



The WA4IWL Newsletter



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Hi all. Things have been slow for the club this month. I don't know if that is good or bad but it leaves little to report. I will be making the annual pilgrimage to Dayton this month and you may track me via APRS. Look for WL7CKY-13. My icon will show RV. I know some other members will be there and I look forward to meeting up with you.

Jim-KB2NZ will chair the meeting in May and the guest speaker will be from the Metro Crime Prevention Organization. These folks gave us a presentation about 18 months ago and their program about home security and crime prevention was excellent.

This month we will be approving the budget for 2003. It is printed below with the following explanations. We typically spend less than \$150 on Field Day but we do rent the tent and have a cookout. This covers these expenses without a formal vote. Newsletter expenses have gone down due to increased e-mail subscribers. New Items; Big Stick; if it needs our help. Both ARRL funds were unanimously agreed upon by the board of directors. Library books are budgeted \$100.00 a year for 4 years to refresh both libraries with the most current books. Publicity is a new category. Lighthouse, High School, Holiday Party, and club picnic are categories that we traditionally support and have now been included as their own separate line items.

Annual Recurring Expenses	2002	2003	Change
Insurance	352	352	0
Incorporation Fee	64	64	0
P.O. Box	39	39	0
Meeting Room Rent	144	144	0
Chamber of Commerce	128	128	0
Unassigned Expenses			
Field Day	0	150	150
Hamfest Seed Money	500	500	0
Membership Directory	125	125	0
Name Badges	40	40	0
Newsletter	720	500	-180
Training (library books)	189	190	1
Charity	300	300	0
Club Administration	100	100	0

New Items

WCF Big Stick	0	100	100
ARRL Frequency Defense Fund	0	100	250
ARRL Education & Technology fund		100	250
Library Books	200	100	-100
Lighthouse publicity		100	100
		200	200
High School Graduation		100	100
Holiday Party		150	150
Club Picnic		150	100
 TOTAL			1121
	2901	3732	

Thank You goes out to our Gerry-K4JWE and his partner Judy Abbott from Englewood Flotilla 87 USCG/AUX. They gave a great presentation during the April meeting on our environment and the things we can do as recreational boaters and users to help keep our environment clean.

Till next month

73 Keith-WL7CKY

CLUB MEETING

Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are on the 3^d 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.

After Meeting Program Providers

Keith-WL7CKY, June: Field Day Discussion, July: Pam-KG4EDF, August: Vic-K4VHX

September: Ted-KB8UXK, October: Freeman-W1NPR, November: George-KA4JKY

This month's program will be a guest speaker from the Metro Crime Prevention Organization.

April 18 Meeting Minutes

- ▶ **Call to Order** - President Keith-WL7CKY called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge or Allegiance. Hugh Myers-KG4ZDX was recognized as a new member, and Pam-KG4EDF was recognized for her recent upgrade to General Class. Guests in attendance were Harry Simmons, Ann Riccio, Bobby Myers, and Judy Abbott. Keith welcomed the visitors and asked for introductions around the room.
- ▶ **Treasurer's Report** - Bruce-K2OY gave the Treasurers report. He reported income for the month of \$1159.35, and expenses of \$221.03 for a balance of \$5575.80. Jim-N4JBZ moved to accept the report. Seconded by Don, WA4IWL and carried.
- ▶ **Secretary's Report** - Free-W1NPR made a motion to accept the minutes of last months meeting as printed in the news letter. Seconded by Howard-N4MLJ and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

Sunshine - Vic-K4VHX reported that Vin-KG4IAV had surgery recently and is home recovering. Gene-KA1GCU has sent a card.

RACES - Frank-W4VV reported on the RACES Annual Meeting held April 9th in Murdock, and reminded members the RACES monthly drill is next Thursday April 24th at 9:00 am at the Englewood EOC on San Casa. Frank has extra

RACES manuals and badge updates for those who could not attend the Annual Meeting.

