



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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## Message From The President

Just a little reminiscing.

I met Michael Dalton, W2NPN, in September of 1959, when he moved from Hyde Park, N. Y. to W. Haverstraw, N. Y. to attend Haverstraw High School for his senior year.

Mike and I became "best friends" and he introduced me to amateur radio. I remember entering his "shack" and asking what all the electronic equipment was for. He said he was a "ham" and the equipment was a transmitter and a receiver he used to contact hams all around the world using "CW" and voice to "rag chew". Strange terminology! He said he got his first amateur license when he was 10 years old and was an active "DXer", whatever that was. I looked around the shack and noticed several ARRL awards and thousands of "QSL" cards, both in stacks and covering the walls. He showed me his "DX-100, HQ-100, bug" and the new electronic "key" he had made. He went on the "air" and called "CQ". The next thing I heard was another ham responding to his call. He wanted me to speak to the guy but I had a severe case of "mike fright". So that ended that.

Mike asked if I could help him "string" his new "straight wire antenna" and "tune" it. I helped him by standing at the end of a 160 meter long wire with a 200 watt light bulb. He told me to yell when the light bulb was at its brightest. I yelled alright; I got my first "RF" burn.

My first experience with amateur radio was NOT pleasant.

More next month.

Respectfully  
Martin, W4MHH

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## June 17 Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** President Martin, W4MHH opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 18 members present. Keith Kelly KC5AS was again welcomed as our newest member.

**Secretaries Report:** ON MOTION the previous months minutes were approved as printed in the monthly newsletter.

**Treasure's Report:** Vic-K4VHX reported the only expense this month is for our yearly insurance of \$352 and the checking account balance is \$5,413.49. Vic reported he received a letter from SouthTrust Bank stating the Beach Road office is closing as of August 5, 2004 and our account will be moved to the Dearborn Financial Center at 2 Indiana Ave, Englewood, Florida. ON MOTION the treasure's report was approved as read.

## Correspondence

Letters of invitation were sent to four people expressing interest in joining our club.

A FAX concerning identity theft was received from Vic-K4VHX. Vin Therieau, KF4IAV recommended Officer D. C. Bauer, from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, be contacted for an identity theft presentation at one of our club meetings. Officer Bauer will be contacted to establish a club meeting presentation when more members will be attending this fall.

Marty-W4MHH requests anyone knowing of an attorney or someone with trademark registration knowledge to please call him at 473-1123. Our EARS amateur radio club still has conflict with the Englewood Animal Rescue Society, "EARS", using that acronym for their society. They are giving us a bad name. We can try to ask nicely for them to change their name to EAR League, so they can use "EARL". What think you?

A FAX was received from Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, at ARRL Headquarters relative to Field Day. "I noticed in reading your club Newsletter that you are a club that participates in Field Day and tries to make it a fun event. It's great to see that you have put out an invitation to new hams and perspective hams. I would be interested in any photos of this event that show any new hams working with experienced ops or any pix of people working with the public at your information table. We could give your club exposure on ARRL website and other clubs can see a club with active membership in action. Thanks and have fun at FD."

A FAX was received from Marcia-KA1GCV and Gene-KA1GCU and another from Ted-KB8UXK, wishing us good luck at Field Day.

We received a letter from Michael Hennessy, the recipient of the 2004 EARS Scholarship:

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Englewood Amateur Radio Society for selecting me as your scholarship recipient. The money will be used to pay for books and school expenses this coming Fall.

I graduated with honors, Cum Laude, which makes me eligible to receive the Florida Bright Futures

Scholarship of 75% of tuition cost.

I was accepted at Florida Gulf Coast University, The University of South Florida, The University of Central Florida and Manatee Community College (MCC). After weighing my options and what each school had to offer along with location and class size, I decided to attend MCC for two years and then transfer to a state college. I made this decision because I don't have my mind made up as to whether I want to be a Electronics Engineer or a Pharmacist and, with state college costs around 15 thousand dollars a year compared to a community college with costs one-third that for the same education, I believe I made the right choice.

