



The WA4IWL Newsletter



President's Message

Happy New Year! Marty-N4FA put together a wonderful banquet for our December party. It was a pleasant way for EARS to celebrate the holidays together and bring a close to

2008. We listened to a heart-felt letter from Morgan White, an EARS scholarship recipient, who is studying space science at Embry Riddle in Daytona and expressing and appreciation for our aid. Diane played her guitar and led us in song. Had Marty been there in good health to enjoy the festivities, the evening would have been perfect; we wish him well. Thanks, to Marty and Diane.

With the new year brings the yearly dues time, remember to pay your dues and make sure we have your most up-to-date contact information for the EARS Membership Directory. The cutoff day for the EARS directory is March 1.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



EARS Meeting Minutes January 15, 2009

Call to Order: President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, opened the meeting at 7:35 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. 19 members and 3 visitors were

present. Matthew-KE4VEM welcomed guests Dave Witt, WD9W, and Bernie Silverberg, K4KUO.

October Minutes Approval: The October 16 EARS meeting minutes were presented for approval. ON MOTION, the EARS December 21, 2008 meeting

minutes were approved as published in the January 2008 newsletter.



Treasurer's Report: The report was given by treasurer Vic-K4VHX showing the club net worth to be \$4,372.77 as of 1-15-09. Vic also gave the Annual Finance Report. ON

MOTION, the Treasurer's report was approved as given.

Correspondence: Correspondence was read by the Secretary and the President.

Committee Reports

Sunshine: Marcia-KA1GCV. Reported she sent several get well cards and a sympathy card.

Publicity: Our meeting notice was reported to be in the Englewood Review. Bill-W1AMU mentioned that WKII (1070 AM) has ads promoting Amateur Radio.

DX: JR-K9HUY reported working a station in Tunisia.

Hamfest: The 2009 Charlotte County Hamfest will be on Saturday, March 14. Vic-K4VHX reported our part this year is to help set up and tear down. He has ordered the grand prize, which is a Yaesu 2800 2 meter transceiver.

Old Business

The Christmas Party was very nice; Marty-N4FA received a round of thanks for his planning and preparations. A show of hands indicated a desire to have it there again next year. Marty said he would handle it for 2009.

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

P.O. Box 572

Englewood, FL 34295

President Matthew Henry-KE4VEM 380-5980	Vice-President Thomas Hawes-WA3PRC 627-4644	Secretary Ken Anderson-W4JQT 475-3172 Ken Blackshaw-W1NQT 474-0662	Treasurer Mike Daly-K4MWD 475-0181
Trustee Martin Horowitz-N4FA 473-1123	Trustee Pamela Eggleton-K1UEG 475-9727	Trustee Larry Luccio, W2FTL 697-5350	Trustee Emeritus 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.



New Business

RACES Repeater: Matthew-KE4VEM introduced Roger Weatherly, W3IGM, who reported on the RACES repeater tower lease in Grove City. There will probably be a need to move the repeater to another site in about a year. He proposed moving the repeater equipment to the Ranger tower near the Charlotte County Ball Park. A show of hands indicated all were in favor of the proposal.

Annual RACES Meeting: Roger also gave notice of the annual RACES meeting located in the Council Chambers at the County Office Building on Murdock Circle. The meeting is January 27 at 6:30 PM.

Election Of Offices: The following member nominees were presented for discussion and approval as EARS officers for 2009.

- President: Matthew Henry, KE4VEM
- Vice President: Tom Hawes, WA3PRC
- Secretary: Ken Anderson, W4JQT and Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT
- Treasurer: Mike Daly, K4MWD and Vic Emmelkamp K4VHX
- Trustees: Larry Luccio, W2FTL
Pam Eggleton K1UEG

Marty Horowitz N4FA

After some discussion, ON MOTION the nominees were elected for 2009

Adjournment: ON MOTION, there being no further business to discuss, President Matthew-KE4VEM adjourned the meeting at 9:18 PM.

Ken Anderson, W4JQT,
Secretary

Sunshine 2008 Report

One congratulatory, eight get well and Three sympathy cards were sent to our members. We have served as the Sunshine Committee since 2004, and will continue to "give back" to the club in this way.

Thank you for this honor,
Gene-KA1GCU and Marcia-KA1GCV

EARS Directory Update

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

Add: Bernie Silverberg, K4KUO, Wife: Sylvia
284 Mariner Lane
Rotonda West, FL 33947

697-0006, Cell: 757-348-6600

bernie@silverkeys.com

Away Address:

6583 Hwy 67 West

Mountain City, TN 37683

Change: Eugene Reilly, KI4FJJ. Delete his local phone number and add Cell: 864 784 - 9911.

