



The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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Message From The Vice President



The guest speaker from Metro Crime Prevention scheduled to appear at our May meeting did not show up. This in spite of the fact that two separate individuals had contacted us independently to request permission for him to address our group. Plans for the rapidly approaching Field Day exercise was discussed and as usual, everything appears on track for a successful, event. This is both an enjoyable outing with fellow hams and a chance to demonstrate to the public our expertise and availability to assist with emergency communications when needed. Notice I said when, not if. The date for next year's Hamfest has been confirmed and there appears to be interest from one or two other clubs to become involved. This could only enhance the scope of the event. Finally, EARS will once again set up and operate a station for the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend. Let's all get together and support these activities. Also, do not forget the EARS simplex net every Friday night.

Keith Kelly, KC5AS

EARS Meeting Minutes - May 25, 2006



Call to Order: Vice President Keith Kelly-KC5AS called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. There were 15 members and one guest, Fred Landgraf, KI4NZE, from Punta Gorda, in attendance.

April Meeting Minutes: On motion, the April meeting minutes were approved as published in the EARS newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: The report was given by Tom-WA3PRC and shows a check book balance on 5/3/2006 of \$5,434.58. ON MOTION, the treasurer's report was approved as given.

Committee Reports

Sunshine: Bruce Robideau-K2OY became a silent key on May 15, 2006. His children plan a celebration of life for Bruce from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Monday, May 22, 2006 at Farlow's on the water, 2080 S. McCall Road in Englewood. EARS will send Bruce's friend Helen a card.

Correspondence: The bill for EARS liability insurance was received and has been paid.

Races: Frank-W4VV reported Wayne Salade has started his rounds of hurricane seminars, and is scheduled to talk to our club after the seminars.

Testing: Marty-N4FA reported three candidates attended the test session. Two passed the General written, and one failed the Technician test. FCC tests are given the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at the Venice Library. Hugh-KG4ZDX passed his General test.

DX: JR-K9HUY reports poor band conditions for DX.

Hamfest: March 10, 2007 is reserved at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds for next year's Hamfest. There was some discussion about other clubs participating. It is EARS turn to host the hamfest in 2007. EARS needs a chairman for this event.

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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.



Field Day: Marty-N4FA reported plans are in order and equipment is ready.

was his Passion". DX operation and activities was one of his special interests.

Old Business

Bryce Eggleton-KG4EDE received the EARS scholarship award.

New Business

A motion by Marty-N4FA to authorize Matthew Henry as President of EARS to sign checks for EARS business was seconded by Nicole-KG4TGI and carried.

Announcements

Light House weekend will be held on the 19th and 20th of August at the Boca Grande Lighthouse. Operating hours will be 8am to 4pm.

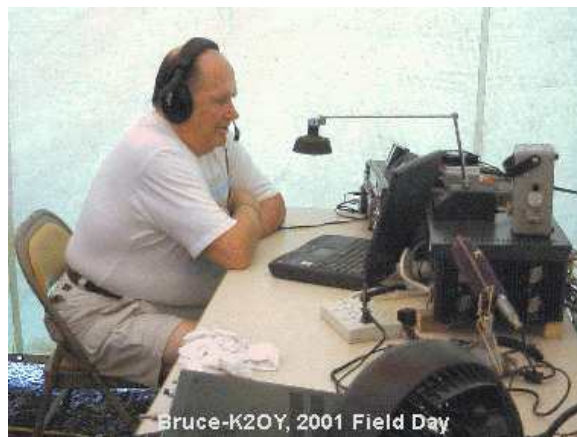
ON MOTION, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. Refreshments were enjoyed after the meeting.

Ken Anderson-W4JQT
Secretary - Pro Tem

Bruce Robideau - K2OY - Silent Key

Bruce Robideau passed away Monday, May 15, 2006 at his Sarasota County residence. He was born April 24, 1935 in Schenectady, New York.

Bruce was an avid ham radio operator, first licensed at age 14. As his son Scott said: "Radio



Bruce was an active member of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society (EARS) making significant contributions to its' operation of which he was president in 1994 and 1995, and Treasurer in 2001, 2002, and 2003. He was Trustee of the K8ONV repeater in Grove City, Florida, an ARRL member for 33 years, and an official ARRL DX QSL Card Checker. He was also a Trustee of EARS for several years and participated in most activities such as Field Day, Hamfests, and monthly meetings. Bruce will be missed and Amateur Radio has lost a strong advocate.

