



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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## From The President

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a great new year. We had a wonderful holiday party at the Rotunda Hills Golf Club with great friends, fun, and conversation. The meals were great and the staff at the restaurant were friendly, fun and a pleasure to work with.

In keeping with tradition, the party also doubled as our December meeting with only one item of business and that was the recommendation of the nominating committee. We have volunteers for all positions except the president. We will take nominations from the floor at our January 17th meeting. Keep this in mind. A nomination should not be made without the consent of the nominee. We should also consider how we will operate this year without an elected president and vice president. We have a volunteer for vice president provided we get a volunteer for the presidency first. That club member will remain anonymous.

I have had a wonderful year as president and would like to thank all the members of the club for their great support and help through the year. Howard-N4MLJ was a super vice who provided great programs and great support. Ken Blackshaw-W1NQT and his sidekick Ken Anderson-W4JQT more than adequately kept secretarial duties alive and Bruce-K2OY once again kept the books in top shape. Dennis-K4NF dedicated an enormous amount of time to keep the newsletter coming even while on the road.

I would like to say a special thank you to Vic-K4VHX who spent countless hours doing presidential duties. Without Vic's help and commitment to the club I don't think I could have survived the year. Everyone please shake Vic's hand and thank him for me for the extra work he did for us.

Thank you all for your support and allowing me to be your president.

73 Gay-KL0LV

### December 14 Meeting Minutes

The EARS December meeting was a Christmas Party held at the Hills Country Club in Rotonda, Florida on Saturday December 14, 2002.

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#### 2002 Officers

##### President

Gay Herve  
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##### Newsletter

##### Editor

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### CLUB MEETING

Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

A social hour between 6 and 7 pm with a good variety of appetizers made a nice beginning to a good evening. Dinner was served shortly after 7 pm.

A report from the Nominating Committee was the only item of business. Keith Herve-KL7CKY gave the slate of officers for 2003 as follows:

President	To be determined
Vice President	To be determined
Secretary	Ken Blackshaw - W1NQT
Treasurer	Bruce Robideau - K2OY
Trustee	Gay Herve - KL0LV
Trustee	Don Spencer - WA4IWL
Trustee	Ken Anderson - W4JQT

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Nominating Committee Report.

Thanks to Gay and Keith Herve for setting up the Christmas party and for the beautiful red rose for each lady. The party broke up about 9 pm. There were 29 members and guests in attendance. All had a good time.

Ken Anderson-W4JQT  
Secretary Pro Tem

### Phone Number Correction

The home phone number for Dennis-K4NF was incorrectly listed in the December Newsletter as 698-0248. The correct home phone number is 698-1251; cell phone number is 468-4131.

### 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

Do you have any radio equipment for sale, trade or need? Call or send the list to Dennis-K4NF 698-1251, or k4nf@arrl.net.

### Request From The Editor

It is time for publishing the EARS membership directory! Those paying their dues by February 17, 2003 will be included in the directory. Please examine the 2002 directory for additions and corrections of your personal information or items listed. Many have already been changed but we want the directory to be accurate and useful so send the changes anyway. Also list any additions or deletions for consideration you might think helpful.

If you have Internet service and are an ARRL member **you can save us a lot of time** maintaining the directory and EARS newsletter Email list updated by obtaining a free ARRL forwarding Email address for us to use. Many change their Email addresses by changing Internet services or using a different Email address for north and south residences. Your ARRL Email forwarding address will remain the same unless your Ham call sign changes. It is easier for you to change your address to be forward at ARRL than for us to periodically change for many the directory and newsletter Email address. Don’t worry about attachments to your incoming Email, they are forwarded the same way and quickly. The ARRL Email address is also easier to give out and understand over the radio too. Go to the ARRL web site <http://www.arrl.org/>, register and learn what it has to offer.

Thanks  
Dennis-K4NF  
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### Hamfests January remainder and February

**11 Jan 2003** Fort Myers ARC, Contact: Earl Spencer, K4FQU, 1735 Hanson Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901, Phone: 941-332-1503, Email: k4fqu@juno.com

**1-2 Feb 2003** Florida State Convention ("Tropical Hamboree 2003"), Dade Radio Club of Miami  
<http://www.hamboree.org>, Contact: John Hall, WD4SFG,  
8670 SW 29th Street Miami, FL 33155  
Phone: 305-226-5346, Email: wd4sfg@bellsouth.net

**7-9 Feb 2003** Northern Florida Section Convention  
Orlando ARC, <http://www.oarc.org>, Contact: Harold  
Prosser, KK1B, PO Box 547811, Orlando, FL,  
32854-7811, Phone: 407-365-2444,  
Email: hamcation@oarc.org

**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

### **Special Event**

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ARLX009 Special Event, ARISS Contact To Mark  
Transmission Centennial

Special event station KM1CC will be on the air January 11-19, 2003, to mark the 100th anniversary of Guglielmo Marconi's inaugural wireless transmission between the US and Great Britain January 18, 1903.

Marconi used a 35 kW rotary spark transmitter and a massive antenna system to transmit a 54-word greeting from President Theodore Roosevelt to England's King Edward VII. The monarch promptly acknowledged receipt of the message via land line and cable.

The special event will take place at the former Coast Guard station at Coast Guard Beach in Eastham, Massachusetts, which is near the original Marconi site. Operation will

include several amateur modes, including SSB, CW, FM, digital and satellite. The special event station will open to the public from 9 AM until 5 PM EST (1400-2200z), but operating will take place 24 hours a day.

An Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) school contact is to be scheduled during the week long celebration. Selected students from three Cape Cod high schools will speak via KM1CC with a member of the new Expedition 6 ISS crew.

Marconi's daughter, Princess Elettra Marconi, is scheduled to attend the a re-enactment of the groundbreaking wireless transmission on January 18, when KM1CC will transmit the text of Roosevelt's original message to King Edward VII.

Additional details are on the Marconi Radio Club Web site at:

[http://personal.tmlp.com/k1vv/w1aa/w1aa\\_1001.htm](http://personal.tmlp.com/k1vv/w1aa/w1aa_1001.htm)