



The WA4IWL Newsletter



President's Message

The February meeting dealt with some important issues for the society. EARS decided not to enter a lease for the 146.700 repeater site, and so we are currently making arrangements to retrieve the repeater equipment, vacating the premises. I expect there will be future discussion concerning where we might relocate the repeater. EARS also passed this year's budget, giving us a guide for operations throughout the year. Of course, we also suggested everyone rummage through their shack to ready items for sale at the March 13, 2006 Hamfest. I will see all of you at the Hamfest and again at our next meeting.

73,
Matthew Henry, KE4VEM

Meeting Minutes - January 20, 2005



Call to Order: President Matthew Henry-KE4VEM called the meeting to order at 7:32PM. There were 20 members and one guest, Don Holman, attending the meeting.

February Meeting Minutes:

ON MOTION, the February Meeting Minutes were approved as published in the October newsletter.



Treasurer's Report: Vic-K4VHX reported the club treasury has benefited quite well from recent hamfests, recent dues payment, and equipment donations. He also explained the yearly budget highlighting major expenses. The proposed 2006 EARS budget total is \$3,124.00. Discussion followed. ON MOTION, the 2006 the EARS 2006 budget was approved.

Correspondence: No correspondence reported.

Committee Reports

RACES: Mel-W9BSM reported some fruitful meetings with Wayne Sallade where he acknowledged the importance of RACES in emergency operations and that there would be reorganization of RACES with that in mind. Wayne agreed to provide printing and mailing services. Some of RACES' equipment appears to be unaccounted for and an inventory is underway to locate it. This matter is complicated by the disposing of potentially water damaged gear.

Sunshine Committee: A card was sent to the wife of Larry Yacobelli, W4ERN, expressing the Club's sympathy for his recent passing. He was a past president of EARS

Testing: Martin-N4FA announced the testing, normally on the second Saturday of the month, will not be provided during March because of the PRAA/EARS hamfest scheduled on the same date.

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.



DX Report: JR-K9HUY reported Peter One Island has turned out to be the greatest DX-pedition ever with over 68,000 contacts in variable and adverse weather conditions. Check out their website at www.peterone.com

Publicity: Nothing to Report; however, the Peace River Club is handling publicity for the Hamfest.

Hamfest: Tom-WA3PRC reported tickets are currently on sale for the Hamfest and urged the purchase of them now at discount prices.

Field Day: Martin-N4FA reported preparations are under way but need more CW operators to participate.

Old Business

Matt-KE4VEM reported he met with Steve Roberts the attorney for Morris Industrial Park. The site location issue for the EARS repeater is still unresolved. The original document leasing the site to EARS for free was not recorded and therefore not legally binding. Newport offered the same deal TARC accepted which is, \$50.00 a month (\$600.00 a year) for the use of the site.

Discussion: While the EARS repeater has developed a long time sentimental attachment the membership, based of the user/dollar ratio and present usage, agreed leasing the present repeater

site is not a reasonable expense. The problem and expense of removing the coaxial cable and antenna were discussed. A motion was made, authorizing the treasurer to expend \$600 a year for the site lease, and was seconded, but rejected by the membership. ON MOTION, the EARS repeater will be removed from the present site, the repeater stored at the QTH of EARS trustee Martin-N4FA, emergency communication operations changed to the RACES 146.865 repeater and the coaxial cable/antenna to remain on the present tower. There was subsequent discussion about the timeline for the removal of the equipment. Matt-KE4VEM will meet with Newport advising them of our decision, afterwhich, the EARS repeater equipment will be removed.

New Business

Keith-KC5AS presented his opinion about the poor program presentation response in previous years. A suggestion was made that those, outside the membership presenting programs at the EARS meetings, be scheduled prior to the business portion of the meeting. By Common Consent the presenters presenting the program for the next meeting program will be scheduled before the business meeting.

Keith-KC5AS, raised the issue of the EARS scholarship awarded each year questioning its'

practical money use. He suggested we receive no response from the person to whom the award is given. There was discussion about limiting the scholarship to either a graduating ham or to someone with a ham in the family. The membership decided such an approach would be questionable. There was considerable discussion about amending the criteria for future scholarships and the formation of scholarship committee.

With no additional new or old business presented to the club, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lawlor, KB2NZ, Secretary

- 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 FT897D HF/VHF/UHF Transceiver \$800
Yaesu FP30B attached power supply \$150
LGF 897 attached auto-tuner \$150
Purchase together for \$1,050 \$1,100
Ameritron ALS-600PS 600 watt Solid State HF amplifier and power supply 115/240 VAC . \$700
Icom IC-2100 2meter transceiver \$85
Icom IC 2GAT 7Watt 2meter HT, w/extra packs, charger and colinear antenna \$75
Astron RS-20M, 20 amp pwr. Sup. w/meters \$60
Contact Dennis-K4NF, 468-4131, k4nf@arrl.net
Yaesu FT-767GX, Antenna, Tower, Rotor
Make an offer, Call John 698-0461
Contact the editor to add your equipment.

