



The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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Message From The President

Hi ya'll.

Things are picking up for the club this time of year. On November 2nd, Vic-K4VHX, Martin-W4MHH, George-KA4JKY, Tom-WA3PRC, Bruce-K2OY, Bill-W1AMU, AND I provided radio support for the Boca Bop which is a triathlon held on Boca Grande. This is a fun event for us. It starts early and is done by noon and it gives us a chance to demonstrate our capabilities. The weather was beautiful as always and there were no major mishaps. Five diehards stayed behind to enjoy a late breakfast at the Loons restaurant. Once again a good time was had by all.

Our joint picnic with the Peace River Club is on November 15th. It starts at noon at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds. Meat is provided by the two clubs. Bring a covered dish, chairs and a portable table if you have one.

Our annual holiday party will be on December 2nd at the Rotunda Hills Golf and Country Club. The party will start at 6:00pm. There is a reservation request in this newsletter. Send your check and dinner orders to me at home. Make checks payable to EARS. Reservations must be in by November 26th.

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.
73 Keith-WL7CKY

October 17 EARS Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – President Keith-WL7CKY called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. There were 24 members in attendance and no visitors. Introductions were made around the room.

Secretary's Report – Gene-KA1GCU moved to accept the minutes of last months meeting as printed in the Sept. newsletter. Second by Sel-WB1CYM and carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bruce-K2OY reported no change from last months report. The checking balance on 9-19-2003 was \$4,908.39.

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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. **Interested in becoming an amateur radio operator?** You can also contact one of the officers to help start you in the right direction.

Next meeting: Friday November 21. Presenting the program after our business meeting will be George-KA4JKY. This will be a time of audience participation asking those with interesting radio contacts, events, or experiences to share them with us.

Correspondence

A letter and certificate was received from ARRL thanking EARS for their donation to the Education & Technology Program.

A letter was received from the Englewood Chamber of Commerce thanking us for our membership and a notice for next years dues.

We received a letter from the Student Leadership Academy of Venice asking for help in developing a course for Amateur Radio.

Committee Reports

Sunshine – Vic-K4VHX reported that Vin-KG4IAV is not well, and is undergoing tests.

R.A.C.E.S – Ken, W4JQT reported on the status of re-establishing the EOC and a RACES base station at the Tringali Recreation Center. The prospects look good for completing that during November, 2003.

Testing – Ken, W4JQT reported no testing is planned for October, but there will be a test session the 3rd Saturday in November at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce.

DX – Bruce, K2OY gave the DX report, and discussed web sites that have DX information.
Old Business

Picnic – The EARS/Peace River PICNIC will be held at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds on Saturday, November 15 at noon. Bring a covered dish, chairs and a table if you have one.

Two Meter Net – A Two Meter Simplex Net will be conducted each Friday evening except the meeting night at 7:30 pm on 146.58 MHz. Check in to see if you can talk across town without the aid of a repeater.

New Business

Boca Bop – The "Boca Bop" Triathlon on Boca Grande will be held on November 2, and they have asked EARS for assistance. Seven members volunteered at the meeting.

Christmas Party – The EARS Christmas Party will be held

on Tuesday, December 2 at Rotonda Hills. A reservation slip will be in the newsletter to mail in for head count and menu selection.

Training – The letter from the Student Academy in Venice requesting EARS assistance with an Amateur Radio training program was discussed. The membership felt more information was needed.

Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. After a break for refreshments, Bruce-K2OY provided an interesting program on QSL cards and some of the fine points on how to get them.

Ken-W4JQT
Secretary, Pro Tem

EARS Christmas Dinner Reservation Request

Name Number Attending

Dinner Choice:

Prime Rib Dinner () X \$17.00 = \$ _____

Salmon Dinner () X \$14.00 = \$ _____

Total Cost \$ _____

(Tip & tax are included in price)

Mail Check payable to:

"Englewood Amateur Radio Society"

and mail to:

EARS, C/O Keith Herve

1722 Bayshore Dr.

Englewood, FL 34223

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY

26 November 2003

IN MEMORIAM

Donald I. DiBello, KF4WJW, 78, of Englewood, Florida passed away Monday, Oct 27, 2003, at Bon Secours-Venice Hospital in Venice, Florida.

