



The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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From the President,

Unbelievable! It is already a new year. All I have to do now is remember to write 2002 on my checks. I had lots of fun at our Christmas Party; hope you did too. If you were not there, you missed a good one. Fifty-two members and guests were in attendance. We had a social hour with appetizers, a choral group (Four In A Chord) and finally dinner and desert.

We had a short meeting after dinner and voted to make a donation to the families of the broadcast engineers who died at the WTC. George Shreve-KA4JKY announced the nominees for officers next year (see the Secretary's minutes below). The Nominating Committee extended its thanks to the nominees for offering to serve in 2002. As I said before, if everyone takes and turn and donates a little time and effort to the club no one has to carry a big load and we can all have fun serving our club and community.

I had a meeting of the Hamfest 2002 Committee at my house on December 17th and I am happy to report that all the major pieces are in place. The Committee (of eight) is made of volunteers from EARS and PRRA and they have been working hard to get things in place for Saturday, March 9th, 2002. At our January club meeting we will begin selling Hamfest 2002 tickets for \$4.00 each. Admission tickets the day of the Hamfest will be \$5.00 each. One of the prizes to be given away is an Icom 2100- 2 Meter T/R. A variety of other prizes will be given away hourly. The grand prize will be \$200.00 cash. We will be counting on you to buy and or sell as many tickets as possible. Our treasury is getting low. Membership dues and this special event are our only source of income so please do your very best to sell as many tickets as you can. (Remember all those neighbors who ask you to support their activities-now it's their turn to support yours.)

As this will be my last message as president of EARS. and I have mixed feelings: glad to be free of some of the deadlines but pleased with many of the projects, meetings and community events we were involved in last year. I want to thank Marty Henry-KE4UFS our V.P. for his ever-helpful support and Bruce Robideau-K2OY our Treasurer for keeping the books straight all year. I also want to thank our Trustees: Ken Anderson-W4JQT, Jack Sproat-W4JS, and Don Spencer-WA4IWL for their valuable advice and counsel. Last but not least I want to thank Dennis Babcock-K4NF for taking over publication of the newsletter and congratulate him for the fine job he is doing.

Finally I would like to remind everyone that - Dues are due! - If you want your name to be included in the 2002 directory you will need to pay your dues no later than February 15th (meeting night) because we are going to press with the new directory shortly there after.

73 Vic - KF4VHX

ARRL Kid's Day - 2002 will be held this coming Saturday, January 5, 2002. This is a great opportunity for your club to introduce the fun and challenge of Amateur Radio to the next generation. Please post to this reflector

<WCFPrez@yahoogroups.com> if your Club is planning any Kid's Day activities next Saturday. The West Central Florida Section would also like to encourage intra-Section contacts via the K4WCF repeaters (145.43 & 442.95 in Manatee Co. and 146.76 in SW Pasco Co. PL 100.0). Complete operating rules for Kid's Day - 2002 can be downloaded from: <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html>
Best wishes for a Happy New Year!

73 de Paul-NA4AR, ARRL Assistant Section Mgr., na4ar@arrl.net

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. **Next meeting: Friday January 18. The business meeting will include election of officers. Our program afterwards will be a video of the Kingman Reef Dxpedition titled "The Kingman Reef Palmyra DX Group Proudly Presents Kingman Reef 2000."**

December 2001 Meeting Minutes

The EARS December meeting was a Christmas Party held at the Englewood Elks Lodge on December 14, 2001.

A social hour between 5 and 6 PM with Hors d'oeuvres and the "Four in a Chord" Sweet Adelines singing Christmas songs made a delightful beginning to a nice party. Dinner was served shortly after 6 PM.

A short business meeting was held to complete an item of old business and to give the Nomination Committee Report.

Old Business

A motion was made in the November meeting by Bobby Benkovich-KF4YOW, and seconded by Freeman Crosby-W1NPR, to donate \$50 to the Society of Broadcast Engineers Fund to assist families of those lost at the World Trade Center. Since this was an unbudgeted item it requires 30 days notice and approval of two thirds of members and officers present at the meeting. At this December meeting the motion was approved.

Committee Reports

George-KA4JKY gave the Nomination Committee report as follows:

President	To be determined
Vice-President	Howard Kuhlman - N4MU
Secretary	Ken Blackshaw - W1NQT
Treasurer	Bruce Robideau - K2OY
Trustee	Vic Emmelkamp - KF4VHX
Trustee	Don Spencer - WA4IWL
Trustee	Ken Anderson - W4JQT

Election of Officers will be held at the January 2002 meeting.