Bill Williams - SK - KA1LHO

Bill passed away Wednesday of this week, January 21, 2009. He was at the Drury Lane nursing home, and had been there about two weeks. His health failed rapidly after going there. Bill was 86 years old, born in October 1922 in Quincy, Massachusetts.

Bill's favorite amateur radio band was 10 meters. He was a big fan of the 10 - 10 net and active until the 10 meter band all but failed due to the low sun spot cycle. He recently donated his HF station to the EARS radio club.

Bill had other interests in which he was very active. He toured the United States in his motor home with his wife Bella and they enjoyed traveling that way. Bill was active in the Masonic Lodge. He was a Past Master of the Delta Lodge in Braintree, Mass. and held leadership positions in several other masonic organizations, including the Shrine.

Bill served in the Navy during WWII, where he was an aircraft mechanic in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Bill's health prevented him from attending our radio club meetings, but he and Bella did attend our Christmas Party in 2007 and 2008.

Ken Anderson, W4JQT

Internet Sites to Explore

No Internet Sites reported this month

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

- Local Happenings -

VE Exam Sessions: The exams are given at 9:30 A.M. the 2nd 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, 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., 1st 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 14.293 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	Simplex146.550 Wednesday	7:30pm
NPARC	147.120+ Tuesday	8:00pm
CARS	146.745- Daily	8:30am
TARC	145.610- 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.

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

For Sale: Gas Generator 120/240 VAC - 12 VDC XTREME Contractor Series, Rating - 4450 Watts Surge, 3500 Watts full time, 5.5 HP, Mounted on

frame with wheels, Electric Start, This unit has about two hours run time for occasional tests. Price - \$450.00 (New Cost \$620.00 in 2005) Contact: Ken Anderson, W4JQT: 941-475-3172 *Contact the Editor to add your FS, Trade or WTB.*

February Florida Hamfests

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

- ◆ 7 Feb 2009 16th Annual Hamfest, Highlands County ARC, American Legion Post 25, 1490 US 27 North, Lake Placid, FL, <http://www.strato.net/~hamradio/> Talk-In: 147.045 (PL 100), Contact: John Bliss, KF4IZT, 675 South Kimberleigh Road, Avon Park, FL 33825, Phone: 863-452-6600, Email: kf4izt@hotmail.com
- ◆ 13-15 Feb 2009 Southeastern Division Convention, Orlando Amateur Radio Club, Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL <http://www.hamcation.com>, Talk-In: 146.160/146.760 (no tone during Hamcation), Contact: Mort Cohen, WA2ARS, PO Box 547811, Orlando, FL 32854-7811, Phone: 407-814-0434, Email: hamcation@aol.com
- ◆ 21 Feb 2009 Hernando County Amateur Radio Association, Brooksville Fairgrounds, 6436 Broad Street, <http://www.hcara.org>, Talk-In: 146.715, Contact: John Nejedlo, WB4NOD, 15430 Waxweed Avenue, Spring Hill, FL 34610, Phone: 813-838-5432, Fax: 352-868-3405, Email: wb4nod@tampabay.rr.com, Brooksville, FL

February Special Events

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

- ◆ Feb 5, 1400Z-2000Z, San Angelo, TX. San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, W5QX. Celebrating National Weatherman's Day. 14.260 7.260. Certificate. SAARC, PO Box 4002, San Angelo, TX 76902. www.w5qx.org
- ◆ Feb 5-Feb 8, 0000Z-1900Z, Washington, PA. Washington Amateur Communications, W3C. Washington County Annual Sports Show. SSB CW RTTY 21.340 14.250 7.250. QSL. Edward Oelschlager, 60 Carl Ave B2, Eighty Four, PA 15330. www.wacomarc.org
- ◆ Feb 7, 1400Z-2000Z, Nacogdoches, TX. Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club, W5NAC. 6th Annual Space Shuttle Columbia Recovery SES. 21.350 14.250 7.250. QSL. Nacogdoches ARC, 167 County Rd 2093, Nacogdoches, TX 75965. www.w5nac.com
- ◆ Feb 7, 1400Z-2200Z, Rochester, NH. Great Bay Radio Association, W1FZ. 75th Anniversary of the Great Bay Radio Association. 14.250. Certificate. Larry Inman, K1SRJ, 397 Salmon Falls Rd, Rochester, NH 03868. www.w1fz.org
- ◆ Feb 7-Feb 8, 1500Z-2100Z, Milan, OH. The Thomas Edison Memorial Radio Club, NI8G. Celebrating Edison's Birthday, who was born in Milan, OH. 21.370 14.270 7.270 3.770. QSL. Jack Hubbard, NI8N, 13113 River Rd, Milan, OH 44846. Times are daily.

