributed by Email this year for the members to download and print out at home. The manual contains about 40 pages.

**Publicity:** An article in the Venice Gondolier regarding disaster communications was in error. Corrections were submitted by James-KB2NZ.

**Testing:** Marty-K4NF reported eight candidates testing on December 1 and January 08.

**DX:** Tom-WA3PRC and JR-K9HUY shared giving the DX report.

**Hamfest:** Vic-K4VHX says he has help from Mike K4MWD and Gene-KI4FJJ.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report, but mention was made about how much they enjoyed the Christmas Party.

**New Business**

**Election of Officers for 2008**

Candidates nominated at the December meeting

were read. There were no nominations from the floor. ON MOTION the secretary was directed to cast a unanimous vote for the candidates. The motion carried and the new officers for 2008 are:

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| President        | Matthew Henry, KE4VEM  |
| Vice-President   | Tom Hawes, WA3PRC  |
| Treasurer        | Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX   |
| Secretary        | Ken Anderson, W4JQT  |
| (Shared)         | Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT   |
| Trustees         | Pam Eggleton, K1UEG<br>Martin Horowitz, N4FA<br>Keith Kelly, KC5AS |
| Trustee Emeritus | Don Spencer, WA4IWL  |



Secretary Ken - W4JQT, Trustee Pam - K1UEG, Trustee Keith - W1NQT

## Comments

**EARS Membership Dues** for 2008 are due. Help our Treasurer by getting them in right away. Those whose dues are not paid by the end of February will not be included in the EARS 2008 Membership Directory. After that time the members will be notified by the newsletter to add them to their directory.

**Directory:** Corrections of names, mailing & Email addresses, and phone numbers. Contact Dennis-K4NF at 468-4131 or [Dennis.K4NF@gmail.com](mailto:Dennis.K4NF@gmail.com)

**Hamfest Donations:** If you have useable equipment you would like to donate to the club, please call Ken-W4JQT (475-3172) or Vic-K4VHX (473-5560) to make arrangements.

**Programs:** Matthew-KE4VEM asked for meeting programs. Discussion followed. February and March covered.

**Lighthouse Project:** Bob-NJ4R reported on a project he is working on to set up a lighthouse operation at the old Charlotte Harbor Lighthouse site. If you are interested, contact him.

## Awards



A plaque was awarded to Vic-K4VHX for long and faithful service as Treasurer and doing an outstanding job.



A plaque was awarded to Gene & Marsha Fowler for keeping up with the Sunshine concerns of the club, and the many cards sent out in response to those concerns.



A plaque was awarded to Dennis-K4NF for his dedication in editing and producing the best news letter in the State of Florida.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. Refreshments were available after the meeting.

Ken Anderson - W4JQT  
Secretary

## A Thank You Note

To the Officers, Trustees, and Members of EARS.

We greatly appreciate the award given to us at our January meeting. The plaque is very handsome, and the subscription to World Radio is already in

the mail. I know we will enjoy it.

As partners in the Sunshine Committee, we love our job. It's a shame that we all have to endure mishaps, illness, and ultimately death. We feel honored to be able to send encouragement, thoughts, and prayers for the support of our members and their families when these misfortunes arise.

Thank you all for allowing us into your families; and thank you, thank you for the award that was such a pleasant surprise!

Gene-KA1GCU and Marcia-KA1GCV Fowler  
EARS Sunshine Committee

### EARS Directory Update

Please make the following changes to your EARS directory and Email address book:

John Brower, KE4WUZ's new Email address is:

[JEB409@hotmail.com](mailto:JEB409@hotmail.com)

Please notify your EARS treasurer or newsletter editor of changes to your mailing address, phone number or Email address. [Dennis.K4NF@gmail.com](mailto:Dennis.K4NF@gmail.com)/468-4131 Vic-K4VHX, [K4VHX@arrl.net](mailto:K4VHX@arrl.net)/473-5560

### Internet Sites to Explore

If you find links which might be useful to hams, please forward them to the editor.

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

No listings this month

Contact the Editor to add your equipment.

### - Local Happenings -

**VE Exam Sessions:** The exams are given at 9:30 A.M. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month in the conference room of the Venice public library, 300 South Nokomis Avenue, Venice, FL. The exam cost is \$14.00. 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 Chapter 53 Meeting:** 11:30 A.M., 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at Denny's on Bee Ridge Rd., Sarasota, October through May, and the Panda Pavilion in Venice June through September.