Thanks to our President Vic Emmelkamp and wife Liz for setting up the Christmas Party, to Liz Emmelkamp and Mickey Maren for decorations, and to Marty Henry for arranging entertainment by the "Four in a Chord" Ladies Barbershop Quartet. The party broke up about 8:30 PM. There were 52 members and guests in attendance. All had a good time.

Ken Anderson-W4JQT
Secretary, Pro Tem

Nominating Committee Update

Subsequent to our December meeting the nominating committee reports Gay Herve-KL0LV will be a nominee for EARS President.

RACES

The annual RACES meeting will be January 24 at 7 PM in Murdock.

Internet Site To Check Out

<http://njdx.org/dxcclist.shtml>

You can put in your lat/lon or zip code or city for beam heading. Print it out and there you have it for reference.

Vic-KF4VHX

February Florida Hamfests

2-3 Feb 2002 - ARRL Southeastern Division Convention (Tropical Hamboree), Dade Radio Club of **Miami, FL**, <http://www.hamboree.org>, Contact: Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR, 2780 NW 3rd Street, Miami, FL 33125, Phone: 305-642-4139, Fax: 305-642-1648, Email: w4wyr@arrl.net

8-10 Feb 2002 - ARRL Northern Florida Section Convention **Orlando, FL** ARC, <http://www.oarc.org/hamcat.html>
Contact: Harold Prosser, KK1B, 1017 Gammage, Pt. Oviedo, FL 32765, Phone: 321-235-7513 (days) or 407-365-2444 (eves)
Email: hal@mpinet.net

16 Feb 2002 - Highlands County ARC **Sebring, FL**, Contact: Spencer Whitmire, W4ERC, 136 South Kissimmee Blvd., Avon Park, FL 33825, Phone: 863-452-0359, Email: w4erc@arrl.net

24 Feb 2002 - **Zephyrhills, FL** Area ARC, Contact: Ron Russell, N8VFE, 38545 Goodland Drive, Zephyrhills, FL 33540, Phone: 813-782-1602, Fax: 813-783-8336, Email: ron301@aol.com

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale

Surplus equipment by Lois Marlatt KE4NOT, 14 Waterford Drive, Englewood, FL, 475-2590

Astron RS7-A 7 Amp Power Supply (New \$59.95) \$35.00
MFJ Versa Tuner II Antenna Tuner Model MFJ-945C (New \$99.95) \$60.00
MFJ Versa Tuner II Antenna Tuner Model MFJ-941E (New \$109.95) \$70.00
MFJ Versa Tuner V Antenna Tuner 3 KW Model MFJ-989C (New \$319.95) \$190.00
Kenwood TS140S HF Transceiver with hand mic and matching PS-430 power supply \$475.00
Kenwood LF-30A Low Pass Filter (New \$64.95) \$35.00
MFJ Econo Keyer II Model MFJ-401B (New \$49.95) \$30.00
MFJ VHF SWR/Wattmeter 144-220 MHz Model MFJ-812B (New \$34.95) \$20.00
Amprobe Ampmeter (Clamp on) (New \$85.00) \$50.00
MFJ 2 Position Co-ax Switch Model MFJ-1702B (Quantity 2) (New \$29.95 ea.) \$18.00 each
Unadilla W2AU 1:1 Baluns (New) (New \$24.95) \$15.00
Active SWR /Field Strength Meter - Used \$5.00
Startek Frequency Counter Model 15-BG 1-1500 MHz (New \$169.95) \$90.00
MFJ HF SWR Analyzer Model MFJ-207 (New \$79.95) \$40.00
MFJ Antenna Resistance Meter Model MFJ-205 (New \$79.95) \$40.00
MFJ VHF SWR Analyzer Model MFJ-208 (New \$79.95) \$40.00
Master Craft Soldering Gun 100 & 140 watt setting \$15.00
Eversonic 9 band portable radio \$40.00
Ameritron Solid State No Tune HF Amp with P/S ASL600 & ALS600PS (New \$1099.00) \$650.00
Realistic Nova28 Head Phones \$10.00
WGA TR2000 Headset with mic \$20.00
MFJ Packet - Pactor Controller Model MFJ1276 (New \$259.95) \$125.00
MFJ Key/Keyer Combo Model MFJ-557 (New \$28.95) \$15.00
Uniden 10 Meter Mobile Transceiver Model HR-2600 \$75.00
HeathKit "Twoer" 2 meter Transceiver \$20.00

