



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, who expressed 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 You Marty and Diane!

We have not nominated a full slate of officers for the 2009 year. Please consider offering to fill a position. Elections are to be held at the January meeting. Also, with the new year, remember to bring your checkbook to pay for dues and make sure we have your most up-to-date contact information for the EARS Membership Directory.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM



EARS Meeting Minutes December 21, 2008

The December meeting of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society was our annual Christmas party, held at the Hills Country Club in the Rotunda section of

Englewood, Florida. There was a social hour with hors d'oeuvres between 5:30 and 6:30 and then dinner was served. The menu was a choice of prime rib, chicken, or grouper. Shortly after

dinner was served, we enjoyed Christmas songs by Diane Gregory and her guitar. There were 30 members and guests in attendance.

President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, opened the business meeting with a report on nominations for officers for 2009. We still need nominations for president and secretary. The current nominations are as follows:

- President: Open
- Vice President: Tom Hawes WA3PRC
- Secretary: Open
- Treasurer:
Mike Daly K4MWD
Vic Emmelkamp K4VHX
- Trustees:
Matthew Henry KE4VEM
Larry Luccio W2FTL
Pam Eggleton K1UEG

Correspondence: A letter of thanks was read from Morgan White who was the recipient of our scholarship award. She is attending the Emory Riddle Aeronautical Institute in Daytona Beach, Florida.

President Matthew-KE4VEM reported on the status of Marty-N4FA, who is undergoing treatment in a New York City hospital then expressed appreciation for his work in setting up the Christmas Party for our Radio Club.

Every one seemed to enjoy the party, which was almost like a family gathering. The food was very good, especially the dessert. It was good to see friends come together for an evening, and I hope we can do it again next year.

Ken Anderson, W4JQT
Secretary

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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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.

Silent Key

Dear Members,
 I am sadden to report Joseph Ventura, KB4OCM, one of our long time members passed away on December 15. A funeral mass was held for him on Wednesday the 17th, at St. Francis church on Placida Rd. at 10AM.

73,
 Vic-K4VHX

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

EARS needs a regulated 15 to 20 amp 12 Vdc power supply. (donation or reasonably priced)
 Call Ken Anderson : 475-3172, or
 Vic Emmelkamp: 473-5560
Contact the Editor to add your FS, Trade or WTB.

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

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.

Thank You Letter From Our Scholarship Award Winner Morgan White

Dear Vic Emmelkamp,

Oh what a hectic semester that has been so far for me. My name is Morgan White and I graduated from Lemon Bay High School this past year and have stepped out into the college environment. I received The Englewood Amateur Radio Society Scholarship at senior awards night. I am so sorry it has taken me so long to write you a letter telling of my time at college. Homework and group projects have consumed my time, I've hardly had time to breathe.

Just a reminder, I'm attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach FL and I am studying Space Physics. I was enrolled in Aerospace Engineering but that wasn't my cup of tea. I am still striving to be an astronaut upon receiving my master's degree from this university.

Life over here is so different from little old Englewood. Numerous times I have caught the homesick bug, but I am doing better now. It is amazing what you take for granted in your home town, I sure do miss all the little things like a white sandy beach with clear water and my puppy. I was sure that Daytona Beach was one of the best in the world, but I am not seeing the perks that everyone talks about. Other than that, I have been a slave to this university working my behind off and giving my all when completing each assignment.

It is a huge step from high school, so much freedom and little supervision. I believe I have grown a lot as an individual learning how to manage time and manage money. Oh and money is another story! Tuition is still \$42,000.00 a year and boy what a tough time I am having coming up

with that money. I just barely slipped by in the fall semester, but spring is rolling around and I don't receive enough hours at my current job to help pay my tuition. I was hoping that I wouldn't have to take out so many loans but I have no other options. Scholarship applications are also taking up a lot of my free time. Getting money is harder than I had expected but I am sticking with it, hoping I can get through this.

Thank you again for assisting me though the Englewood Amateur Radio Society. It was a huge help and I am very grateful for people like you who make it a point to help out the future generations.