Once again I would like to thank the Englewood Amateur Radio Society for your generous scholarship. I will put it to good use at MCC.

Sincerely,  
Michael Hennessy

## Committee Reports

**Sunshine:** No report.

**RACES:** Vic-K4VHX reported that the autopatch on K8ONV isn't working because the phone company cut the cable. Vic and Paul Winter will contact the phone company to have them repair the cable.

**Publicity:** Gerry-K4JWE advised that all papers here in Englewood have been advised of Field Day and hope to have photo coverage with at least one of the papers.

**Testing:** Ken-W4JQT reported there will be testing this Saturday 6/19 at the Chamber of Commerce building with 2 canadates.

**Field Day:** A Field Day meeting was held at 7 PM before the regular EARS meeting for those interested in helping. All is in order for TARC to join us this year. Martin-W4MHH will be providing the food and drinks for the picnic on Sunday. Field Day will operate from 2 PM Saturday to sometime between noon and 2 PM on Sunday. The picnic will start about noon Sunday. Ken and helpers will begin setting up for Field Day with antennas setup around 9 AM Friday. Saturday morning is set aside for equipment setup.

**DX:** Vic-W4VHX and Tom-WA3PRC received a QSL card from Monk Apollo, Dochiariou Monastery, and Mount Athos, Greece. Call sign SV2ASP/A.

Englewood Chamber of Commerce building, 601, South Indiana Avenue. Contact Jack Sproat-W4JS, w4js@juno.com, 475-1929.

**Old Business**

None was presented

**New Business**

Vic-W4VHX began preliminary discussion about Lighthouse Weekend scheduled for August at the Boca Grande lighthouse. Martin-W4MHH received an Email about a future presentation on identity theft. This will be presented sometime in the fall when more members can take advantage of this information.

Keith-KC4AS informed us he purchased, and paid for, a badge from one of the vendors at this year's Hamfest and did not receive it. He contacted the company about this situation. Apparently the vender ran with the money. If anyone did not receive their purchase they can contact the company at this Email address: [sales@badgebutton.com](mailto:sales@badgebutton.com).

On MOTION the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:  
Hugh Myers, KG4ZDX  
EARS Club Secretary

**– Monthly Local Happenings –**

*Note from the Editor* – This is trial monthly calendar for Hams to know what is happening locally on a recurring basis. Let me know what you think about it.

- **EARS Meeting** – Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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. The July program presentation is not known at this time.
- **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, on a reservation basis only, in the conference room of the

- **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.
- **Weekly Amateur Breakfasts** – Tuesday morning, 7AM at Tiffany's and 8AM at the Country Hound in Englewood. Friday morning, 8AM at Mel's diner in Venice.

**2004 EARS Field Day Event**

ARRL Field Day Entry Form

Date stamp: 2004-06-29 08:09:35  
Confirmation: b6c659a5ed7ef487

Call Used: K4OU, GOTA Station Call: (none)  
ARRL/RAC Section: WCF Class: 2A

Participants: 15  
Club/Group Name: Englewood Amateur Radio Society

Power Source(s): Generator

Power Multiplier: 2X

Bonus Points:	
100% Emergency power	200
Media Publicity	100
Set-up in Public Place	100
Information Booth	100
Submitted via the Web	50
Non traditional mode: APRS	100
Total Bonus Points	650

Score Summary:

CW	Digital	Phone	Total	
Total QSOs	325	0	258	
Total Points	650	0	258	908
Claimed Score = 1,816				

Submitted by:

Kenneth T. Blackshaw, W1NQT

### Notice From ARRL SE Division

If you are wondering why you didn't receive your hard copy letter through the mail this year, with its handy hamfest schedule, it is because I had to abandon it. Newsletters will continue in Email form only. Almost all of the current events on a national level, including ARRL and FCC actions and proposals, are now on the ARRL website.

