



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



### President's Message

We had another productive EARS meeting with a large turnout in February. We covered numerous topics including adopting a new budget, forming an audit committee, the electronic format of this year's membership directory, and the upcoming hamfest. Get your tickets to the March 10th Hamfest. I will see you there. Please send me suggestions of programs, activities, or demonstrations for the EARS meetings.

73,  
Matthew - KE4VEM



### EARS Meeting Minutes February 15, 2007

**Call to Order:** - The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Matthew Henry, KE4VEM, followed by the pledge of allegiance to our flag.

There were 26 members and three visitors present. The following visitors were recognized and introduced:

Dave Witt	WD9W	Fond du Lac, WI
Kenny Heavrin	KY4COP	Louisville, KY
Herman Rieper	VE3IRX	Ontario, Canada

Joann Adamy, KC4WJ, one of our original members found in our 1993 directory, re-joined the club as a returning member.

Introductions were then made around the room.

**Secretary's Report:** ON MOTION, the January 2007 minutes were approved as published in the EARS February 2007 newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of Vic-K4VHX, the treasurer's report was given by Marty-N4FA. ON MOTION, the treasurer's report was accepted as reported.

**Correspondence:** The Secretary reviewed the correspondence, consisting of a newsletter from the Charlotte Amateur Radio Society (CARS), a news letter from the Barrier Island Parks Society, and a check from Marcie-KA1GCV to renew their ARRL membership through the club.

### Committee Reports

**Sunshine:** No report

**RACES:** Mel-W9BSM gave the RACES report, reviewing the schedules for the EARS Simplex net, and the nets for RACES the last Thursday and Friday of each month.

**Publicity:** Keith-KC5AS advised he contacted four newspapers with an announcement concerning our March 10th hamfest including the Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte news papers.

**TESTING:** There will be testing on March 10th at the Venice Library and the Charlotte County hamfest.

**DX:** JR-K9HUY reported Scarborough Reef will be on for 10 days during the last half of April. Most DXers will be trying for it so it should be a mad scramble. Also this week end (Feb 17-18) will be the CW portion of the ARRL DX contest. Tom-WA3PRC reported South Georgia Island will be on Feb 22 to 25th.

**ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**

P.O. Box 572  
Englewood, FL 34295

<b>President</b> Matthew Henry-KE4VEM 380-5980	<b>Vice-President</b> Keith Herve-WL7CKY 460-0507	<b>Secretary</b> Ken Anderson-W4JQT 475-3172	<b>Treasurer</b> Vic Emmelkamp-K4VHX 473-5560
<b>Trustee</b> Martin Horowitz-N4FA 473-1123	<b>Trustee</b> Pamela Eggleton-K1UEG 475-9727	<b>Trustee</b> Thomas Hawes-WA3PRC 627-4644	<b>Trustee Emeritus</b> Don Spencer-WA4IWL 508-234-8070

**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.*



**Hamfest:** Marty-N4FA has tickets for sale and reports that response to requests for prizes from local merchants has been good. Setup at the hamfest will start at noon on Friday. Tom-N4XJQ will handle obtaining tables and chairs. Keith, KC5AS will invite the news media.

**Field Day:** Marty-N4FA reported field day is coming along ok.

**Old Business**

**Ham Radio Demonstration:** Matthew-KE4VEM reported the radio demonstration at the Englewood Elementary School went very well using the 146.700 Mhz. Repeater.

**New Business**

**Membership Directory:** Dennis-K4NF circulated a draft of an EARS membership directory formatted in Adobe Acrobat (PDF), suggesting by attaching it to an Email would save ~\$120/year and extra work. Only five members would receive a hard copy of the newsletter in the same format. Discussion followed. ON MOTION, the EARS 2007 membership directory will be published in Adobe Acrobat format (PDF) and delivered by Email to those members normally receiving the newsletter by Email on trial basis for one year with the remainder receiving a hard copy through the mail.

The subject will be revisited by the membership next year for discussion and a decision to keep the present format and method of delivery or return to the previous hard copy format.

**Audit Committee:** The following members have agreed to serve on the audit committee: Tom-WA3PRC, Mike-KC2KBR, and Marty-N4FA.

