



The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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EARS

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Presidents Message

All the officers of EARS wish you a

Merry Christmas

&

Happy New Year!

We wish to thank you for your support and confidence in us for another year.

Martin, W4MHH

Ears Meeting Minutes – December 12

This meeting was our annual Christmas Party. President Martin Horowitz W4MHH welcomed the 33 members and guests.

President: Martin Horowitz W4MHH
Vice President: Tom Hawes WA3PRC
Treasurer: Vic Emmelkamp K4VHX
Secretary: Hugh Myers KG4ZDX

On Motion the secretary's report was approved as circulated in the newsletter.

Trustees:

Don Spencer WA4IWL
Ken Andersen W4JQT
Keith Herve WL7CKY

On Motion the treasure's report was approved as reported by Martin W4MHH. Balance in the checking account is \$5,178.73.

Nominations were then closed and the Secretary was directed to cast one vote for the slate of officers. This having been done the meeting was adjourned.

All business was suspended and new business opened.

The Christmas Party was held at the Hills Country Club in Rotonda West. The members and guests had a good time with good food and good company.

JR House K9HUY speaking for the nominating committee announced the entire corps of officers are standing for reelection. They are:

Respectfully submitted

Hugh Myers KG4ZDX
Secretary



A few pictures from the EARS Christmas Party

– Local Happenings –

- **EARS Meeting** – Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are the **3rd Thursday** of each month at 7:30PM. 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.
Interested in becoming an EARS member or becoming an Amateur Radio operator? Please contact one of the EARS club officers for details.
- **VE Exam Sessions** – The exams are given at 9:30 AM 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 \$12.00. 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 Meetings** – are the 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:30AM in Denny's on Bee Ridge Road.
- **Snowbird Net** – is twice daily; first on 14.275 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.230 MHz at 7:00PM EST.
- **Ft. Pierce Connection Net** – is twice daily at 8:00 AM on 14.340 MHz and at 7:30PM on 7.230 MHz immediately after the Snowbird net.
- **Weekly Amateur Breakfasts** – Tuesday morning, 7AM at Denny's and 8AM at the Country Hound in Englewood. Friday morning, 8AM at Mel's diner in Venice.



Country Hound Breakfast

EARS Club Dues

This is just a reminder that 2005 EARS dues are due. \$15 for individual; \$18.50 for family. Please send your check to:

Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX
1181 Manor Road
Englewood, FL 34223

Or you can pay him at the next EARS meeting, which is Thursday, 20 January 2005. I hope to see you there as it is our Annual Meeting which encompasses annual reports and officer installation.

Tnx & 73,
Martin, W4MHH

PS: I know it's a little early, but we have made arrangements to hold our 2005 Christmas Party at the Boca Royale Country Club, on Saturday, 17 December 2005. Please mark your calendar.

ARRL Club

Commission Membership Recruitment Program

Commission Terms

ARRL Affiliated Clubs receive a commission for every new ARRL membership and renewal they submit to ARRL Headquarters.

Clubs retain a portion of the dues for each regular or senior membership submitted to ARRL Headquarters: Clubs retain \$15 for each new membership OR lapsed membership (of two years or more). A NEW MEMBER is defined as any individual who has never been a member of ARRL or any individual who has not retained a membership for two or more calendar years prior to the application submission.

Clubs retain \$2 for each renewal. A RENEWING MEMBER can renew at anytime, even before their current membership term expires.

Family, Blind or 21-and-under discounted memberships are not applicable for any discount.

May not be combined with any other promotion or special offer.

Donated Equipment Sale

The following donated EARS equipment was sold at the Okeechobee Hamfest on November 27, 2004

Gonset Communications Receiver	\$30
CW Transmitter	\$20
Heathkit HW-8 Transceiver	\$75
Icom 2-AT HT Transceiver	\$20
Low Pass Filter	\$5
SWR Bridge	\$5
Power Supply	\$5
Electric Drill	\$5
Total	\$165

Ken Anderson-W4JQT

Internet Sites to Explore

<http://www.mods.dk/> Ham equipment Modifications. Do you know of any Internet Sites which might be of interest to Hams? Please forward them to the editor.

Amateur Radio Equipment

For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

FS: Alpha 77 HF amplifier, Bill Schober-W2OJ
PH: 697-4772

New North Port Repeater

Here are the frequencies and PL tones for the new North Port repeater: 147.120 MHz, 442.100 MHz and both require a 136.5 tone.

