



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



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The good news is all is well with the club for 2003. We have elected a president and vice-president. With a lack of volunteers something had to be done so during the February meeting we laid out an agenda for 2003. We then accepted volunteers to fill various chairmanships and program chairmen for each monthly meeting. The goal was to see how much of the yearly schedule we could fill with volunteers. We had a slow start but once a few members stepped up the ball started rolling and we filled in over 90% of the schedule. I had decided prior to the meeting that if we could fill the schedule I would volunteer to be your president and here I am. Jim Lawlor-KB2NZ volunteered to take the vice-president's position and we should all thank him for making this sacrifice. Thanks Jim!

Our hamfest will be on March 15th at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds. There will be a lot of activity and word has it there are more prizes than we have time to draw tickets. Along with the usual hamfest activities we will have an Echolink and APRS station set up by yours truly and I will be available all day to demo and answer questions. I hope to have the station set up in my motorhome at the entrance gate so I can fulfill my duties as ticket salesman / collector and give demonstrations at the same time all while sitting under an awning.

The Furry Scurry will be at the end of the month and is held in Venice. In simple terms it is a pet show with a country fair atmosphere. We usually man radio communications for half a day and we need a half dozen radio operators.

On March 1st our technician class will start and continue every Sat for about 13 weeks. This is an excellent way to get into ham radio. By the time you read this the class will have started but if you have a candidate for the class call Ken-W4JQT and ask if another student might be added. We all should thank Ken-W4JQT and the other volunteers who are putting on this class for their dedication and tremendous effort required to sustain a 13 week program.

Thanks again to Jim-KB2NZ, Ken-W1NQT, and Bruce-K2OY for filling important officer positions. Without you we could not sustain a viable club. Don't forget dues for 2003 are due!

73 Keith-WL7CKY

## CLUB MEETING

Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month at 7:30 PM. 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.

### 2003 After Meeting Program Providers

March: Bruce-K2OY, April: Jerry-K4JWE, Keith-WL7CKY, June: Field Day Discussion, July: Pam-KG4EDF  
August: Vic-K4VHX, September: Ted-KB8UXK, October: Freeman-W1NPR, November: George-KA4JKY

## February 21 Meeting Minutes

- ▶ President Pro Tem Keith-WL7CKY called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the introduction of members and guests. Thirty members and five guests were present. Our guests were: Martin Zippe-AF4ID, Bob Sternbergh, Carol Schwab, Ginny McLeod and Ann Stevens.
- ▶ Secretary's Report was approved as published in the January Newsletter. Motion to accept was made by Don-KF4WJW and 2nd by Freeman-W1NPR. Motion carried.
- ▶ Treasurers' report - Bruce-K2OY reported the club checking account balance \$4139.26 as. Motion to accept was made by George-KA4JKY and 2nd by Gerry-K4JWE. Motion carried.
- ▶ Correspondence - A letter was received from an organization that deals with home security issues. They are interested in making another presentation to our club regarding identity theft and security. Bruce-K2OY will contact them about making a presentation at next months meeting. The only other correspondence was advertising and miscellaneous brochures.

### Committee Reports

**Sunshine** - no report.

**RACES** - Gerry-K4JWE explained the plan for the February drill. Ten members will be assigned to go first to their respective tactical sites and check in first via the K8ONV repeater then the repeater will be turned off and every one will switch to simplex mode and try to check in again. Each participant will log on his sheet the signal quality of the reports. i.e. 'loud & clear; weak but readable; or nothing heard'. Upon completion of this part of the drill everyone will reconvene back at the San Casa EOC to critique the results.

**Publicity** - nothing to report.

**Testing** - No testing is scheduled for this coming Saturday however Ken Anderson will be starting a Technician class March 1, 2003. So far seven candidates are enrolled.

**DX** - Bruce - K2OY reported he made a confirmed QSO with Afghanistan earlier in the week.

- ▶ Hamfest 2003 - Vic-K4VHX reported all is on schedule for the hamfest March 15th. The hamfest chairman Bill Norris - KC7TSG has done a fine job of organizing the event. An important part of the hamfest is our club table. The sale of donated items from our club table greatly aids our treasury and keeps our finances viable. So if you have any equipment in good working order that you would like to donate please contact either Ken Anderson or Vic Emmelkamp.

### Old Business

This portion of the meeting was quite extensive as Keith-WL7CKY presided over the matter of selecting a club president and vice president. This was necessary because we were not able to fill these to officer vacancies at last months meeting. Keith began by presenting four alternatives for the membership to consider. They were:

1. Elect volunteers (our normal process)
2. Have two members be paper officers (to sign the incorporation papers)
3. Disband the club (requires 30 days notice and then members vote)
4. Merge with another club (requires 30 days notice and then members vote)

After some discussion it was clear the membership did not want to consider the last two alternatives. In fact, everyone agreed that given the size of our club and the large number of people who are willing to help that we should be able to continue to operate in a viable way.

Keith-WL7CKY then put up a list of the club's normal yearly events and activities and asked for volunteers. The response for Chairman was as follows:

Audit Committee: Jack-WA8GRO

Furry Scurry: Jim-N4JBZ

Field Day: Jim-KB2NZ

Hamfest 2004 (Open)

Lighthouse Weekend: Tom-WA3PRC

Boca Bop: Keith-WL7CKY

Next Keith asked for volunteers for program chairman for each monthly meeting. The response was as follows:

March: Bruce-K2OY, April: Gerry: K4JWE,  
May: Keith-WL7CKY, June: Jim-KB2NZ  
July: Pam-KG4EDF, August: Vic-K4VHX  
September: Ted-KB8UXK, October: Freeman-W1NPR  
November: George-KA3JKY, December Gay-KL0V

It was understood that all the above assignments are subject to change and all program chairman are free to swap dates as personal schedules intervene. It is just important that each chairman find a substitute to cover his or her assigned month.

