



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



## President's Message



The EARS banquet was excellent. Martin Horowitz – N4FA did a wonderful job putting it all together, including entertainment. We enjoyed good conversation, plenty of food, and holiday singing. Dennis – K4NF was awarded a plaque for the hard work he puts into producing a superb newsletter for EARS each month. Ken – W4JQT received a plaque for his tireless efforts to help increase the EARS treasury, including repair of equipment for sale. The nominees for officers were announced and we are still accepting nominations. I read a nice Christmas card, to fellow EARS members, from George – KA4JKY and his wife, who are now living in North Carolina. The banquet is a pleasant celebration close to 2007 and rings in the New Year!

The FCC announced they have removed the code requirement, so we will have to wait and see what effect it will have on amateur radio. On January 25, 2007, Vic – K4VHX, Martin – N4FA, and others will be demonstrating ham radio to students and parents at Englewood Elementary School. Their goals are to teach them a little about radio, but mostly to get them excited about it. See you in the next year!

73,  
Matthew – KE4VEM



## EARS Meeting Minutes December 16, 2006

The EARS December meeting was combined with our Christmas Party, and held at the Boca Royale

Country Club on December 16, 2006.

The business part of the meeting consisted of announcing nominations for officers for 2007. The nominations are as follows:

- President . . . . . Matthew Henry-KE4VEM
  - Vice President . . . . . To be announced
  - Secretary . . . . . Ken Anderson-W4JQT
  - Treasurer . . . . . Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX
  - Trustee . . . . . Dennis Babcock-K4NF
  - Trustee . . . . . Pam Eggleton-K1UEG
  - Trustee . . . . . Tom Hawes-WA3PRC
- Additional nominations and voting will take place at the January 2007 meeting.

An excellent invocation, telling the Christmas story, was given by Jim-NX2II, followed with holiday songs by Dianna and Dianne. Dinner was served and enjoyed by all, along with a festive spirit which seemed to fill the room. There were 34 in attendance.

Two awards were presented. One to Dennis-K4NF as outstanding editor of the EARS newsletter, and one to Ken-W4JQT for making donated equipment ready to sell to help the club treasury.

Ken Anderson-W4JQT  
Secretary-Pro Tem

## Orlando Hamvention Information

TARC has scheduled a one day trip to the Hamvention on Saturday, February 10, 2007.

TARC will have a well-equipped bus, with facilities, and will leave about 7 A.M. from Albertsons Plaza located on the US41 bypass in Venice. The cost is \$30 including a ticket to the Hamvention.

# ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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<b>President</b> Matthew Henry-KE4VEM 380-5980	<b>Vice-President</b> Keith Kelly-KC5AS 697-9325	<b>Secretary</b> Jim Lawler-KB2NZ 423-8051	<b>Treasurer</b> Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX 473-5560	
<b>Trustee</b> Martin Horowitz-N4FA 473-1123	<b>Trustee</b> Keith Herve-WL7CKY 460-0707	<b>Trustee</b> Ken Anderson-W4JQT 475-3172	<b>Trustee Emeritus</b> Don Spencer-WA4IWL 508-234-8070	<b>Newsletter Editor</b> Dennis Babcock-K4NF 468-4131

## 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.*



Point of contact for reservation is:

Peter Pesa, N4RD, 941-475-3770,  
[peterpesa@comcast.net](mailto:peterpesa@comcast.net)

Martin-N4FA



## Dues Reminder

Just a reminder from your Treasurer; it is time to renew your membership.

Individual memberships are \$15 per year and family memberships are \$18.50.

Don't miss out on this coming year's meetings and activities! Our bylaws require that your membership dues be paid up to vote at the annual and regular meetings.

Mail your dues today to:  
Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX -Treasurer  
1181 Manor Rd  
Englewood, FL 34223

*"Include any home/Email address or phone number changes."*

Thanks and 73 from the Club Officers.

## ARES E-Letter for December 20, 2006

*Letter provided by: Vic-K4VHX*

Controversy swirls about the Red Cross requiring background checks, and our section's policy is that ARES works under government emergency management, not the Red Cross.