- ◆ Feb 7-Feb 8, 1700Z-2359Z, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, NM. Gary Keck, KE7DX operating as, K5G. Carlsbad Caverns Natl Park Operation, New Mexico QSO Party. 14.280 7.260 14.050 7.045. QSL. Gary Keck, KE7DX, PO Box 18135, Tucson, AZ 85731. pages.swcp.com/~n5zgt/nmqsoparty
- ◆ Feb 12-Feb 13, 1300Z-0300Z, Bloomington, IN. Indiana University Amateur Radio Club, K9L. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial in Indiana. 14.250 7.220 3.900 146.940. QSL. Ray W. Robison, K9ZRL, 37 Juliet Ln, Mitchell, IN 47446. rwr@kiva.net or www.indiana.edu/~k9iu
- ◆ Feb 13-Feb 15, 1900Z-2300Z, Kingman, AZ. Hualapai Amateur Radio Club, WB6RER. Memorial Event for Andy V. Devine (1905-1977). 14.260 7.260. QSL. Hualapai Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 4364, Kingman, AZ 86402. wb6rer.n7ffl.us
- ◆ Feb 14, 1400Z-2200Z, Leavenworth, KS. Kickapoo QRP Amateur Radio Club, W0EBB. 5th Annual 'Freeze Your Keys' Winter Operating Event. 14.280 14.060 7.280 7.030. QSL. Gary Auchard, 34058 167th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048. w0ebb@juno.com
- ◆ Feb 14, 1700Z-2359Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Room, NI6IW. Commemorating the establishment of Navy Operation Deep Freeze in Antarctica in 1955. SSB 14.320 7.250 CW 14.060 7.055 PSK-31 7.070-7.080 RTTY 14.080 7.080 2m/70cm SOCAL rep WIN. QSL. USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Room, 910 Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101. af6ha@yahoo.com
- ◆ Feb 16-Feb 20, 1400Z-2100Z, Ft Myers, FL. Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, W4LX. Celebrating Thomas Edison's Birthday and our 17th year. 28.340 21.350 14.240. Certificate. FMARC, PO Box 061183, Ft. Myers, FL 33906. stellagurka@embargmail.com or fmarc.net
- ◆ Feb 17-Mar 2, 0100Z-2359Z, Tucson, AZ. Grand Canyon DX & Contest Club, W7R. 84th Annual La Fiesta de Los Vaqueros. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. QSL. Donald Birch, 7725 N Red Wing Cir, Tucson, AZ 85741-1334. k7nn@arrl.net
- ◆ Feb 20-Feb 23, 0100Z-2359Z, George, WA. Eastern Washington DX Club, W7G. George Washington's Birthday from George, WA. 14.250 18.135 7.225 3.880. QSL. Brian Nielson, 11650 Raod 1 SE, Moses Lake, WA 98837. w7bjn@nwi.net or www.qrz.com/w7g
- ◆ Feb 21, 1500Z-2300Z, Kent, OH. Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc, KD8CKP. 4th Annual Freeze Your Acorns Off (FYAO) QRP Special Event. 21.320 14.320 7.245 3.830 EchoLink KC8RKV node. Certificate. Al Atkins, KB8VJL, 12433 Chamberlain Rd, Aurora, OH 44202. www.portcars.org
- ◆ Feb 21-Feb 22, 1600Z-2100Z, Alexandria, VA. Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club, K4US. Commemorating George Washington's 277th Birthday. 14.240 7.240 7.035. Certificate. Mount Vernon ARC, PO Box 7234, Alexandria, VA 22307. k4us@mvarc.com or www.mvarc.com

February WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

The February Contest Calendar is not available from WA7BNM at this time.

Here is a site which has the schedule and much information

much more concerning DX:

<http://www.sk3bg.se/contest> I just discovered the WA7BNM contest calendar is not updated for February and I have not had time to ask permission from SK3BG to include his data in our newsletter, Sorry. If anyone knows of another site I might use in the future for their contest data, let me know. Dennis-K4NF.