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

None listed this month

*Contact the newsletter editor to add your needs to this column.*

### Internet Sites to Explore

Do you have any Internet Sites which might be of interest to Hams? Please forward them to the editor.

#### July Hamfests

**23-24 July** Milton ARC, Milton, FL

<http://home.att.net/~k4ozl/marc.htm>

Contact: Walter Yarbrough, WA4TFR, 4301 Bell Lane, Pace, FL 32571, Phone: 850-994-7335

Email: [wa4tfr@worldnet.att.net](mailto:wa4tfr@worldnet.att.net)

#### DX News

(I Will have this information for next month's newsletter. Suzie and I are at a campground in Durango, CO and it is too late to go to the modem site for the information.) Sorry!

#### WA7BNM July Contest Calendar

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

- Mid-Summer Six Club Contest 2300Z, Jul 16 to 0300Z, July 18
- VK/Trans-Tasman 160m Contest 0800Z-1400Z, Jul 17
- North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Jul 17 to 0600Z, Jul 18
- CQ Worldwide VHF Contest 1800Z, Jul 17 to 2100Z, Jul 18
- RSGB Low Power Field Day 0900Z-1600Z, Jul 18
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 2000Z-2130Z, Jul 22
- RSGB IOTA Contest 1200Z, Jul 24 to 1200Z, Jul 25
- ARS Flight of the Bumblebees 1700Z-2100Z, Jul 25

#### Special Events

Listings from: <http://www.arrl.org/contest/spev.html>

- Kane, PA: Kane Amateur Radio Operators, AA3GM. 1800Z Jul 16-1300Z Jul 18. Celebrating the annual Kanefest Festival. 28.355 21.355 14.255 7.255. Certificate. Kenneth T. Frankenbery, 5111 Glenwall Dr, Aliquippa, PA 15001.
- Wapakoneta, OH: Reservoir Amateur Radio Association, K8QLY. 1300Z-1900Z Jul 17. Celebrating the 35th anniversary of landing on the moon. 14.250 7.260. Certificate. Walter Vogel, WB8FNB, 14455 CR 66A, St Marys, OH 45885.
- Birmingham, AL: Birmingham Amateur Radio Club, W4CUE. 1500Z Jul 17-2300Z Jul 18. Birmingham Amateur Radio Club's 78th anniversary. 28.480 21.360 14.050 14.260 7.250 3.850. QSL. W4CUE, PO Box 603, Birmingham, AL 35201-0603. [www.w4cue.com](http://www.w4cue.com).
- Baton Rouge, LA: USS Kidd ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. 0001 Jul 17-2359 Jul 18. Museum Ships Weekend Event. General class bands, 14.250 to 14.320; CW QRP subbands. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS Kidd Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. [www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS\\_Kidd.htm](http://www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm).
- Boston, MA: Raytheon Portsmouth SubSig Amateur Radio Club, K1WEW. 0001Z Jul 17-2359Z Jul 18. USS Constitution Special Event Station for Museum Ships 2004. 14.275 7.225 3.850 146.46. QSL. Eric K. Jamieson, KO1K, 60 Norman Dr, Tiverton, RI 02878. [www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html](http://www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html).
- Quincy, MA: USS Salem Radio Club, K1USN. 0001Z Jul 17-2359Z Jul 18. Museum Ships Radio Event. 14.260 7.260 14.039 7.039. Certificate. Robert Callahan, W1QWT, 56 Acorn St, Scituate, MA 02066. [www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html](http://www.qsl.net/k1usn/event.html).
- Wingdale, NY: Steve Jacobson Memorial ARA, N2SJ. 1800Z-2300Z Jul 18. Camp Ramah in the Berkshires 2004 Amateur Radio program. 28.350 14.275 7.240. QSL. Bernard Umlas, N2NVU, 30 West 34th St, #3A12, New York, NY 10001.
- Fremont, MI: Amateurs of Newaygo County, W1B. Jul 20-Jul 24. 14th Annual National Baby Food Festival. General portions of 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands. Certificate. Leo Woodward, WD8DCA, 304 N Stone Rd, Fremont, MI 49412.
- Wheaton, IL: Six Meter Club of Chicago, W9D. 1600-2359Z daily Jul 21-Jul 25. 50th anniversary of DuPage County Fair. 146.37/97 28.437 21.337 14.237 7.237. QSL. ix Meter Club of Chicago, K9ONA, 3021 Downing Ave, Westchester, IL 60154. [www.qsl.net/k9ona/](http://www.qsl.net/k9ona/).
- Various, England: Royal Signals Amateur Radio Society, GB6LOG. 0700Z Jul 21-2359Z Aug 18. 60th anniversary of the liberation of Guam 1944. 21.070 21.056 14.070 14.056. QSL. Mike Humphrey. G0SWY/KF4OFR, 4 Bluebell Rd, Bassett Southhampton, Hampshire, England SO16 3LQ. [www.rsars.org.uk](http://www.rsars.org.uk).
- Corinth, MS: Alcorn County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, W5I. 1800Z Jul 23-1800Z Jul 25. Civil War Interpretive Center, Shiloh National Park. 14.280 7.280. Certificate. ACARES --Area Promotion Council, PO Box 2158, Corinth, MS 38835-2158. [www.arrlmiss.org](http://www.arrlmiss.org).
- Henlopen State Park, DE: WA3WSJ. 1400Z Jul 23-0000Z Jul 25. Activation of four lighthouses and one lightship in Delaware. 14.270 14.030 7.270 7.030 PSK31 14.070. QSL. Edward R. Breneiser, 775 Moonflower Ave, Reading, PA 19606.