**Budget:** Marty-N4FA presented a budget prepared by the treasurer for approval. One item, (donations) was increased from \$550 to \$650 to cover project graduation, resulting in a deficit of \$450 for the year. ON MOTION, the budget was approved as amended. A summary of the 2007 budget follows:

Total Income	\$1,750.00
Total Expense	\$2,200.00
Deficit	\$ 450.00

Comments: Dennis-K4NF would like "Items of Interest " from members for the news letter.

**Adjournment**

President Matthew-KE4VEM adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM Refreshments and conversation were enjoyed by all.

Ken Anderson – W4JQT  
Secretary

## Internet Sites to Explore

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

### - Local Happenings -

**VE Exam Sessions:** The exams are given at 9:30 A.M. the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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., 1<sup>st</sup> 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 7:00 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	Simplex146.580	Wednesday	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

### Weekly Area Amateur Breakfasts:

- Tuesday, 7 A.M. at Denny's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Valentine's in Englewood
- Tuesday, 8 A.M. at Peach's in Venice .
- Friday, 8 A.M. at Denny's, 1681 US 41 Bypass, Venice.

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

Complete Satellite System by Selwyn-WB1CYM  
Cushcraft Boomer 144 MHz antenna  
Cushcraft Boomer 440 MHz antenna  
1.2 GHz Home Built antenna  
Recently new 30' push-up pole  
Elevation and Azimuth rotators w/indicators  
Acquisition monitor  
Panoramic adapter  
Icom IC-271 2 meter all mode transceiver  
Icom IC-451 440 MHz all mode transceiver  
Communications CDs w/procedures  
Associated filters, connectors & cables.  
All manuals, Anthology of Satellites  
Contact Dennis-K4NF 468-4131 because of Sels hearing problem but prefer Sel by Email: [skerry1@comcast.net](mailto:skerry1@comcast.net) to make offer and inspection.  
Sel also is wanting an HF/VHF computer controlled Transceiver.  
*Contact the Editor to add your equipment*

### Ears Members at Orlando

On February 9 & 10, eight members of the club traveled to Orlando for the three day Hamfest billed as the "Orlando Hamcation." Tom-WA3PRC, Frank-W4VV, Ken-W4JQT, JR-K9HUY, Vic-K4VHX, Keith-KC5AS, and John-K9JPC along with John's friend Joe, a former area resident and of course myself, made the trek north for the event. To round out the group George-KA4JKY made the drive south from his new home in Franklin, NC.

Interesting was the fact that mobile communication was maintained between the traveling groups utilizing the Big Stick repeater. After visiting the site and setting up the sales table on Friday afternoon, tours were made of the large indoor sales area as well as the outdoor flea market.

Friday evening, following settling in festivities at the motel, a barbecue dinner was enjoyed by all.

Saturday morning found all back at the hamfest site for the opening of the commercial sales and

display areas. Of course many more visits were made to the flea markets to insure that no bargains escaped us. This is a large and very well attended hamfest. I am sure we are all looking forward to attending again next year.

Keith-KC5AS

Thank Keith for the Hamfest pictures and write-up the next to you see him.