Thank You So Much,
Morgan White



EARS Christmas Party

Additional pictures are available on our EARS website





January Florida Hamfests

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

- ◆ 10 Jan 2009 Not-So-Early Free Flea, Miami Science Museum, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami, FL, <http://qrz.com>, Talk-In: TBA, Contact: Robert Cruz, KE4MCL, 3735 SW 89th Avenue, Miami, FL 33165, Phone: 786-306-5900, Email: dcat4955@gmail.com
- ◆ 10 Jan 2009 UCF Amateur Radio Club Tailgate, University of Central Florida (Parking Lot D1), 4000 Central Florida Blvd., Orlando, FL, <http://www2.mmae.ucf.edu/wiki/Tailgate>, Talk-In: 146.64 (PL 103.5), Contact: Steven Dick, KG4YDW, MMAE Dept. ENGR 307, 4000 Central Florida Blvd., Orlando, FL 32816-2450, Phone: 407-823-4385, Fax: 407-823-0208, Email: ssd.tail2008@mmae.ucf.edu
- ◆ 17 Jan 2009 Southern Florida Section Convention (Southwest Florida Hamfest & Computer Show), Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club, Araba Shrine Auditorium 2010 Hanson Street, Fort Myers, FL <http://www.fmarc.net>, Talk-In: 146.880 (PL 136.5) Contact: Lawrence W. Zimmer, W4LWZ, 1719 NW 21st Street, Cape Coral, FL 33993, Phone: 239-282-1526, Fax: 239-282-1536, Email: W4LWZ@arrl.net
- ◆ 31 Jan 2009 DeSoto County Hamfest, DeSoto Amateur

Radio Club, Turner Civic Center, 2250 NE Roan Street Arcadia, FL <http://www.desotoarc.org/>, Talk-In: 147.075 (no tone), Contact: Doug Christ, KN4YT, 4810 NW Highway 72, Lot 15, Arcadia, FL 34266, Phone: 863-494-5842, Fax: 863-993-4840, Email: kn4yt@arrl.net

January Special Events

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

- ◆ Jan 1-Jan 31, 0000Z-2359Z, All US call areas. Straight Key Century Club, K3Y. Celebrating 3 years of steady growth, to over 4,600 members on CW. 14.050 10.120 7.055 3.550. QSL. Dan Rhodes, KA3CTQ, PO Box 3092, Erie, PA 16508. www.skccgroup.com
- ◆ Jan 3, 1500Z-2000Z, Clinton, IA. Clinton Amateur Radio Club, WØCS. Eagle Watch at Mississippi River Lock/Dam 13. 14.250 7.250. QSL. WØCS, PO Box 1501, Clinton, IA 52733-1501. Include SASE #10 Bus Env for QSL and brochure. WØCS@arrl.net
- ◆ Jan 6, 1500Z-2359Z, Truth or Consequences, NM. Delsa Amateur Radio Club, K5GTG. New Mexico's 96th Birthday. 3.866 7.255 7.040. Certificate. Robert B. Deal, HC-32 Box 8125, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901.
- ◆ Jan 10, 1700Z-2359Z, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Room, NI6IW. Commemorating the first time underway on nuclear power by submarine USS Nautilus (SSN 571) in 1955, and the start of Operation Desert Storm in 1991, USS Midway's final combat action. 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
- ◆ Jan 10-Jan 11, 1600Z-0100Z, Clovis, NM. Eastern New Mexico Amateur Radio Club, KA5B. 100 years of railroading in Clovis, New Mexico. 14.265 7.185. Certificate. Roy Creiglow, 208 Merrill Dr, Clovis, NM 88101. From the Clovis Depot Train Museum. www.ka5b.org
- ◆ Jan 17, 1500Z-2300Z, El Paso, TX. Sun City Amateur Radio Club, K5WPH. 50 Year On-The-Air Special Event. 14.265 21.310 28.435. QSL. Sun City ARC, 3709 Wickham Ave, El Paso, TX 79904. Local Chili Party a 3 PM for those that can visit the clubhouse. www.k5wph.org
- ◆ Jan 17-Jan 24, 0000Z-2359Z, Washington, DC. District of Columbia Amateur Radio Society, W4A. Celebration of the Inauguration of Barack Obama. All Bands. QSL. Eric Rosenberg, W3DQ, 3511 Patterson St NW, Washington, DC 20015-2557.
- ◆ Jan 20, 1400Z-2200Z, Washington, DC. OMIK Amateur Radio Association, K0MIK. To commemorate the inauguration of Barack Obama, 44th President of the United States. 14.295 7.265. QSL. Arthur Moody, W8UTC, 206 Hemlock Dr, Elyria, OH 44035. Operation will be from 9-11 AM EST and 1-5 PM EST; no operation during the ceremony. cwashington@charter.net or www.omikradio.org
- ◆ Jan 24-Jan 25, 1400Z-2000Z, Wilsona Gardens, CA.