Ken Anderson-W4JQT

Local Repeaters

EARS	146.700 - MHz	77Hz
EARS	146.865 -	
EARS	146.775 -	77Hz
NPARC	147.120 +	136.5Hz
NPARC	442.100	136.5Hz
PRRA	147.255 +	
SERC	145.130 -	
SERC	146.730 -	100Hz
CARS	146.745 -	
SARA	146.910 -	
WCF	145.430 -	100Hz
TARC	146.805 -	100Hz
ENG	444.625	77Hz



Local Two Meter Nets

EARS Simplex	146.580 Friday	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

Editor's Note:

We are looking for articles to post in the EARS newsletters. Any member who would like to contribute an article please contact Dennis-K4NF at k4nf@arrl.net

Members who would like to give a program or have suggestions for a program should contact one of

- Local Happenings -

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 \$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 AM, 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 14.278 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.230 MHz at 7:00PM EST.

Connecticut Connection Net: 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 Area Amateur Breakfasts:

- Tuesday, 7AM at Denny's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8AM at Valentine's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8AM, at Peach's in Venice .
- Friday, 8AM at Mel's Diner in Venice.

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

Yaesu FT-990 HF Transceiver with built in AC power supply.

Yaesu FL-7000 Solid State Amplifier, built in power supply & Automatic antenna tuner, 600 Watt RF output. Equipment is in like new condition and good working order \$1,300.00 for the pair. Call Ken Anderson, W4JQT at 941-475-3172

The following is a package deal only:

- Kenwood** 930 (with Auto tuner)
- MFJ** VersaTuner V 3 KW Tuner
- Kenwood** SB-220 Monitor Scope
- Kenwood** SP 630 Matching Speakers with Filters
- Waters** oil cooled 100-1000 Watt Dummy Load
- Astatic** 10-D Microphone with base
- PK232** TNC
- MJF** Econo Keyer
- Kenwood** 7500 VHF Mobile Rig
- Icom** 02-AT HT, HTX-440 (440) Hand held
- Ameritron** 80 LB linear
- Yaesu** G450 Rotor
- Cushcraft** 3 element triband beam
- W9INN** Sloper for 80 and 40 Meters

Drake Low-Pass Filter

Universal 30 foot Aluminum tower, mast and rotor plate

Computer, 700 MHZ, CDRW, CDR, 15" Monitor
\$3,400 for complete package

Contact Jim Lawlor, KB2NZ, 941-423-8051

Contact the editor to add your equipment

Internet Sites To Explore

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

Florida June Hamfests

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

No Hamfests this month.