In the EOC, the Red Cross has its own ESF number, and Communications has its own ESF number. A shelter is opened by emergency management, requesting it under the Red Cross ESF. Communication is provided to that shelter under the Communications ESF at the request of emergency management to the local EOC.

Untested yet, but Red Cross doesn't seem to be in a position to demand clearance of persons working in shelters under control of the EOC. At least that's the current thinking of our section's leadership.

## EARS Newsletter Column Needs

I am looking for some volunteers from the EARS membership to provide additional articles or monthly columns of interest to the readers. For a start, here are some areas you might consider: DX, Special Events, Contests, Hamfest Reports, Technical Information, Education, Public Service, FCC Reports and I'm sure there are other areas beneficial to the readers.

Surely we have some retired members who would have the time and ability to help with one or more of these areas. This might inspire our members to become more active in the ham radio world. I'm sure there are many with a long history in amateur radio who might share some of this with others.

Don't worry about needing a graduate's writing degree as long the article or column doesn't require big bunches of editing it will be fine; I'm not a college graduate either. I do not have the additional time beyond the editing and publishing the newsletter & directory to provide the additional columns and reports.

Give me a call or some Email so we can talk about the newsletter needs. I'm open to improving the newsletter for our members and other hams who read it.

BTW, for those receiving the postal newsletter, the color version is available in pdf format via Email or on the EARS website.

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**Internet Sites to Explore**

*Do you know of any Internet sites which might be of interest to Hams? Please forward them to the Editor.*

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

**EARS Christmas Celebration Dinner**

Here are some pictures provided by Martin-N4FA.



**EARS Award Presentation to Ken-W4JQT**

"Ken-W4JQT regularly spins straw into gold, transforming donated ham gear into cash to benefit the Ears Treasury."



EARS Award Presentation to Dennis-K4NF  
"The monthly EARS newsletter is informative and widely read thanks to Dennis' untiring efforts."





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

Hy-gain DX-77A, 40-10 Meter 7 Band HF Vertical  
<http://www.hy-gain.com/products.php?catid=2>  
\$75, Dennis-K4NF, 468-4131, [k4nf@arrl.net](mailto:k4nf@arrl.net)  
*Contact the editor to add your equipment*

### January Florida Hamfests

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

- ◆ 13 Jan 2007, UCF Tailgate, University of Central Florida ARC, 4000 Central Florida Blvd., <http://k4ucf.ucf.edu/>, Talk-In: 146.640 (PL 103.5), Contact: Steven Dick, KG4YDW, MMAE Dept. ENGR 307, 4000 Central Florida Blvd., Orlando, FL 32816-2450, Phone: 407-823-4385, Email: [ssd.tail@mmae.ucf.edu](mailto:ssd.tail@mmae.ucf.edu),
- ◆ 20 Jan 2007, Southwest Florida Hamfest and Computer Show, Ft. Myers ARC, Araba Shrine Auditorium, 2010 Hanson Street, <http://www.fmarc.net>, Talk-In: 146.880 (PL 136.5), Contact: Earl Spencer, K4FQU, 1735 Hanson Street, Ft. Myers, FL 33901, Phone: 239-332-1503, Fax: 239-282-1536, Email: [k4fqu@juno.com](mailto:k4fqu@juno.com)
- ◆ 27 Jan 2007, DeSoto County Hamfest, DeSoto ARC, Turner Civic Center Exhibit Hall, 2160 NE Roan Street, Arcadia, FL, <http://www.desotoarc.org/>, Talk-In: 147.075+ (no tone), Contact: Doug Christ, KN4YT, 1593 NE Livingston Street, Arcadia, FL 34266, Phone:

863-491-0618, Fax: 863-993-4840, Email: [kn4yt@yahoo.com](mailto:kn4yt@yahoo.com)