HeathKit DX60B HF Transmitter & matching HG10B VFO
Ratchet Hand Winch - Standard Duty \$15.00
Home Brew Wattmeter ? \$5.00
Cushcraft ARX2 2 Meter Ringo Ranger Antenna new in box
(New \$46.95) \$35.00
Coax 811A Approximately 100 feet (new) (New \$.59/Ft.) \$30.00
Copper Tape 18 yards (new) \$5.00
MFJ Artificial Ground Model MFJ-931 (New \$84.95) \$40.00
Sanwa Multimeter Model 305-G TR \$5.00
Heil microphone boom
Armco Multimeter Model AR-20A \$10.00
MFJ Packet Controller Model MFJ-1270C/1276 \$50.00
Mobile Alert Car alarm 49-825 (New \$79.95) \$30.00
Hallcrafters SX99 Receiver \$125

February ARRL Special Events

From ARRL: <http://www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html>
Pasco, WA: Pasco Washington Olympic Torch Committee, W7P. 1200Z Jan 24 to 1200Z Jan 26. Commemorating Day 51 of the Olympic Torch Relay. 21.040 14.040 7.040 3.540. Certificate. WA7CS, 4102 Meadowsweet St, Pasco, WA 99301.

Boise, ID: Voice of Idaho, W7BOI. 1600Z Jan 25 to 2400Z Jan 26. Olympic Torch Relay through Boise, ID. 28.380 14.239 7.225. QSL. Richard Dees, 22765 W Sandalwood Dr, Meridian, ID 83642.

Dade City, FL: East Pasco Amateur Radio Society, K4EX. 1300Z to 2200Z Jan 26. Commemorating the Kumquat from the Kumquat Capital. 28.450 21.340 14.250 7.245. Certificate. EPARS Special Event, PO Box 942, Dade City, FL 33526.

San Diego, CA: Challenger Middle School ARC, KI6YG. 1500Z to 2400Z Jan 28. Commemorating the 16th Anniversary of the Challenger Tragedy. 146.52 28.350 21.350 14.250. QSL. Frank Forrester, KI6YG, Challenger Middle School, 10810 Parkdale Ave, San Diego, CA 92126.

Tawas City, MI: ICARE, Iosco County Amateur Radio Enthusiasts, W8P. 1200Z Feb 1 to 0200Z Feb 3. Celebrating the 52nd Year of the Perchville USA Festival on Tawas Bay. 28.350 14.250 7.250 3.950. QSL. ICARE, c/o KB8ZYY, PO Box 271, Oscoda, MI 48750.

Punxsutawney, PA: Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club, K3HWJ. 1400Z to 2100Z Feb 2. Commemorating Groundhog Day 2002. 14.240 7.240 7.125. Certificate. Sherman Hollopeter, W3QOS, Box 20 216 E Main St, Big Run, PA 15715.

Saranac Lake, NY: Tri-Lakes Amateur Radio Club, W2C. 1500Z Feb 2 to 2000Z Feb 10. Celebrating the 105th Annual Winter Carnival. 14.257 14.045 7.250 7.045. QSL. Tri-Lakes Amateur Radio Club, Box 95, Saranac Lake, NY 12983. See <http://home.adelphia.net/~tlarc/news.html> and ad in this issue.

Houghton, MI: Husky Amateur Radio Club W8YY, W8C. 0300Z Feb 6 to 0300Z Feb 10. Celebrating Winter Carnival 2002. 28.365 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. Husky Amateur Radio Club, W8YY EE Dept MTU, 1400 Townsend Dr, Houghton, MI 49931.

Orlando, FL: Orlando Amateur Radio Club, K4H. 1300Z Feb 7 to 1700Z Feb 10. Celebrating 55 years of Orlando HamCation. 28.405 21.275 14.320 7.275. Certificate. Quentin Jones, KU4WD, 1802 Colleen Dr, Orlando, FL 32809.

Washington, PA: Washington Amateur Communications, W3C. 1600Z Feb 7 to 2000Z Feb 10. 2002 Washington County Sportsmen's Show. 28.460 21.375 14.270 7.270. QSL. Ed Oelschlager, N3ZNI, Washington Amateur Communications, 1696 E Maiden St, Washington, PA 15301.

Grantsville, UT: West Desert ARC (W7EO), W7U. 0000Z Feb 8 to 0000Z Feb 24. 2002 Winter Olympic Games. 28.400 21.300 14.250 3.768. QSL. W7EO, PO Box 98, Grantsville, UT 84029.