June Special Events

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

- ◆ Jun 1-Jul 3, 1500Z-0300Z, Indianapolis, IN. Indianapolis Motor Speedway Amateur Radio Club, W9IMS. United States Grand Prix. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. QSL. Indianapolis Motor Speedway ARC, PO Box 18495, Indianapolis, IN 46218. www.qrz.com/w9ims
- ◆ Jun 2-Jun 3, 1400Z-2200Z, Newington, CT. United States Power Squadrons Amateur Radio Net, W1AW. National Safe Boating Week. 21.390 14.290 7.290 3.990. QSL. W1AW, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. www.USPS.org
- ◆ Jun 3, 1400Z-2000Z, Tylertown, MS. Southwest Mississippi ARC, W5WQ. Celebration of dairy industry in Walthall County. 14.270 7.270. QSL. Southwest Mississippi ARC, 1545 Friendship Ln NW, Brookhaven, MS 39601
<http://lcsd.k12.ms.us/users/community.smarc>
- ◆ Jun 3, 1400Z-2100Z, Badin, NC. Montgomery Amateur Radio Society, NC4MC. The Loss of the "Badin Bomber" on June 8, 1944. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.255. Certificate. Montgomery Amateur Radio Society, NC4MC, c/o Katana Luther, 3224 Panther Mountain Rd, Asheboro, NC 27205. <http://members.carolina.net/ki4dh>
- ◆ Jun 3, 1600Z-2200Z, Saginaw, MI. Saginaw Valley Amateur Radio Association, K8DAC. Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the SVARA Club. 146.58 14.250 14.050 7.250. Certificate. SVARA, PO Box 1783, Saginaw, MI 48605. www.k8dac.com
- ◆ Jun 3, 1800Z-2100Z, Olathe, KS. Johnson County ARES, KS0JC. Honoring Marshall and Loreta Ensor code teachers. 14.250 10.115. Certificate. Dan Reed, 29545 W 152nd Ter, Gardner, KS 66030. www.colossus.org/ares
- ◆ Jun 3, 0900Z-1700Z, West Orange, NJ. Nutley Amateur Radio Society, W2GLQ. Thomas Edisons House, The Glenmont Estates. General Portions of the bands, 28.245 21.245 14.245 7.245. QSL. Nutley ARS, 169 Chestnut St, Nutley, NJ 07110
- ◆ Jun 3-Jun 4, 0001Z-2359Z, Camden, NJ. Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station, NJ2BB. Museum Ships Radio Event. 21.330 18.150 14.270 7.250. Certificate. Margaret Burgess, KB2BRR, 150 Schooner Ave, Barnegat, NJ 08005. www.nj2bb.org. Special certificate for working 15 ships
- ◆ Jun 3-Jun 4, 1400Z-2200Z, Manitowoc, WI. USS Cobia Radio Club/ManCoRad Radio Club, N9BQV. WW II Submarine USS Cobia AGSS-245 on the air. 14.243 7.243. QSL. Fred Neuenfeldt, 4932 S 10th St, Manitowoc, WI 54220. www.qsl.net/w9dk
- ◆ Jun 3-Jun 4, 1600Z-0400Z, Chelsea, MI. Chelsea Amateur Radio Club, WD8IEL. Chelsea Amateur Radio Club Swap Special Event. 28.450 14.280 7.250. Certificate. Ron Donovan, 430 S East St, Chelsea, MI 48118. Electronic QSL available, see www.wd8iel.org
- ◆ Jun 3-Jun 10, 1300Z-2200Z, Baltimore, MD. Historic Electronics Museum Amateur Radio Club, W2W. Use of electronics/radios during D-Day Invasion of Europe. 14.266 7.266. Certificate and/or QSL. Historical Electronics Museum Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 1693 MS 4015, Baltimore, MD 21203. www.hemarc.org
- ◆ Jun 3-Jun 17, 0400Z-0359Z, Atkinson, MA. Atkinson Amateur Radio Club, K1D. Celebrating Kid's Day and Amateur Radio Awareness. 21.370 14.270. QSL. Peter Schipelliti, 7 Dearborn Ridge Rd, Atkinson, NH 03811
- ◆ Jun 9-Jun 11, 1800Z-0200Z, Worthington, MN. Worthington Okabena Windsurfers, W0W. Annual Windsurfing Regatta and Unvarnished Music Festival. 21.375 14.275 7.275 3.875. QSL. Randy Shirbroun, ND0C, 1745 N Douglas Ave, Worthington, MN 56187. www.wgtn.net/wow/index.htm
- ◆ Jun 9-Jun 11, 1800Z-1800Z, Estes Park, CO. HAMCON Colorado, W1AW/0. ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Convention. 21.320 14.245 7.255 3.875. QSL. W1AW/0, ARRL HQ Operators Club, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. www.hamconcolorado.org
- ◆ Jun 10, 0930Z-1800Z, County of Wiltshire, England. Swindon and District Amateur Radio Club, GB6BTS. Introducing children to amateur radio at Broad Town School Fete. 80 40 20 2 m and 70 cm. via bureau or direct to GB6BTS, c/o Gareth Drinkwater, 82 David Murray John Tower, Swindon, England SN1 1LI. www.qrz.com/GB6BTS
- ◆ Jun 10, 1300Z-2200Z, Elmont, NY. Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club, K2B. Triple Crown Special Event -- Belmont Stakes. 21.365 14.265 7.265 3.865. Certificate. LIMARC, PO Box 392, Levittown, NY 11756. www.limarc.org Special certificate for all three Triple Crown events
- ◆ Jun 10-Jun 11, 1700Z-2300Z, Fond du Lac, WI. Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club Inc, W9EBV. Fiftieth anniversary of FdL Radio Club. 14.275 7.250. QSL. Dave Witt, WD9W, 1160 S Park Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935. www.fdlhams.org
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Jun 10 and Jun 11, 1400Z-2000Z daily, Niagara Falls, ON Canada. Niagara Peninsula ARC, VE3VM. Friendly Foes Above the Falls Air Show. 14.270 7.265 7.065 14.025 7.025. QSL. Dave Digweed, VE3FOI, 2575 Rosedene Rd, St Anns, ON L0R 1Y0, Canada. www.nparc.on.ca