BioRem RAC Edwards AFB North Base, AL7LS. Release date for movie Hot Rods to Hell 27 Jan 1967. 7.243 3.952 PKT 14.105 7.105. QSL. Bruce Rossi, 2127 Sierra Stone Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89119. www.geocities.com/hrthspecialevent09

- ◆ Jan 24-Jan 25, 2000Z-2000Z, Eureka, CA. Humboldt Amateur Radio Club, KG6FWT. Allied Victory at Battle of the Ardennes (The Bulge). 14.280 7.290 3.955 3.530. QSL. Jim Falls, HARC, 2605 R St, Eureka, CA 95501-3135. From the USS LCI(L)-1091. TCS-8 used on AM/CW top of the hour. www.navsource.org/archives/10/15/151091.htm or www.humboldt-arc.org
- ◆ Jan 31, 1400Z-2100Z, Punxsutawney, PA. Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club, K3HWJ. Commemorating Groundhog Day 2009. 14.240 7.240 146.715 147.390. Certificate. Mike Miller, N3HBH, 1097 Wishaw Rd, Reynoldsville, PA 15851. n3hbh@pennswoods.net or www.qsl.net/k3hwj
- ◆ Jan 31-Feb 4, 1500Z-0400Z, Lubbock, TX. Buddy Holly Memorial, W5B. 50th anniversary of the death of Buddy Holly. 18.150 14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. Bryan Edwards, 3801 68th St, Lubbock, TX 79413. www.amcrc.com/w5b

January WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

- ◆ AGB New Year Snowball Contest 0000Z-0100Z, Jan 1
- ◆ SARTG New Year RTTY Contest 0800Z-1100Z, Jan 1
- ◆ AGCW Happy New Year Contest 0900Z-1200Z, Jan 1
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 2
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 3
- ◆ ARRL RTTY Roundup 1800Z, Jan 3 to 2400Z, Jan 4
- ◆ EUCW 160m Contest 2000Z-2300Z, Jan 3 and 0400Z-0700Z, Jan 4
- ◆ Kid's Day Contest 1800Z-2400Z, Jan 4
- ◆ ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Jan 6
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 9
- ◆ Hunting Lions in the Air Contest 0000Z, Jan 10 to 2400Z, Jan 11
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 10
- ◆ MI QRP January CW Contest 1200Z, Jan 10 to 2359Z, Jan 11
- ◆ Midwinter Contest, CW 1400Z-2000Z, Jan 10
- ◆ North American QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Jan 10 to 0600Z, Jan 11
- ◆ SKCC Weekend Sprint 0000Z-2400Z, Jan 11
- ◆ NRAU-Baltic Contest, CW 0530Z-0730Z, Jan 11
- ◆ Midwinter Contest, Phone 0800Z-1400Z, Jan 11
- ◆ NRAU-Baltic Contest, SSB 0800Z-1000Z, Jan 11
- ◆ DARC 10-Meter Contest 0900Z-1059Z, Jan 11
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 16
- ◆ NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 17
- ◆ LZ Open Contest 0400Z-1200Z, Jan 17
- ◆ Hungarian DX Contest 1200Z, Jan 17 to 1159Z, Jan 18
- ◆ UK DX Contest, RTTY 1200Z, Jan 17 to 1200Z, Jan 18
- ◆ North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Jan 17 to

- 0600Z, Jan 18
 - ◆ ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes 1900Z, Jan 17 to 0400Z, Jan 19
 - ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Jan 19
 - ◆ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Jan 22
 - ◆ NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 23
 - ◆ CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW 2200Z, Jan 23 to 2159Z, Jan 25
 - ◆ REF Contest, CW 0600Z, Jan 24 to 1800Z, Jan 25
- ◆ BARTG RTTY Sprint 1200Z, Jan 24 to 1200Z, Jan 25
 - ◆ UBA DX Contest, SSB 1300Z, Jan 24 to 1300Z, Jan 25
 - ◆ SPAR Winter Field Day 1700Z, Jan 24 to 1700Z, Jan 25
 - ◆ SKCC Sprint 0000Z-0200Z, Jan 28
 - ◆ NCCC Sprint 0230Z-0300Z, Jan 30
 - ◆ SARL Youth Day Sprint 0700Z-1100Z, Jan 31