Testing - Ken-W4JQT reported an FCC exam session will be held tomorrow, April 19 at the Chamber of Commerce in Englewood at 9:00 am.

DX - Bruce-K2OY reported HF propagation is fair and commented on trans-equatorial propagation for six meters. He also displayed some of his 6 meter QSL cards from Europe, New Zealand, and South America for contacts made in year 2001.

Old Business

If you are not now receiving the news letter by e-mail, and have that capability, please let Dennis know. Sure saves a lot on postage.

New Business

Gay Herve-KL0LV has offered her resignation as Trustee, and our president has accepted it. After a review of the By-Laws, Keith opened the floor for nominations for the vacancy. Howard-N4MLJ volunteered for the job and nominated himself. There being no other nominations, he was elected by a unanimous vote.

Announcements

Harry Simmons announced he has a 50 foot telescoping tower for sale at a reasonable price.

Vic-K4VHX announced that our club has been invited to conduct a demonstration of Amateur Radio for young people on Thursday, June 26 at the Tringali Library.

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm carried. We took a break for refreshments while the program was being set up. There were 21 members and 4 guests in attendance.

Program

Gerry-K4JWE and Judy Abbott from the Coast Guard Auxiliary presented a very interesting discussion with videos to show how pollution from discarded plastics, fish lines and netting in the oceans is harming aquatic life and ultimately our own.

Ken-W4JQT
Secretary - Pro Tem

Internet Sites to Explore

Do you have any Internet sites which might be of interest to our members? Please forward them to the newsletter editor to include here. Here is one sent in by Vic-K4VHX:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/schedules/frequencies/caribfreq.shtml> I enjoy listening to the BBC World Service in the morning; perhaps other EARS members would like to know the times and frequencies the broadcasts can be heard in this area. Here is the site where they are listed:
Vic-K4VHX

Here is a link to the Medicine Hat Amateur Radio Club site with some photo's of the guys you talk to on the SnowBird net.

<http://groups.msn.com/TheMedicineHatAmateurRadioClub/mharcmembersgallery.msnw?Page=1>
John Fyke-VE6AIV

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want-To-Buy

For Sale by Alan Parmentier KF4JIL,
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Antenna System: \$350.00 for all

A: **Rohn** 45, 43 foot tower with rotator plate

B: **Mosley** 33JR tri-band beam

C: **Ringo** Ranger II ARX-2B 2 meter

D: **Alliance** HD-73-1 Heavy duty rotator

Alpha Delta DX-A twin sloper wire (40-80-160)-\$25

Heathkit SB-220 2KW amp-\$200

MFJ 1274 tnc 2 packet radio-\$25

MFJ 1278 multi mode data controller with multi-gray level modem-\$25

Dentron Super tuner 160-10 at 1Kw-\$75

Antron 99 ground plane omni antenna with ground plane kit (1 radial broke)-\$25

Tower 32 foot crank up (lowers to 22 feet)-\$25

Tower 32 foot crank up (lowers to 22 feet) with cement base-\$25

Manuals and cables are with almost all equipment

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 second group of Hams to meet are the ones who like to sleep in a little later and they meet at the Country Hound around 8 a.m. The Country Hound restaurant is in the Palm Plaza shopping center at the Intersection of SR 776 & 775 (Placida Road). They also meet at Mel’s diner in Venice on Friday’s at 8 a.m.

the ones that “rise and shine” early for breakfast at Tiffany’s when they open at 7 a.m. Tiffany’s restaurant is in Tiffany Square at the intersection of San Casa and SR 776.

2003 ARRL Contest Calendar May & June

Check QST or ARRL Website for rules

June 14-16 ARRL June VHF QSO Party

June 21 Kids Day

June 28,29 Field Day

Florida Hamfests May & June

4 May 2003 - Lake Maggorie Tailgate, St. Petersburg ARC, <http://www.qsl.net/w4gac/>, Contact: Dee Turner, N2MNC, Email: n2mnc@arrl.net