- ◆ Jun 10-Jun 25, 0001Z-2359Z, Haddonfield, NJ. South Jersey Radio Association, K2A. 90th Anniversary of the South Jersey Radio Association. 145.290 144.465 28.405 7.168. QSL. South Jersey Radio Association, QSL Mgr W2YRW, Post Office Box 1026, Haddonfield, NJ 08033. www.sjra.org
- ◆ Jun 10-Jun 17, 1700Z-2300Z, Fayetteville, AR. Amateur Radio Club of the Arkansas Northwest, W5A. Commemorating 170th anniversary of Arkansas statehood. 25.450 21.240 14.250 7.250 3.975. QSL. Don Banta, K5DB, 3407 Diana St, Springdale, AR 72764. www.arkan.us
- ◆ Jun 16-Jun 18, 1600Z-1600Z, Conisbrough, Doncaster, South Yorkshire, UK. CASHOTA, GB8CC. Castles and Stately Homes on the Air, from Conisbrough Castle. 17 20 40 80 m, HF VHF UHF and fast scan TV. Certificate. John Williams, G8LGC, 24 Hilltop Gardens, Denaby Main, Doncaster, South Yorkshire DN12 4SB, UK. www.cashota.org
- ◆ Jun 17, 1500Z-2100Z, Vandalia, IL. National Trail and Old Capitol Amateur Radio Clubs, K9UXZ. Bicentennial year of the Historic National Road. 10 15 m 14.240 7.240. Certificate. K9UXZ, Box 931, Effingham, IL 62401
- ◆ Jun 17, 1500Z-2200Z, Mansfield, OH. Intercity Amateur Radio Club, W8WE. North Central Ohio Safe Boating and Fishing Festival. 28.360 21.360 14.260 7.260. QSL. Robert Ruth, KD8AZQ, 26561/2 Lexington Ave, Lexington, OH 44904
- ◆ Jun 17, 1600Z-2100Z, Cumberland, MD. Mountain Amateur Radio Club, W3YMW. Eastern End of Historic National Road Bicentennial. 18.125 14.270 7.270 3.925 SSB 14.070 7.070 PSK31 EchoLink-(KB3FN-R) 146.88. Certificate. Mountain Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 234, Cumberland, MD 21501-0234. www.hamtalk.org/NationalRoad.htm
- ◆ Jun 17, 1700Z-2300Z, Eminence, MO. Current River Amateur Radio Club, N0E. Amateur Radio Station in Emergency Operations Center. 28.340 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Jack Triplett, RR 1 Box 116, Birch Tree, MO 65438. www.semo.net/suburb/tripanna/CRARC/
- ◆ Jun 17, 1900Z-2400Z, Downey, CA. Downey Amateur Radio Club, W6TOI. 55th Anniversary of DARC and Kid's Day. 21.300 14.250 7.250. QSL. Tom Van Buskirk, 8230 Comolette Ave, Downey, CA 90242. www.downeyarc.org
- ◆ Jun 17-Jun 18, 0000Z-2400Z, Portsmouth, OH. Portsmouth Radio Club, N8QA. 68 years as a Amateur Radio Club. 28.400 21.230 14.230 7.230. QSL. PRC, PO Box 266, Portsmouth, OH 45662
- ◆ Jun 18, 1530Z-1900Z, Brooklyn, NY. Kings County Repeater Association, KC2RA. NYC Amateurs Honor

Samuel F.B. Morse. 28.150 14.305 7.250 7.125 3.900. QSL. Kings County Repeater Association, Samuel Morse Memorial Special Event, PO Box 280288, Brooklyn, NY 11228. www.kc2ra.com