After all this discussion and volunteering Keith then was satisfied that most of the bases were covered for the year and that he would be willing to place his name in nomination for president. He did however reserve the right to not officiate if the meeting fell on a three-day weekend or while he and his family was vacationing in their RV.

Thereupon Keith-WL7CKY called for volunteers for vice president and Jim Lawlor-KB2NZ said he would place his name in nomination for vice president.

At this point the acting Secretary, Vic-K4VHX took charge of the meeting and called for formal nominations and election of officers. Both Keith-WL7CKY and Jim-KB2NZ were voted in by a unanimous show of hands.

A vote was taken to approve the donation of \$100.00 to the Lemon Bay High School Project Graduation 2003. This was an unbudgeted item that was published in the February newsletter for approval at this meeting. The motion was made, seconded and approved by the membership.

### **New Business**

None presented.

### **Program**

Frank-W2OK presented a fascinating talk about the origin and continuing evolution of the Dayton Hamfest. Frank was one of the founding fathers of the Dayton Hamvention. Frank was named Ham of the Year in 1978 and won the DX Hall of Fame Award in 1997. Our club is indeed fortunate to have such a distinguished member.

Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX  
Secretary - Pro Tem

### **Internet Sites to Explore**

<http://www.cqdxhamcoffeeshop.net/> – CQDX Ham Coffee Shop Net Website

<http://www.qsl.net/vk4cp/> – VK4CP News, info & mods for the 50 MHz enthusiast

Do you have any Internet sites which might be of interest to our members? Please forward them the newsletter editor for consideration.

### **Weekly Ham Operator Breakfasts**

**“Come and acquaint yourself with other hams!”**

Each week on Tuesday mornings area ham operators gather at two restaurants here in Englewood. The first to meet are the ones that “rise and shine” early for breakfast at Tiffany’s when they open at 7 AM. Tiffany’s restaurant is in Tiffany Square at the intersection of San Casa and SR 776.



7 AM Breakfast Jan. 2003

Picture presented by Vic-K4VHX  
(present but not in the picture)

The second Hams to meet are the ones that like to sleep in a little later and the meet at the Country Hound around 8 AM. The Country Hound restaurant is in the Palm Plaza shopping center at the Intersection of SR 776 & 775 (Placida Road).

Does anyone have a good picture of the 8 AM group? If so Email or send it to the newsletter editor.

### **Amateur Radio Equipment For sale**

Dennis-K4NF k4nf@arrl.net or 698-1251

Ameritron AI-1500, Hf Amplifier, 160-10 meters.

<65 watts to legal limit+, 3CX1500 tube . . . . . \$1700  
Ham radio equipment for sale?? Email or send the information to the newsletter editor.

## Hamfest, March & April

**8 Mar 2003** Dixie ARC Trenton, FL, Contact: John Mc Cleese, K8HL, HC 5, Box 163, Old Town, FL 32680, Phone: 352-542-3235, Email: k8hl@arrl.net

**15 Mar 2003** Peace River Repeater Assn. & Englewood ARS, Port Charlotte, FL,  
<http://www.fcrosby.com/hamfest/flyer.html>, Contact: Bill Norris, KC7TSG, 6468 Pan American Blvd., North Port, FL 34287, Phone: 941-426-0214, Email: hamsscanner@aol.com

**15 Mar 2003** Playground ARC Ft. Walton Beach, FL, <http://www.w4zbb.org>, Contact: Louis Carter KF4HRM, PO Box 873, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549, Phone: 850-243-4315, Email: parcfest@w4zbb.org

**15 Mar 2003** Martin County ARA, Stuart, FL <http://www.qsl.net/kg4via>, Contact: Peter Lynch, W1MNY, PO Box 1901, Stuart, FL 34997, Phone: 772-288-1048, Email: w1mny@arrl.net

**22 Mar 2003** "Hamfest Under the Sun," Gulf Coast ARC, New Port Richey, FL, <http://www.gulfcoastarc.org/>, Contact: Donald Patee, AA4EK, 4811 Rowan Road, Apt. 401, New Port Richey, FL 34653, Phone: 727-372-3811 Email: aa4ek@arrl.net

**22 Mar 2003** Cy Harris W4MAQ Memorial Free Flea, Plantation, FL,  
<http://www.geocities.com/bcepn/freeflea.html>, Contact: Robin Terrill, N4HHP, Phone: 954-583-3625  
Email: kg4chw@arrl.net

**5 Apr 2003** Greater Jacksonville Hamfest Association, Jacksonville, FL  
<http://www.jaxhamfest.com>, Contact: Deborah Lusk, KG4ADZ, 4459 Hudnall Road, Jacksonville, FL 32207, Phone: 904-739-9713, Email: rsmythe2@bellsouth.net

**19 Apr 2003** Tampa ARC, Tampa, FL, <http://www.hamclub.org>, Contact: Biff Craine, K4LAW, 13515 Greenleaf Drive, Tampa, FL 33613, Phone: 813-265-4812, Email: k4law@arrl.net

**26 Apr 2003** Gainesville ARS, Gainesville, FL, <http://www.gars.net/hamfest>, Contact: Patricia Callaway, K4HFJ, 3515 NW 50th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605, Phone: 352-378-0512, Email: k4hfj@arrl.net