### December Special Events

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

- ◆ Jan 1-Jan 31, 0000Z-2359Z, Shawsville, VA. Straight Key Century Club, K1Y. First Anniversary of SKCC. 21.120 14.048 7.055 3.550. Certificate. Kevin der Kinderen, 3967D Oldtown Rd, Shawsville, VA 24162. QSLs awarded for contact. Certificate awarded for contact with 10 US districts. Operators will be nationwide. [www.skccgroup.com](http://www.skccgroup.com)
- ◆ Jan 5-Jan 7, 1600Z-1600Z, Blairstown, NJ. Eastern PA QRP Club, N2P. Polar Bear Camp-Run-a-MOC. 14.260 14.060 10.116 7.260 7.040 3.910 3.506. QSL. Camp-Run-a-MOC, WA3WSJ, 775 Moonflower Ave, Reading, PA 19606-3447 [www.wa3wsj.com/files/polarbear2006.html](http://www.wa3wsj.com/files/polarbear2006.html)
- ◆ Jan 6-Jan 7, 1200Z-2359Z, Bethpage, NY. Ham Radio University Committee, W2V. Ham Radio University 2007 - 8th annual day of education. 21.273 14.273 7.273. QSL. Phil Lewis, N2MUN, 22 Belle Terre W, Lindenhurst, NY 11757. [www.HamRadioUniversity.org](http://www.HamRadioUniversity.org)
- ◆ Jan 7, 1800Z-2359Z, Derry, NH. R Keith Beal, N1ZT. Kids Day 2007. 28.350 21.380 14.270 7.245. QSL. Keith Beal, 20 A Dexter St, Derry, NH 03039
- ◆ Jan 11-Jan 17, 0100Z-2359Z, St Croix, USVI. Family Radio Club, KU9UUU. 513th Anniversary of the Discovery of

the US Virgin Islands. day 14.332 14.260 eve 7.235 7.046  
- all 3905 Century Club Nets SSB & CW. QSL. J.M.  
Zacher, 39W345 Central Dr, Elgin, IL 60124

- ◆ Jan 13, 1300Z-1900Z, Phoenix, AZ. Thunderbird Amateur Radio Club, W7W. 10th Anniversary of WestFest Hamfest. 21.370 14.270 7.270. QSL. TBARC WestFest, 16772 W Bell Rd, Ste 110 - #421, Surprise, AZ 85735. [www.w7tbc.org](http://www.w7tbc.org)
- ◆ Jan 13-Jan 14, 1500Z-1800Z, Marcell, MN. Northern Lakes Amateur Radio Club, K0GPZ. White Oak Sled Dog Classic. 14.225 14.070 7.165 7.070. QSL. NLARC, PO Box 525, Grand Rapids, MN 55744. [northernlakesarc.tripod.com/nlarc.html](http://northernlakesarc.tripod.com/nlarc.html) [www.whiteoakclassic.org](http://www.whiteoakclassic.org)
- ◆ Jan 13-Jan 15, 1500Z-2100Z, Atlantic City, NJ. Southern Counties Amateur Radio Association, K2BR. Absecon Lighthouse (ARLHS # USA-001)150th Birthday. 21.260 18.160 14.260 7.260. QSL. SCARA, PO Box 121, Linwood, NJ 08221. CW contacts on request. [mysite.verizon.net/vzepb0rn](http://mysite.verizon.net/vzepb0rn)
- ◆ Jan 14-Jan 15, 1400Z-0000Z, Wall Township, NJ. Ocean Monmouth Amateur Radio Club, N2MO. From the Amateur Radio/MARS station at the historic Diana Site, to commemorate "Project Diana," the first ever successful moon bounce experiment. Gen and Nov/Tech subbands 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m. Certificate. OMARC Inc, PO Box 267, Oakhurst, NJ 07755. \*For QSL send SASE. Certificate also available, send 9X12 SASE and \$1USD; \$2USD and no SASE. [www.omarc.org](http://www.omarc.org)
- ◆ Jan 15-Jan 24, 0700Z-2359Z, Denver, CO. Castle Rock Repeater Group, K1D. Elementary School Demonstration. 14.265 7.265. QSL. Johnny Lee, 21530 E Stoll Pl, Denver, CO 80249. [www.crrg.org](http://www.crrg.org)
- ◆ Jan 20, 1300Z-2300Z, Spring Hill, FL. Spring Hill Amateur Radio Club, W4B. 27 Annual Brooksville Raid --Largest Florida Civil War Reenactment. 14.260 18.130. Certificate. SHARC-BR, PO Box 6083, Spring Hill, FL 34611. [www.kf4ixu.org](http://www.kf4ixu.org)
- ◆ Jan 27, 1500Z-2200Z, Zolfo Springs, FL. The Whole Ham Family Radio Club, KI4RDM. Peace River Refuge And Ranch On The Air. 14.260. QSL. The Whole Ham Family Radio Club, c/o Cartlidge, 4288 Bell Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34231 [www.geocities.com/KI4RDM/SpecialEvents.html](http://www.geocities.com/KI4RDM/SpecialEvents.html)
- ◆ Jan 27-Jan 28, 2000Z-2000Z, Jefferson City, MO. Mid-MO Amateur Radio Club, W9C. 90th anniversary of the first transcontinental relay of formal message traffic by Willis Corwin, 9ABD. CW 14.035 10.113 7.035 3.535. Certificate. Kent W. Trimble, K9ZTV, 2210 Heartland Rdg, Jefferson City, MO 65109. [www.mmccs.com/mmarc](http://www.mmccs.com/mmarc)
- ◆ Jan 27-Jan 29, 1400Z-0200Z, Wilsona Gardens, CA. BioRem Radio Amateur Club (Edwards AFB), AL7LS.