**Snowbird Net:** Net is twice daily; first on 14.278 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.230+- MHz at 7:00 P.M.

**Connecticut Connection Net:** Net is twice daily at 8:00 A.M. on 14.340+- MHz and at 7:30 P.M. on 7.225 MHz immediately after the Snowbird net.

### Two Meter Nets

EARS	Simplex 146.550	Wednesday	7:30pm
NPARC	147.120+	Tuesday	8:00pm
CARS	146.745-	Daily	8:30am
TARC	Simplex 146.580	Tuesday	7:30pm
TARC	146.805-	Thursday	7:30pm

### Weekly Area Amateur Breakfasts:

- Tuesday, 7 A.M. at Denny's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Angeles in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Peach's in Venice .
- Friday, 8 A.M. at Denny's, 1681 US 41 Bypass, Venice.

### Florida February Hamfests

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html>

- ◆ 8-10 Feb 2008 Northern Florida Section Convention, Orlando Amateur Radio Club, Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL <http://www.hamcation.com>, Talk-In: 146.76 (backup 147.015), Contact: Roberta Cohen, Phone: 407-814-0434 Email: [hamcation08@aol.com](mailto:hamcation08@aol.com)
- ◆ 16 Feb 2008 Hernando County Amateur Radio Association, Hernando County Fairgrounds, US Route 41, Brooksville, FL, <http://HCARA.org>, Talk-In: 146.715 (no tone), Contact: Robert P. Burns, W1LBV, PO Box 1721, Brooksville, FL 34605, Phone: 352-754-9773 Email: [photon99@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:photon99@tampabay.rr.com)
- ◆ 16 Feb 2008 Highlands County Amateur Radio Club, Highlands County Agri-Civic Center, US 27 South and George Blvd, Sebring, FL, <http://www.strato.net/~hamradio>, Talk-In: 147.045 +.600 (PL 100), Contact: John Bliss, KF4IZT, 675 South

Kimberleigh Road, Avon Park, FL 33825, Phone: 863-452-6010, Fax: 863-452-6010, Email: kf4izt@hotmail.com

### February Special Events

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

- ◆ Feb 2, 1400Z-2300Z, Nacogdoches, TX. Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club, W5NAC. Space Shuttle Columbia Recovery Special Event Station. 28.365 21.365 14.265 7.265. QSL. Nacogdoches ARC, 167 County Rd 2093, Nacogdoches, TX 75965. [www.w5nac.com](http://www.w5nac.com)
- ◆ Feb 2, 1400Z-2100Z, Punxsutawney, PA. Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club, K3HWJ. Commemorating Groundhog Day 2008. 14.240 7.240 146.715 147.390. Certificate. Mike Miller, N3HBH, 1097 Wishaw Rd, Reynoldsville, PA 15851. [www.qsl.net/k3hwj](http://www.qsl.net/k3hwj)
- ◆ Feb 7-Feb 11, 0300Z-0145Z, Houghton, MI. Michigan Tech Husky Amateur Radio Club, W8C. Winter Carnival 2008. 444.500 21.315 14.250 7.290. QSL. Husky ARC, ECE Dept, 1400 Townsend Dr, Houghton, MI 49931. [w8yy.students.mtu.edu/w8c](http://w8yy.students.mtu.edu/w8c)
- ◆ Feb 9, 0700Z-1800Z, Huskvarna, SWEDEN. Swedish Heathkit Club, SK7XN. Heathkit Activity Day, celebrating the birth of Howard Anthony. 14.287 14.040 3.700 3.540. QSL. Swedish Heathkit Club, Mats Gunnarsson, Baldersgatan 6, Ljungby SE-341 33, SWEDEN. [www.heathkit.se](http://www.heathkit.se)
- ◆ Feb 9, 1400Z-2200Z, Leavenworth, KS. Kickapoo QRP Amateur Radio Club, W0EBB. 4th Annual "Freeze Your Keys" Winter Operating Event. 14.260 14.060 7.290 7.040. QSL. Gary Auchard, 34058 167th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048. [www.pkarc.org](http://www.pkarc.org)
- ◆ Feb 9-Feb 10, 1500Z-2100Z, Milan, OH. The Thomas Edison Memorial Radio Club, NI8G. Celebrating the birthday of Thomas Edison, born in Milan, OH. 21.265 14.265 7.265. QSL. Jack Hubbard, NI8N, 13113 River Rd, Milan, OH 44846. Also celebrating the memory of Tom O'Connor, NI8G. [ni8n1@yahoo.com](mailto:ni8n1@yahoo.com)
- ◆ Feb 11-Feb 15, 1400Z-2100Z, Ft Myers, FL. Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, W4LX. Celebrating Thomas Edison's Birthday and our 16th year. 28.430 21.350 14.240. Certificate. FMARC, PO Box 061183, Ft. Myers, FL 33906. [stellagurka@embarqmail.com](mailto:stellagurka@embarqmail.com) or [www.fmarc.net](http://www.fmarc.net)
- ◆ Feb 16, 1700Z-2359Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway CV-41 Museum Radio Room, NI6IW. Commemorating President's Day and Mt Suribachi, Iwo Jima Flag Raising by US Marines in 1945. 14.325 7.250 14.060 7.040. QSL. USS Midway CV-41 Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. [kc2gyv@yahoo.com](mailto:kc2gyv@yahoo.com)
- ◆ Feb 16-Feb 17, 1500Z-2200Z, Alexandria, VA. Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club, K4US. George Washington's Birthday. 28.415 14.240 7.240 7.038. Certificate. MVARC, PO Box 7234, Alexandria, VA 22307. [www.mvarc.com](http://www.mvarc.com)
- ◆ Feb 16-Feb 17, 1500Z-0300Z, Jackson, TN. West Tennessee Amateur Radio Society, WF4Q/50.