- Collingwood, ON, Canada: CERTS/CARC, VE3BPQ. 1200Z-2200Z Jul 24. 10th anniversary of Elvis Festival in Collingwood. 28.360 14.180 7.180 3.780. Certificate. VE3BPQ, 248 Birch St, Collingwood, ON L9Y 2V6, Canada.
- DeSmet, SD: Lake Area Radio Klub and Huron Amateur Radio Club, W0WTN. 1600Z Jul 24-2200Z Jul 25. Annual Little House on the Prairie Pageant. 28.465 21.365 14.265 7.265. Certificate. LARK, PO Box 642, Watertown, SD 57201. [www.w0wtn.org](http://www.w0wtn.org).
- Warren, OH: Warren Amateur Radio Association, W8P. 1200Z Jul 24-1000Z Jul 25. National Packard Auto Show. 10 20 40 m. Certificate. Gail Wells, 708 Delaware SW, Warren, OH 44485.
- Oshkosh, WI: Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club Inc, W9ZL. 1300Z Jul 26-2100Z Aug 1. Airventure 2004-Experimental Aircraft Association. 14.270 7.250. Certificate. FCARC-W9ZL, PO Box 5233, , Appleton, WI 54912-5233. [www.fcarc.us](http://www.fcarc.us).
- Port Colborne, ON, Canada: Welland County Amateur Radio Club, VE3WCD. 1300Z Jul 31-2100Z Aug 1. Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival. 28.350 21.250 14.250 7.250. QSL. Doug Frame, VE3JDF, 895 Lakeshore Rd E, Port Colborne, ON L3K 5V3, Canada.
- Indianapolis, IN: Indianapolis Motor Speed Amateur Radio Club, W9IMS. 1500Z Jul 31-0300Z Aug 9, weekends of Jul 31-Aug 1 and Aug 7-8 and intermittently on week days. Brickyard 400 (NASCAR). 28.340 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840 PSK31. QSL. Indianapolis Motor Speedway ARC, PO Box 18495, Indianapolis, IN 46218-0495. [www.qrz.com/w9ims](http://www.qrz.com/w9ims).