January Hamfests

- **8 Jan 2005** Southwest Florida Hamfest & Computer Show, Fort Myers ARC, <http://fmarc.net>, Contact: Earl Spencer, K4FQU, 1735 Hanson Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901, Phone: 239-332-1503 Email: k4fqu@juno.com
- **29 Jan 2005** DeSoto County Hamfest, DeSoto ARC Arcadia, FL, Talk-In: 147.075+ (no tone), Contact: Doug Christ, KN4YT, 1593 NE Livingston Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, Phone: 863-491-0618, Email: kn4yt@arrl.net

WA7BNM January Contest Calendar

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

- SARTG New Year RTTY Contest 0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
- AGCW Happy New Year Contest 0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1
- Original QRP Contest 1500Z, Jan 1 to 1500Z, Jan 2
- AGCW VHF/UHF Contest (Jan) 1600Z-1900Z, Jan 1 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Jan 1 (432)
- Kid's Day Contest (Jan) 1800Z-2400Z, Jan 2
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW (Jan) 2000Z-2130Z, Jan 3
- ARS Spartan Sprint (Jan) 0200Z-0400Z, Jan 4
- WQF QRP Party 0000Z-2400Z, Jan 7
- Midwinter Contest, CW 1400Z-2000Z, Jan 8
- ARRL RTTY Roundup 1800Z, Jan 8 to 2400Z, Jan 9

- North American QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Jan 8 to 0600Z, Jan 9
- EUCW 160m Contest 2000Z-2300Z, Jan 8 and 0400Z-0700Z, Jan 9
- NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW 0530Z-0730Z, Jan 9
- Midwinter Contest, Phone 0800Z-1400Z, Jan 9
- NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB 0800Z-1000Z, Jan 9
- DARC 10-Meter Contest 0900Z-1059Z, Jan 9
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB (Jan) 2000Z-2130Z, Jan 12
- Hunting Lions in the Air Contest 0000Z, Jan 15 to 2400Z, Jan 16
- 070 Club PSKFest 0000Z-2400Z, Jan 15
- LZ Open Contest 1200Z-2000Z, Jan 15
- MI QRP January CW Contest 1200Z, Jan 15 to 2359Z, Jan 16
- Hungarian DX Contest 1200Z, Jan 15 to 1200Z, Jan 16
- North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Jan 15 to 0600Z, Jan 16
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data (Jan) 2000Z-2130Z, Jan 20
- BARTG RTTY Sprint 1200Z, Jan 22 to 1200Z, Jan 23
- ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes 1900Z, Jan 22 to 0400Z, Jan 24
- CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW 0000Z, Jan 29 to 2359Z, Jan 30
- REF Contest, CW 0600Z, Jan 29 to 1800Z, Jan 30
- UK DX Contest, RTTY 1200Z, Jan 29 to 1200Z, Jan 30
- UBA DX Contest, SSB 1300Z, Jan 29 to 1300Z, Jan 30
- www.hudson.arrrl.org/nli/hru2005.htm.
- Green Bay, WI: Bay Area Relay League, W4P. 1200Z Jan 21-2400Z Jan 23. Packers Ice Bowl Remembered. 14.260 14.070 7.280. Certificate. George Russell, WN8VIX, 2530 Sun Terr, Green Bay, WI 54311.
- Davidsonville, MD: Anne Arundel Radio Club Jr, K1D. 1400Z Jan 22-0200Z Jan 23. Celebrating 4th anniversary of a club dedicated to kids. 28.335 21.365 14.265 7.237. Certificate. Anne Arundel Radio Club Jr, 7901 Pepperbox Ln, Pasadena, MD 21122-6328. <http://ki3ds.org/specialevent.html>.
- San Diego, CA: Challenger Middle School ARC, KI6YG. 0000Z-2300Z Jan 28. Challenger Middle School commemorates the 19th anniversary of the Space Shuttle Challenger tragedy. 28.475 21.375 14.275. QSL. Frank Forrester, Challenger Middle School, 10810 Parkdale Ave, San Diego, CA 92126.
- Quincy, IL: Western Illinois ARC, K9E. 0000Z Jan 28-2359Z Feb 2. Eagles on the Mississippi at Lock and Dam 21, Quincy, Illinois. 14.250 14.085 14.070 7.250. Certificate. Robert G. Mitchell, 816 Long Dr, Quincy, IL 62305.
- Buckhannon, WV: Barbour County Area Amateur Radio Club, WV8BC. 1300Z-2100Z Jan 29. Klondike Derby with the Allohok Council of Boy Scouts. 7.235 3.865. QSL. Steve Milligan, 11 Park St, Buckhannon, WV 26201. <http://wv8bc.tripod.com>.
- Punxsutawney, PA: Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club, K3HWJ. 1400Z-2100Z Jan 29. Commemorating Groundhog Day 2005. 14.240 7.240 7.125 146.715. Certificate. Sherman Hollopeter, W3QOS, Box 20, 216 E Main St, Big Run, PA 15715.

Special Events

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

- Bethpage, NY: ARRL NYC/LI Section, W2V. 1200Z-2000Z Jan 9. Ham Radio University 2005. 14.277 7.277. Certificate. George Tranos, N2GA, PO Box 296, Bellport, NY 11713.