Celebrating the 50th anniversary of our club. 28.400 21.310 14.225 7.250. Certificate. West Tennessee Amateur Radio Society, PO Box 3382, Jackson, TN 38303. [www.wtars.org](http://www.wtars.org)

- ◆ Feb 16-Mar 2, 0000Z-2359Z, Paris, France. ARP Radio-Club de Paris, TM1R. 40th anniversary of the "Ville de Paris". 14.275 10.110 7.075 3.775. QSL. Association des Radioamateurs de Paris, ARP Radio-Club de Paris, 66 Avenue de la Republique, Paris 75011, FRANCE. Award available for contact with all 5 special event stations. See URL for complete information. [arp75.free.fr/PortailARP/img/DVP\\_regles\\_rules.jpg](http://arp75.free.fr/PortailARP/img/DVP_regles_rules.jpg)
- ◆ Feb 20-Feb 21, 1500Z-0500Z, Urbana, IL. Mobile Ohm Volunteer Examiners, W9C. Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of Champaign County, IL. 14.175 14.070 7.175 7.080. QSL. Patrick Twigg, N9OQT, 1824 Amber Ln #205, Urbana, IL 61802. [www.twiggtime.com/w9c.htm](http://www.twiggtime.com/w9c.htm)
- ◆ Feb 21-Feb 23, 0000Z-0000Z, George, WA. Eastern Washington DX Club, W7G. President George Washington's Birthday. 14.250 18.135 7.225 3.880. QSL. Brian J. Nielson, W7BJN, 11650 Road 1 SE, Moses Lake, WA 98837. [w7bjn@nwi.net](mailto:w7bjn@nwi.net)
- ◆ Feb 23, 1400Z-2100Z, Dunedin (Honeymoon Island NA-034), FL. Mid Florida DX Association, N2D. In memory of Founder and 1st Club President Dan W2NDP (SK). 20m 15m possibly 17m. IOTA frequencies will be used. QSL. Tony De Angelo, N2MFT, PO Box 341471, Tampa, FL 33694-1471. [www.w4fdx.com](http://www.w4fdx.com)
- ◆ Feb 23, 1500Z-2300Z, Kent, OH. Portage County Amateur Radio Service, KD8CKP. 3rd Annual Freeze Your Acorns Off QRP event. 14.245 21.315 7.245 EchoLink. Certificate. Al Atkins, KB8VJL, 12433 Chamberlain Rd, Aurora, OH 44202. Check ins via EchoLink on the KC8RKV node. [www.portcars.org](http://www.portcars.org)
- ◆ Feb 23-Mar 6, 0100Z-2359Z, Austin/San Antonio, TX. Central TX Contest Group, WA5DTK. Commemorating the siege days at the Alamo. 14.250 7.240 14.040 7.040. QSL. Barry Brewer, 603 Broken Bow Dr, Round Rock, TX 78681-7401. [wa5dtk@arrl.net](mailto:wa5dtk@arrl.net)
- ◆ Feb 28, 1500Z-2245Z, Baton Rouge, LA. Baton Rouge and USS Kidd Amateur Radio Clubs, W5KID. USS Kidd Launch Anniversary. 15 20 40 m Gen bands. QSL. USS Kidd Special Event, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. [www.lsu.edu/brarc/uss\\_kidd.htm](http://www.lsu.edu/brarc/uss_kidd.htm)

