



The WA4IWL Newsletter



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Hi ya'll.

It has been a quiet month since our last meeting. I guess the first few months of the year are so packed with activities they fly by. New Year's holidays to election of new officers followed by hard work and sweat making our Hamfest a success. I guess we need a little break.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members who helped with the Venice Furry Scurry. Reports are this was the best event ever and fund raising for the animals was successful.

The annual pilgrimage to Dayton happens this month on the 17th thru the 19th. This indirectly affects us in the fact that some of our members feel the Dayton Hamvention takes priority over our May 17th meeting. Hi Hi. Keith WL7CKY and several of our other members will be there. You will find Keith in the flea market area (booth 1549/1550) when he is not out searching for bargains. Those of you interested in APRS may track him and send messages. Look for WL7CKY-13 his icon will be RV.

June 22nd & 23rd will be Field Day weekend this year. Call Keith if you have any questions about Field Day. Come out and join us any time during the weekend. It does run 24 hours so don't be bashful about coming out at night. Field Day can be a lot of fun and it is one of those events that gets in your blood and becomes an annual must do event. We will have a club picnic Sunday afternoon.

Thank you to Officer Gordon Baer from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Dept. who gave an excellent presentation about identity theft during our April Meeting.

See ya on the 17th

73 Gay-KL0LV, President

April 19 EARS Meeting Minutes

On April 19, 2002 President Gay Herve-KL0LV called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance to our flag. There were no guests or new members present. Introductions were then made around the room.

For the Secretary's report, Free Crosby W1NPR made a motion to accept the minutes of last months meeting as printed in the news letter. Seconded by Keith Herve WL7CKY and carried.

CLUB MEETING

Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3rd 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. **Next meeting: Friday May17. Our program will begin at 7 PM (before) our regular meeting time. Judy Anderson, or her representative, will present a demonstration of the new computerized voting machines with hands-on involvement.**

Bruce-K2OY gave the Treasurer's report. He advised some bills are due, but the checkbook balance as of this date is \$5104.58. A motion to accept the report by Keith-WL7CKY was seconded and carried. A copy was forwarded to the secretary for file.

Committee Reports

Sunshine - Keith-KL7CKY reported that Ursula Sadler was back in England. Frank-W4VV added that she was in a recovery facility there.

Dan Kerrigan KG4GFT reported that Uncle John-K1RSC in Rye, NH will be 93 on May 16, and it would be nice for EARS to send him a birthday card.

Races - Frank-W4VV gave the RACES report. The regular drill will be held Thursday April 25. Hurricane Seminars are scheduled in Town Center Mall on May 4, and Lemon Bay High School May 16.

Testing - Ken W4JQT reported a test session is planned tomorrow April 20 at the Chamber of Commerce.

DX - Bruce K2OY gave the DX report. He advised both A and K indices have been high and band conditions down. The North Korea P5 station has been approved. He operates on 15 meters and will be there until June 2003.

Old Business

Jim-N4JBZ reported the Furry Scurry in Venice was very successful and expressed thanks for EARS help with communications. Eighteen pets were adopted during the event.

New Business

Budget - Keith-KL7CKY reviewed the 2002 budget, which was printed in our last news letter. After discussion Keith moved for approval of the budget, seconded by Jim-NX2II and the motion carried.

Leadership Conference - An invitation has been received to attend this conference in Tampa on May 4th.

Christmas Party - Planning has been started to set up the date and location for our Christmas Party. After some discussion, Dennis-K4NF made a motion to confirm the date of December 14 at the Rotonda Hills Restaurant. Seconded by Keith-KL7CKY and the motion carried.

At 8:10 pm President Gay-KL0LV adjourned the meeting for a refreshment break and program setup. There were 23 present at the meeting.

Program

The program was presented by Gordon Baer from the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. Gordon gave a very informative talk on Identity Theft.

Ken Anderson -W4JQT
Secretary, Pro Tem

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.

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

Member Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale

Astron Power Supply 13.8 Vdc @ 20 Amps . . \$40.00
Ken-W4JQT 475-3172

If you have amateur radio equipment you want to sell, trade or give away contact the editor for details about adding it to this column (k4nf@arrl.net or 468-4131).

Note From The Editor

Email addresses changes are a big problem to keep up with in our membership database. I have a suggestion for you members, with an Email address and belong to the ARRL, which will be an immense help. Check out the ARRL membership features. The ARRL will provide a forwarding Email address for you free of charge. For instance, mine is k4nf@arrl.net, and Email with any attachments sent to this address will be forwarded to whatever Email address I choose when setting up the ARRL forwarding service. When you change your Email address all you must do is go to the ARRL site and make the necessary changes to your xxx@arrl.net address it forwards to. Not only will this help newsletter mailings and membership database, it will be much easier for the SnowBirds moving back and forth plus

these addresses are better understood when you need to give the Email address over the radio.

Donations

EARS accepted donations of ham radio equipment and set up a club table at the Charlotte County Hamfest on march 9, 2002. The club table committee members were John-W1JF, Tom-WA3PRC, Ken-W4JQT, and Vic-KF4VHX. The income from the club table sales was \$719.00. Donations for the club table were made by the following persons:

Ted Campbell-N4XK
Ted Holman-KB8UXK
Vic Emmelkamp-KF4VHX
Pam Eggleton-KG4EDF
Dave Kelce-K0DGF
Tom Hawes-WA3PRC
Bruce Bernard-WA4MWA
Sel Kerrigan-WB1CYM
Ken Anderson-W4JQT
Jim Halliday-NX2II

Additional items donated for the EARS hamfest table have been sold and the proceeds submitted to the Treasure.

4 Plastic drawer cabinets	\$10
5 Books	\$5
2 Rolls 7/8" hardline coax	\$200

Thanks to all those who donated for EARS benefit!

Ken-W4JQT
Club Table Chairman

Hamfests, May Remainder & June

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

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Special Events & Contests

These are listed in your ARRL QST or go to this website:
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/>