March Hamfests

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

- ◆ 11 Mar 2006 Charlotte County Hamfest, Peace River Radio Association & Englewood Amateur Radio Society Port Charlotte, FL Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road, <http://fcrosby.com/hamfest/index.html>
Talk-In: 147.255 - (no tone), Contact: Reg Knarzer, K9ZKS, 4407 Albacore Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948-8902, Phone: 941-627-9828, Fax: 941-627-9828, Email: k9zks@datasave.us, Port Charlotte, FL
- ◆ 18 Mar 2006 PARCFEST, Playground Amateur Radio Club, 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd., Ft. Walton Beach, FL, Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, <http://www.w4zbb.org>
Talk-In: 146.79 (no tone), Contact: Gene Simmons, KK4IB, 8600 Estrada Street, Navarre, FL 32566, Phone: 850-515-2784, Fax: 850-515-2784, Email: kk4ib@arrl.net
- ◆ 18 Mar 2006 Martin County ARA, 2616 SE Dixie Highway, Stuart, FL, Martin County Fairgrounds
Talk-In: 147.060+ (open) Contact: Peter J. Lynch, W1MNY, 7003 SE Cutler Trail, Stuart, FL 34997, Phone: 772-288-1048, Email: w1mny@arrl.net
- ◆ 25 Mar 2006 Amateur Radio & Computer Show, Gulf Coast ARC, 7650 Orchid Lake Road, New Port Richey, FL, Ridgewood High School, Talk-In: 146.670, <http://www.gulfcoastarc.org>, Contact: Don Koerner, KK4VK, 9125 St. Clair Lane, Port Richey, FL 34668, Phone: 727-848-8000, Fax: 727-848-8000, Email: koerner@verizon.net,

Local Repeaters

EARS	146.700- MHz	77Hz
RACES	146.865-	
ENG	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 please contact one of the club officers. We would like your input.

March Special Events

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

- ◆ Mar 1-Mar 4, 1600Z-2200Z, Arlington Heights, IL. Peace Corps Amateur Radio Club, KA9NLX. To honor sacrifices made by American Peace Corps Volunteers. 21.375 14.325 7.283 3.980; 10 m if open. Certificate. John Paskevicz, 1423 N Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004
- ◆ Mar 3-Mar 6, 1500Z-2400Z, Fulton, MO. Callaway Amateur Radio League, WØC. 60th anniversary of Winston Churchill's Iron Curtain Speech. 14.275 14.070 14.040 147.315. Certificate. Richard C. White, 826 Evergreen Dr, Fulton, MO 65251. <http://callaway.county.missouri.org/carl/>
- ◆ Mar 4-Mar 5, 1300Z-2300Z, Moscow, PA. Northeast Pennsylvania Special Event Club, KV3T. Promoting Amateur Radio Awareness. 14.240 7.240 7.100 3.840.

QSL. David M. Samsell, W3LOW, 923 Clearview Rd, Moscow, PA 18444. <http://kv3t.tripod.com>

- ◆ Mar 11, 1700Z-2100Z, Newport News, VA. Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service, W4CAR. Commemorating the 144th anniversary of the Battle of the Ironclads. 28.362 21.362 7.262 7.070. Certificate. W4CAR, PO Box 6867, Chesapeake, VA 23323. www.qsl.net/cars/
- ◆ Mar 15-Apr 15, 0000Z-2400Z, Watseka, IL. Iroquois County Amateur Radio Club, W9RWX. 30th year of the Glenn Raymond School Science Club. 14.275 14.070 14.230 7.050. QSL. Troy Simpson, 101 W Mulberry St, Watseka, IL 60970. www.icarc.com (Operation depends on school schedule.)
- ◆ Mar 18, 1500Z-2200Z, Macon, GA. Macon Amateur Radio Club, W4BKM. 24th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. 145.370 14.240 10.110 7.055. Certificate. Macon ARC, PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208. www.qsl.net/w4bkm
- ◆ Mar 25, 1300Z-1700Z, Brampton, ON Canada. Peel and Mississauga Amateur Radio Club, VE3XR. Ham-Ex Annual Hamfest. 14.265 7.215. QSL. Jeff Richardson, 36 Crawley Dr, Brampton, ON L6T 2S1, Canada. www.peelarc.org or www.marc.on.ca (Note: US postage cannot be used in Canada.)
- ◆ Mar 25, 1200Z-2400Z, Fort Worth, TX. Tarrant County RACES, N5W. 30th Anniversary of NWS and Amateur Radio partnership. 14.265 7.240. QSL. Ed McGinley, W5ETM, PO Box 6251, Fort Worth, TX 76115. www.tarranttraces.org/n5w.htm
- ◆ Mar 25-Mar 26, 1300Z-2200Z, Moss, Norway and Virginia Beach, VA. Mossegruppen av NRRL and Virginia Beach Amateur Radio Club, Inc, LA5M and W4UG. 115th Anniversary of the Norwegian Lady. Norway: 28.363 21.192 18.164 18.145 14.278 14.070 7.040 (7.121 morning); US: 14.278 14.040 7.280 7.040. Certificate. Norway: Haakon Andreassen, LA1YKA, PO Box 88, N-1501 Moss, Norway. US: VBARC, PO Box 62003, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