### WA7BNM February Contest Calendar

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

- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0330Z-0400Z, Feb 1
- ◆ Vermont QSO Party 0000Z, Feb 2 to 2400Z, Feb 3
- ◆ YL-ISSB QSO Party, CW/RTTY 0000Z, Feb 2 to 2359Z, Feb 3
- ◆ 10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB 0001Z, Feb 2 to 2359Z, Feb 3
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0330Z-0400Z, Feb 2
- ◆ YLRL YL-OM Contest, CW 1400Z, Feb 2 to 0200Z, Feb 4
- ◆ FYBO Winter QRP Sprint 1400Z-2400Z, Feb 2

- ◆ Minnesota QSO Party 1400Z-2400Z, Feb 2
- ◆ AGCW Straight Key Party 1600Z-1900Z, Feb 2
- ◆ Delaware QSO Party 1700Z, Feb 2 to 0500Z, Feb 3 and 1300Z, Feb 3 to 0100Z, Feb 4
- ◆ Mexico RTTY International Contest 1800Z, Feb 2 to 1759Z, Feb 3
- ◆ North American Sprint, CW 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 3
- ◆ ARCI Fireside SSB Sprint 2000Z-2359Z, Feb 3
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Feb 4
- ◆ ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Feb 5
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0330Z-0400Z, Feb 8
- ◆ CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest 0000Z, Feb 9 to 2400Z, Feb 10
- ◆ New Hampshire QSO Party 0001Z, Feb 9 to 0001Z, Feb 11
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0330Z-0400Z, Feb 9
- ◆ Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW 1100Z-1300Z, Feb 9
- ◆ Dutch PACC Contest 1200Z, Feb 9 to 1200Z, Feb 10
- ◆ KCJ Topband Contest 1200Z, Feb 9 to 1200Z, Feb 10
- ◆ YLRL YL-OM Contest, SSB 1400Z, Feb 9 to 0200Z, Feb 11
- ◆ Louisiana QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 9 to 0300Z, Feb 10
- ◆ OMISS QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 9 to 1459Z, Feb 10
- ◆ British Columbia QSO Challenge 1600Z, Feb 9 to 0359Z, Feb 10
- ◆ FISTS Winter Sprint 1700Z-2100Z, Feb 9
- ◆ RSGB 1st 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z, Feb 9 to 0100Z, Feb 10
- ◆ North American Sprint, SSB 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 10
- ◆ SKCC Weekend Sprintathon 0000Z-2400Z, Feb 10
- ◆ ARRL School Club Roundup 1300Z, Feb 11 to 2400Z, Feb 15
- ◆ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Feb 13
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 2000Z-2130Z, Feb 13
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0330Z-0400Z, Feb 15
- ◆ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Feb 16 to 2400Z, Feb 17
- ◆ Feld Hell Sprint 1500Z-1700Z, Feb 16
- ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Feb 18
- ◆ AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening 1900Z-2030Z, Feb 20
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 2000Z-2130Z, Feb 21
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0330Z-0400Z, Feb 22
- ◆ Russian PSK WW Contest 2100Z, Feb 22 to 2100Z, Feb 23
- ◆ CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB 0000Z, Feb 23 to 2359Z, Feb 24
- ◆ REF Contest, SSB 0600Z, Feb 23 to 1800Z, Feb 24
- ◆ UBA DX Contest, CW 1300Z, Feb 23 to 1300Z, Feb 24
- ◆ Mississippi QSO Party 1500Z, Feb 23 to 0300Z, Feb 24
- ◆ North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Feb 23 to 0600Z, Feb 24
- ◆ High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z-1100Z, Feb 24 and 1500Z-1700Z, Feb 24
- ◆ North Carolina QSO Party 1700Z, Feb 24 to 0300Z, Feb 25
- ◆ SKCC Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Feb 27
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0330Z-0400Z, Feb 29

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