### March Florida Hamfests

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

- ◆ 10 Mar 2007 Charlotte County Hamfest, Charlotte County Fairgrounds, 2333 El Jobean Road, Englewood ARS & Peace River Radio Assn. <http://earsradioclub.org>, Talk-In: 147.255 (no tone), Contact: Don Hartlein, KG4NKO, 141 Dartmouth Drive, Port Charlotte, FL 33952, Phone: 941-625-5861, Email: [hartlein58@comcast.net](mailto:hartlein58@comcast.net), Murdock, FL,
- ◆ 17 Mar 2007 PARC Swapfest, Playground ARC, Ft. Walton Beach, FL, Northwest Florida Fairgrounds, 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd. <http://www.w4zbb.org>, Talk-In: 146.79, Contact: Gene Simmons, KK4IB, 8600 Estrada Street, Navarre, FL 32566, Phone: 850-515-2784, Email: [kk4ib@arrl.net](mailto:kk4ib@arrl.net)
- ◆ 17 Mar 2007 Martin County ARA, Martin County Fairgrounds, 2616 SE Dixie Highway <http://www.mcaraweb.com>, Talk-In: 147.66 / 147.06 (PL 100), Contact: Doug Shields, W4DAS, 1450 SE 11th Street, Stuart, FL 34996, Phone: 772-287-7830, Email: [w4das@arrl.net](mailto:w4das@arrl.net), Stuart, FL
- ◆ 31 Mar 2007 Tailgate Hamfest, Gulf Coast ARC, Ridgewood High School, 7650 Orchid Lake Road, <http://www.gulfcoastarc.org>, Talk-In: 146.670, Contact: Don Koerner, KK4VK, 9125 St. Clair Lane, Port Richey, FL 34668, Phone: 727-848-8000, Email: [koerner@verizon.net](mailto:koerner@verizon.net), New Port Richey, FL
- ◆ 31 Mar 2007 Cy Harris W4MAQ Memorial Free Flea, Broward Amateur Radio Club, Collins Center, 3900 NE 3rd Avenue, <http://www.eagle3.net>, Talk-In: 146.79 (-600), Contact: Jeff DePew, K14FFG, 221 SW 53 Avenue, Plantaton, FL 33317, Phone: 954-791-8118, Email: [ki4ffg@arrl.net](mailto:ki4ffg@arrl.net) Oakland Park, FL

### March Special Events

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

- ◆ Mar 1-Mar 4, 1600Z-2000Z, Arlington Heights, IL. Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Amateur Radio Club, KA9NLX. To honor US Peace Corps volunteers past and present. 21.375 14.325 7.283. Certificate. John Paskevicz, 1423 N Ridge Ave, Arlington Hts, IL 60004. [jpaskev@aol.com](mailto:jpaskev@aol.com)
- ◆ Mar 1-Mar 31, 0000Z-0000Z, Claremore, OK. Oklahoma DX Association, MANY 1X1S. Oklahoma Amateur Radio Centennial Event. 14.260 14.045 7.260 7.045. QSL. OKDXA - 100th, PO Box 2591, Claremore, OK 74018-2591. Look for many 1x1 call signs (K5O N5K W5L K5A K5H N5O K5M W5A N5M W5M K5L K5K W5O W5K N5A N5H N5L W5H K5P K5Y K5U). Much activity will be during the running of the 2007 OK QSO Party Mar 10 and 11. [www.okdxa.org](http://www.okdxa.org)
- ◆ Mar 2-Mar 3, 2300Z-1500Z, Cheyenne, WY. ShyWy Amateur Radio Club, W7S. Read Across America Dr Seuss Night. 18.110 7.225 3.900. Certificate. Jack L. Mitchell, N7MJ, 1141 Centennial Dr, Cheyenne, WY 82001

[homepage.mac.com/love\\_to\\_teach/ReadAcrossAmerica/Education51.html](http://homepage.mac.com/love_to_teach/ReadAcrossAmerica/Education51.html)