Myrtle Beach, SC: Grand Strand ARC, W4GS. 1130Z to 1900Z Feb 9. Celebrating the 6th Annual Myrtle Beach Marathon. 28.365 21.265 14.265. Certificate. Glen Bowden, 703 Connie Ct, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588-6003.

Chicago, IL: Metro Amateur Radio Club (MAC), K9Y. 1800-0002Z Feb 9-10 to 1800-2400Z Feb 10. The Activation of Chicago Harbor Lighthouse (USA 171). 21.370 21.030 14.270 14.030. QSL. Michael Dinelli, N9BPR, 9423 Kolmar Ave, Skokie, IL 60076-1321. See <http://www.qsl.net/mac> for times and more information.

Ft Myers, FL: Ft Myers Amateur Radio Club, Inc, W4LX. 1500Z Feb 11 to 2100Z Feb 15. The Edison Festival of Lights and Thomas Edison's Birthday. 28.430 21.330 14.230 7.230. Certificate and QSL. FMARC, PO Box 61183, Ft Myers, FL 33906.

Marquette, MI: Hiawatha Amateur Radio Association, K8LOD. 2000Z Feb 15 to 2000Z Feb 17. Celebrating the 13th running of the UP 200 Sled Dog Championship. 21.300 14.225 7.225 3.850. Certificate. Rich Schwenke, N8GBA, 21 Smith Ln, Marquette, MI 49855.

Alexandria, VA: Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club, K4US. 1600Z Feb 16 to 2100Z Feb 17. Commemorating George Washington's Birthday. 18.080 14.240 10.110 7.240. Certificate. Mount Vernon ARC, PO Box 7234, Alexandria, VA 22307.

Rapid City, SD: QCWA Dakota Chapter 102, WØDAK. 1500Z Feb 23 to 0300Z Feb 24. Commemorating the 25th anniversary of Chapter 102. 21.375 14.275 7.240 3.889. Certificate. Frank Shaw, WØDAK, 118 E Van Buren, Rapid City, SD 57701.

Round Rock, TX: Cen-Tex Contest Group, WA5DTK. 0001Z Feb 23 to 2359Z Mar 6. Commemorating the siege days at the Alamo. 28.465 21.265 14.265 7.265. QSL. Barry Brewer, WA5DTK, 603 Broken Bow Dr, Round Rock, TX 78681-7401. For more information, e-mail jbrewer@constant.com.

January Contests

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

Vermont QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 2 - 2400Z, Feb 3
New Hampshire QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 2 - 2400Z, Feb 3
10-10 Inter. Winter Contest, SSB	0001Z, Feb 2 - 2400Z, Feb 3
Minnesota QSO Party	1400Z - 2400Z, Feb 2
FYBO Winter QRP Field Day	1400Z, Feb 2 - 0200Z, Feb 3
Delaware QSO Party	1700Z, Feb 2 - 0500Z, Feb 3 and 1300Z, Feb 3 - 0100Z, Feb 4
Mexico RTTY International Contest	1800Z, Feb 2 - 2400Z, Feb 3
North American Sprint, Phone	0000Z - 0400Z, Feb 3
Six Club 2nd Winter Contest	2300Z, Feb 8 - 0300Z, Feb 11
CQ/RJ WW RTTY WPX Contest	0000Z, Feb 9 - 2400Z, Feb 10
Utah QSO Party	0000Z, Feb 9 - 2400Z, Feb 10
Asia-Pacific Sprint, CW	1100Z - 1300Z, Feb 9
Dutch PACC Contest	1200Z, Feb 9 - 1200Z, Feb 10
YL-OM Contest, CW	1400Z, Feb 9 - 0200Z, Feb 11
FISTS Winter Sprint	1700Z - 2100Z, Feb 9
RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW	2100Z - Feb 9 - 0100Z, Feb 10
North American Sprint, CW	0000Z - 0400Z, Feb 10
QRP ARCI Winter Fireside SSB Sprint	2000Z - 2400Z, Feb 10
ARRL School Club Roundup	1300Z, Feb 11 - 0100Z, Feb 16
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 16 - 2400Z, Feb 17
YL-OM Contest, SSB	1400Z, Feb 16 - 0200Z, Feb 18
CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	2200Z, Feb 22 - 1600Z, Feb 24
REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 23 - 1800Z, Feb 24
UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 23 - 1300Z, Feb 24
High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z - 1100Z, Feb 24 and 1500Z - 1700Z, Feb 24
North Carolina QSO Party	1700Z - Feb 24 - 0300Z, Feb 25
CQC Winter QSO Party	2200Z - Feb 24 - 0359Z, Feb 25