- ◆ Jun 23-Jun 26, 1300Z-0500Z, North Bend, NE. Pioneer Amateur Radio Club, N0B. Commemorating the 150th anniversary of North Bend, NE. Gen and Nov/Tech subbands 10 15 20 40 80. Certificate. K0JFN, Pioneer ARC, 2411 County Road 15, Colon, NE 68018. <http://home.alltel.net/jlhoffman/index.htm>
- ◆ Jun 24-Jun 25, 1400Z-1800Z, Kendallville, IN. Kendallville Contesters/21 Repeater Group, W9N. Mid-America Windmill Museum Festival. 21.250 14.250 7.250 3.985. QSL. Timothy S. Ryman, 618 Circle Dr, Albion, IN 46701
- ◆ Jun 24-Jun 25, 1800Z-2100Z, Libertyville, IL. Lake County Illinois RACES/ARES, W5O. Lake County Illinois RACES/ARES 50th anniversary. 14.283 7.283. QSL. Lake County RACES/ARES - W5O, 1303 North Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville, IL 60048. www.races.org
- ◆ Jun 24-Jun 25, 1400Z-1400Z, St Petersburg, FL. Alpha Alpha Repeater Group, W4Z. Field Day (IOTA NA034 FL1325 Mullet Key -- Fort Desoto Park). 28.475 21.350 14.275 7.225. QSL. Jim Leder, 9374 Meadow Ridge Dr, Cincinnati, OH 45241. <http://n4maa.us/>
- ◆ Jun 29-Jul 2, 0400Z-0000Z, Village of Newcastle, Ontario, Canada. Newcastle Desquicentennial Anniversary Group, XM3XZ. 150th anniversary of the Founding of Newcastle Village. All bands. QSL. Edward P. Swynar, VE3CUI, 3773 Concession Rd 3, RR 8, Newcastle, ON L1B 1L9, Canada. www.newcastle150.com/. [Industry Canada has authorized that, while operating in the Village of Newcastle, VE3s can use XM3 and all VA3s can use XL3 during this time period for this event. Contacts other than XM3XA, QSL via bureau.]

WA7BNM April Contest Calendar

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

- ◆ Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 2
- ◆ SEANET Contest 1200Z, Jun 3 to 1200Z, Jun 4
- ◆ RSGB National Field Day 1500Z, Jun 3 to 1500Z, Jun 4
- ◆ IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW 1500Z, Jun 3 to 1459Z, Jun 4
- ◆ QRP TAC Sprint 1800Z-2359Z, Jun 3
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 5
- ◆ ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Jun 6
- ◆ Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 9
- ◆ ANARTS WW RTTY Contest 0000Z, Jun 10 to 2400Z, Jun 11
- ◆ Portugal Day Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Jun 10
- ◆ Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB 1100Z-1300Z, Jun 10
- ◆ GACW WWSA CW DX Contest 1500Z, Jun 10 to 1500Z, Jun 11
- ◆ REF DDFM 6m Contest 1600Z, Jun 10 to 1600Z, Jun 11
- ◆ ARRL June VHF QSO Party 1800Z, Jun 10 to 0300Z,

- Jun 12
- ◆ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Jun 14 and 0330Z-0530Z, Jun 14
 - ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 14
 - ◆ Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 16
 - ◆ SARL Youth Day 0700Z-1100Z, Jun 16
 - ◆ Council of Europe RC 20th Anniversary Challenge 0800Z, Jun 16 to 1000Z, Jun 18
 - ◆ All Asian DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Jun 17 to 2400Z, Jun 18
 - ◆ SMIRK Contest 0000Z, Jun 17 to 2400Z, Jun 18
 - ◆ West Virginia QSO Party 1600Z, Jun 17 to 0200Z, Jun 18
 - ◆ GCW VHF/UHF Contest 1600Z-1900Z, Jun 17 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Jun 17 (432)
 - ◆ Quebec QSO Party 1700Z, Jun 17 to 0300Z, Jun 18
 - ◆ Kid's Day Contest 1800Z-2400Z, Jun 17
 - ◆ DIE Contest 0600Z-1200Z, Jun 18
 - ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Jun 19
 - ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 1900Z-2030Z, Jun 22
 - ◆ Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 23
 - ◆ His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB 1200Z, Jun 24 to 1200Z, Jun 25
 - ◆ Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest 1200Z, Jun 24 to 1200Z, Jun 25
 - ◆ Marconi Memorial HF Contest [cancelled]
 - ◆ ARRL Field Day 1800Z, Jun 24 to 2100Z, Jun 25
 - ◆ ARCI Milliwatt Field Day 1800Z, Jun 24 to 2100Z, Jun 25
 - ◆ Thursday NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Jun 30