- ◆ Mar 3, 2100Z-2300Z, Rockwood, TN. Tamke-Allan Observatory, N4TAO. Celebrating "March 3, 2007 Lunar Eclipse". 14.240 7.240. QSL. David Fields, Tamke-Allan Observatory, Roane State Community College, Math Sciences, Harriman, TN 37748. [www.roanestate.edu/obs](http://www.roanestate.edu/obs)
- ◆ Mar 3-Mar 4, 1500Z-2200Z, Milan, OH. Thomas Edison Memorial Radio Club, NI8G. Celebrating Thomas Edison Museum and Tom O'Connor. 21.370 14.270 7.270 3.770. QSL. Jack Hubbard, NI8N, 13113 River Rd, PO Box 248, Milan, OH 44846. [NI8N1@yahoo.com](mailto:NI8N1@yahoo.com)
- ◆ Mar 10-Mar 11, 1500Z-2200Z, Newport News, VA. Hampton Roads/Peninsula Combined Radio Clubs, K4M. Battle of Hampton Roads (145th anniversary) and USS Monitor Center Opening. SSB 28.362 21.362 CW 14.062 PSK31 14.070. Certificate. Cynthia Verser, The Mariner's Museum, 100 Museum Dr, Newport News, VA 23606. Special event sponsored by many area clubs. Operators will also be on more frequencies than listed. [cverser@marinersmuseum.org](mailto:cverser@marinersmuseum.org)
- ◆ Mar 10-Mar 11, 1500Z-2300Z, San Antonio, TX. Southwest Research Center Amateur Radio Club, W5RRA. 30th Anniversary of SWRC ARC. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250. Certificate. Johnny Wallace, Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Road, San Antonio, TX 78238. [jwallace@swri.org](mailto:jwallace@swri.org)
- ◆ Mar 10-Mar 11, 1700Z-2300Z, Lancaster, NY. Lancaster Amateur Radio Club, W2SO. 20 year anniversary of the Lancaster Amateur Radio Club. 15 20 40 80 meters. QSL. Lancaster Amateur Radio Club, 525 Pavement Rd, Lancaster, NY 14086. [jglor@adelphia.net](mailto:jglor@adelphia.net)
- ◆ Mar 11, 0000Z-1300Z, Tustin, CA. Yamon DX Federation, W6YDX. Celebrating the essence of Daylight Savings Time (DST). 14.250 7.250 7.040 3.850. QSL. Dan Dankert, N6PEQ, 13672 Fairmont Way, Tustin, CA 92780-1811. [w6ydx@dxe.com](mailto:w6ydx@dxe.com)
- ◆ Mar 15-Mar 25, 0100Z-2350Z, San Juan, PR. Family Radio Club, KU9UUU. Discovery of Puerto Rico. 14.332 7.235 3.903 1.892. QSL. J.M. Zacher, 39W345 Central Dr, Elgin, IL 60124. 3905 Century Club and OMISS frequencies YLISSB daytime.
- ◆ Mar 16-Mar 19, 1200Z-1200Z, Stuart, FL. Martin County Amateur Radio Association, W4M. Martin County Hamfest and Ham Radio Expo. 147.06 28.350 21.350 14.280. QSL. MCARA, PO Box 1901, Stuart, FL 34995. [www.mcaraweb.com](http://www.mcaraweb.com)
- ◆ Mar 17, 1400Z-2100Z, Dunedin, FL. Mid Florida DX Association, N2D. Memorial SES for W2NDP SK Club founder and President. 14.260. QSL. Tony De Angelo, PO Box 341471, Tampa, FL 33694-1471. [www.W4FDX.com](http://www.W4FDX.com)
- ◆ Mar 17, 1500Z-2200Z, Macon, GA. Macon Amateur Radio Club, W4BKM. 25th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival. 145.370 14.240 10.110 7.055. Certificate. Macon ARC, PO Box 4862, Macon, GA 31208. [www.qls.net/w4bkm](http://www.qls.net/w4bkm)

- ◆ Mar 24, 1300Z-1900Z, Warner Robins, GA. Middle Georgia Radio Association, WR4MG. Young Astronaut's Day at the Museum of Aviation. 28.350 21.300 14.250 7.200. Certificate. Middle Georgia Radio Association, Attn: Young Astronaut's Day Certificate, PO Box 7686, Warner Robins, GA 31095-7686. [www.wr4mg.org](http://www.wr4mg.org)
- ◆ Mar 25, 1500Z-2330Z, Beaver, WI. Menominee River Radio Club, K9S. Celebrate 100 years of maple syrup production. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. James Pearson, W5380 County Rd 342, Wallace, MI 49893. [ks8o@arrl.net](mailto:ks8o@arrl.net)
- ◆ Mar 31, 1300Z-1600Z, Brampton, ON. Peel and Mississauga Amateur Radio Clubs, VE3XR. Ham-Ex Annual Hamfest. 14.265 7.260 7.055. QSL. Jeff Richardson, VA3QSL, 36 Crawley Dr, Brampton, ON, CANADA. QSL direct or via bureau to VA3QSL. [www.ham-ex.org](http://www.ham-ex.org)
- ◆ Mar 31, 1400Z-2300Z, Saint Joseph, MO. Missouri Valley Amateur Radio Club, WØP. Commemorating the First Run of the Pony Express. 21.305 18.145 14.255 7.245. Certificate. Al Clark, 7202 Washington St, Saint Joseph, MO 64504.
- ◆ Mar 31, 1400Z-2100Z, Stuart, FL. Martin County ARES, W4W. 10th anniversary of SKYWARN of Martin County. 145.150 444.900 14.280. Certificate. MCARES, 8629 SW Tropical Ave, Stuart, FL 34997. Certificate size 8-1/2 by 11. [www.piccentric.com/wx4mc](http://www.piccentric.com/wx4mc)
- ◆ Mar 31-Apr 1, 1500Z-0100Z, Laramie, WY. University Amateur Radio Club, N7UW. Operating from the highest university in the US -- elevation 7250 feet. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250 3.850. Certificate. University Amateur Radio Club, Dept 3625, 1000 E University Ave, Laramie, WY 82071, [uwacadweb.uwyo.edu/UARC](http://uwacadweb.uwyo.edu/UARC)