WA7BNM MarchContest Calendar

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

- ◆ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB, 0000Z, Mar 4 to 2400Z, Mar 5
- ◆ Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0400Z-0429Z, Mar 4 and 0430Z-0459Z, Mar 4 and 0500Z-0529Z, Mar 4 and 0530Z-0600Z, Mar 4
- ◆ Open Ukraine RTTY Championship 2200Z-2359Z, Mar 4 (Low Band) and 0000Z-0159Z, Mar 5 (Low Band) and 0800Z-1159Z, Mar 5 (High Band)
- ◆ DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Mar 5
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 6
- ◆ ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Mar 7
- ◆ AGCW YL-CW Party 1900Z-2100Z, Mar 7
- ◆ Pesky Texan Armadillo Chase 0230Z-0400Z, Mar 9
- ◆ RSGB Commonwealth Contest 1000Z, Mar 11 to 1000Z,

- Mar 12
- ◆ Idaho QSO Party 1300Z, Mar 11 to 0100Z, Mar 12 and 1300Z, Mar 12 to 0100Z, Mar 13
- ◆ AGCW QRP Contest 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 11
- ◆ Oklahoma QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 11 to 0200Z, Mar 12 and 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 12
- ◆ North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 12
- ◆ UBA Spring Contest, CW 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 12
- ◆ NSARA Contest 1200Z-1600Z, Mar 12 and 1800Z-2200Z, Mar 12
- ◆ Wisconsin QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 12 to 0100Z, Mar 13
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 15
- ◆ NAQCC 80m Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Mar 16 and 0430Z-0630Z, Mar 16
- ◆ SARL VHF/UHF Contest 1600Z, Mar 17 to 1600Z, Mar 18 and 1600Z, Mar 18 to 1000Z, Mar 19
- ◆ 10-10 Int. Mobile Contest 0001Z-2359Z, Mar 18
- ◆ BARTG Spring RTTY Contest 0200Z, Mar 18 to 0200Z, Mar 20
- ◆ Russian DX Contest 1200Z, Mar 18 to 1200Z, Mar 19
- ◆ AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1600Z-1900Z, Mar 18 (144) and 1900Z-2100Z, Mar 18 (432)
- ◆ CLARA and Family HF Contest 1700Z, Mar 18 to 1700Z, Mar 19
- ◆ Virginia QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 18 to 0200Z, Mar 20
- ◆ UBA Spring Contest, 6m 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 19
- ◆ 9K 15-Meter Contest 1200Z-1600Z, Mar 19
- ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Mar 20
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 23
- ◆ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 25 to 2359Z, Mar 26
- ◆ UBA Spring Contest, 2m 0600Z-1000Z, Mar 26
- ◆ Spring QRP Homebrewer Sprint 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 27

<http://www.arri.org/>



Injured miner Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ, talking, joking (Mar 2, 2006) -- Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ--the lone survivor of the January 2 Sago Mine disaster in Upshur County, West Virginia--is continuing to recover. Speaking on The Early Show on CBS TV March 2, McCloy's wife Anna told co-anchor Hannah Storm that her husband is talking again and even telling jokes. She also said McCloy has told her he remembers "bits and pieces" of the mining disaster that left 12 of his co-workers dead of carbon monoxide poisoning. McCloy, 26, who's been in a rehabilitation facility since January 26, also answers questions appropriately, recognizes his family and can "move quite

well," Anna McCloy said. She has remained at her husband's side since his rescue. "He'll listen to jokes and understand," Anna McCloy told Storm. "He'll talk to me and the kids--just regular conversation." McCloy eats with assistance and has expressed his preference for the restaurant and fast food fare his wife supplies. Anna McCloy says she's "not quite sure" if her husband realizes he was the only survivor of the mine mishap. "I don't question him about it. When he wants to talk about it, I listen to him, but I don't push him, and I don't question him," she said. One of Randal McCloy's physicians, Dr Julian Bailes, told Storm that McCloy (with son Randy Jr in photo) has "improved beyond our expectations" during rehabilitation. "I think we see his old personality coming back." Well-wishers have been sending cards and QSLs to McCloy at PO Box 223, Philippi, WV 26435. A fund has been set up to accept donations for McCloy's benefit: The Randal McCloy Jr Fund, c/o Clear Mountain Bank, 1889 Earl Core Rd, Morgantown, WV 26505.