40th anniversary of the movie "Hot Rods to Hell," released January 27, 1967. 14.315 7.273 pkt 14.105 7.105. QSL. Bruce Rossi, 2127 Sierra Stone Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89119

- ◆ Jan 31-Feb 3, 1800Z-0000Z, Menominee, MI. Marinette & Menominee Amateur Radio Club, K8D. 1st anniversary of D.A.R. Boys/Girls Club ham radio station. 21.330 14.270 7.260. Certificate. James Pearson, KS8O, W5380 County Rd 342, Wallace, MI 49883. Times listed are daily. [www.8pif.com](http://www.8pif.com)

#### WA7BNM October 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
- ◆ AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1600Z-1900Z, Jan 1 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Jan 1 (432)
- ◆ ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Jan 2
- ◆ Original QRP Contest 1500Z, Jan 6 to 1500Z, Jan 7,
- ◆ ARRL RTTY Roundup 1800Z, Jan 6 to 2400Z, Jan 7
- ◆ EUCW 160m Contest 2000Z-2300Z, Jan 6 and 0400Z-0700Z, Jan 7,
- ◆ Kid's Day Contest 1800Z-2400Z, Jan 7
- ◆ Hunting Lions in the Air Contest 0000Z, Jan 13 to 2400Z, Jan 14
- ◆ 070 Club PSKFest 0000Z-2400Z, Jan 13
- ◆ MI QRP January CW Contest 1200Z, Jan 13 to 2359Z, Jan 14
- ◆ SPAR Winter Field Day 1200 local, Jan 13 to 1200 local, Jan 14
- ◆ Midwinter Contest, CW 1400Z-2000Z, Jan 13
- ◆ North American QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Jan 13 to 0600Z, Jan 14
- ◆ NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW 0530Z-0730Z, Jan 14
- ◆ Midwinter Contest, Phone 0800Z-1400Z, Jan 14
- ◆ NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB 0800Z-1000Z, Jan 14
- ◆ DARC 10-Meter Contest 0900Z-1059Z, Jan 14
- ◆ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Jan 18
- ◆ LZ Open Contest 0400Z-1200Z, Jan 20
- ◆ UK DX Contest, RTTY 1200Z, Jan 20 to 1200Z, Jan 21
- ◆ Hungarian DX Contest 1200Z, Jan 20 to 1200Z, Jan 21
- ◆ North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Jan 20 to 0600Z, Jan 21
- ◆ ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes 1900Z, Jan 20 to 0400Z, Jan 22
- ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Jan 22
- ◆ CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW 0000Z, Jan 27 to 2359Z, Jan 28
- ◆ REF Contest, CW 0600Z, Jan 27 to 1800Z, Jan 28
- ◆ SARL Youth for Amateur Radio 0700Z-1100Z, Jan 27
- ◆ BARTG RTTY Sprint 1200Z, Jan 27 to 1200Z, Jan 28
- ◆ UBA DX Contest, SSB 1300Z, Jan 27 to 1300Z, Jan 28