#### **WA7BNM March Contest Calendar**

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

- ◆ ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 3 to 2400Z, Mar 4
- ◆ Wake-Up! QRP Sprint 0400Z-0429Z, Mar 3 and 0430Z-0459Z, Mar 3 and 0500Z-0529Z, Mar 3 and 0530Z-0600Z, Mar 3
- ◆ Open Ukraine RTTY Championship 2200Z-2359Z, Mar 3 (Low Band) and 0000Z-0159Z, Mar 4 (Low Band) and 0800Z-1159Z, Mar 4 (High Band)
- ◆ DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Mar 4 RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 5
- ◆ ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Mar 6
- ◆ AGCW YL-CW Party 1900Z-2100Z, Mar 6
- ◆ Pesky Texan Armadillo Chase 0230Z-0400Z, Mar 8
- ◆ RSGB Commonwealth Contest 1000Z, Mar 10 to 1000Z, Mar 11
- ◆ Idaho QSO Party 1300Z, Mar 10 to 0100Z, Mar 11 and 1200Z-2400Z, Mar 11
- ◆ AGCW QRP Contest 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 10
- ◆ Oklahoma QSO Party 1400Z, Mar 10 to 0200Z, Mar 11

- and 1400Z-2000Z, Mar 11
- ◆ EA PSK31 Contest 1600Z, Mar 10 to 1600Z, Mar 11
- ◆ SOC Marathon Sprint 1800Z-2400Z, Mar 10
- ◆ North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 11
- ◆ UBA Spring Contest, CW 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 11
- ◆ NSARA Contest 1200Z-1600Z, Mar 11 and 1800Z-2200Z, Mar 11
- ◆ Wisconsin QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 11 to 0100Z, Mar 12
- ◆ CLARA and Family HF Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Mar 13 and 0000Z-2400Z, Mar 17
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 14
- ◆ SARL VHF/UHF Contest 1600Z, Mar 16 to 1600Z, Mar 17 and 1600Z, Mar 17 to 1000Z, Mar 18
- ◆ 10-10 Int. Mobile Contest 0001Z-2359Z, Mar 17
- ◆ BARTG Spring RTTY Contest 0200Z, Mar 17 to 0200Z, Mar 19
- ◆ Russian DX Contest 1200Z, Mar 17 to 1200Z, Mar 18
- ◆ AGCW VHF/UHF Contest 1600Z-1900Z, Mar 17 (144)
- and 1900Z-2100Z, Mar 17 (432)
- ◆ Virginia QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 17 to 0200Z, Mar 19
- ◆ UBA Spring Contest, 6m 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 18
- ◆ 9K 15-Meter Contest 1200Z-1600Z, Mar 18
- ◆ ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint 1500Z-1800Z, Mar 18
- ◆ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, Mar 19
- ◆ Bucharest Contest 1500Z-1559Z, Mar 19 and 1600Z-1659Z, Mar 19
- ◆ NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0030Z-0230Z, Mar 22
- ◆ RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 22
- ◆ CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 24 to 2359Z, Mar 25
- ◆ UBA Spring Contest, 2m 0600Z-1000Z, Mar 25
- ◆ QRP Homebrewer Sprint 0000Z-0400Z, Mar 26
- ◆ QCWA Spring QSO Party 1800Z, Mar 31 to 1800Z, Apr 1