Mr. DiBello was born July 27, 1925, in Middletown, N.Y. He served three years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He attended St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. In 1949 he graduated from the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburg, Texas.

Don was employed by General Electric in Schenectady,

N.Y. before joining the Boy Scouts of America as a District Scout Executive in 1953. He served in this capacity in Scout Councils in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Rutherford, N.J., and Utica, N.Y. before transferring to the Albany, N.Y. council as assistant Scout Executive in 1962. He left the Boy Scouts of America in 1970. He then worked for Farm Family Insurance Co in Glenmont, N.Y. until he retired and settled in Englewood.

Don held life membership in the American Legion and VFW both in New York. He was the founder of the USS Deuel Association. He belonged to the National Association of Amateur Radio Operators, and was a member of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society. He was a 32nd degree Mason, Scottish Rite Lodge Consistory Valley of Albany, N.Y, and belonged to the Englewood Masonic Lodge 360 F&AM.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials in Don's name may be made to Boy Scouts of America, Daniel Webster Council, 571 Holt Ave., Manchester, NH 03109.

Submitted by Ken Anderson, W4JQT
From the Englewood Sun Herald

VE Exam Sessions

The exams are given at 9:30 AM the 3rd Saturday of each month, on a reservation basis only, in the conference room of the Englewood Chamber of Commerce building, 601, South Indiana Avenue.

"Boca Bop"

November 2nd, 2003

See Spot run.
See Dick swim.
See Jane ride.

We saw all that and more when seven EARS members provided communications support for the annual Boca Bop a fund-raise for the Englewood Optimist Club. It was a beautiful morning on the Island, complete with sunshine and a breeze. The surf temperature was 76 degrees.

We all took our positions just before 7:00 a.m. with Keith WL7CKY riding the golf cart with the Security Official

Kraeg Maheu. The rest of us were spread along the length of Gasparilla Island. As I remember the plan went like this: KA4JKY-GEORGE, N. Loop Rd; W1AMU-BILL, Gasparilla Rd near Uncle Henry's marina; K4MHH-MARTIN, Beach transfer point; WA3PRC-TOM, South Beach Restaurant; K2OY-BRUCE, Lighthouse park entrance; K4VHX-VIC, Millers Marina. We used the K8ONV repeater to stay in touch and there was only one incident. A bicyclist took a spill on a slippery curve.

The 200 plus participants first swam ¼ mile; rode their bikes 13.5 miles and ran 3 miles. The ages ranged from preteen to octogenarian.

After the event we adjourned to the 'Loon' restaurant for a very nice brunch.

73,
Vic-K4VHX

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

For Sale

Diamond F-22A, 2 meter 7/8 wave base antenna	\$25
Bandmaster Q-144-9, 9 element 2 meter quad	\$25
Cushcraft A147-11, 11 element 2 meter yagi	\$25
Ameritron AL-1500, HF 1.5+KW amplifier	\$1,600
Dennis-K4NF, k4nf@arrl.net, 698-1251, 468-4131	

Florida Hamfests November/December

Listing from: <http://www.arrl.org>

November

15 Nov 2003 Free Flea, Flamingo Net/University of Miami ARC, Coral Gables, FL <http://www.flamingonet.8m.net>, Contact: Bill Moore, WA4TEJ, University of Miami Physics Department, Coral Gables, FL 33124, Phone: 305-264-4465 Email: wa4tej@beethoven.com

22 Nov 2003 North Brevard ARC, Titusville, FL <http://www.northbrevardradioclub.org>, Contact: Bob Jones, N6USP, 4743 Cambridge Drive, Mims, FL 32754 Phone: 321-264-2622, Email: n6usp@gnc.net

29 Nov 2003 Okeechobee ARC, Okeechobee, FL <http://www.flweather.com/oarc>, Contact: Al Berryman, AD4RZ, PO Box 368, Okeechobee, FL 34973 Phone: 863-467-0516, Email: ad4rz@arrl.net

December

6-7 Dec 2003 West Central Florida Section, Convention,
Palmetto, FL, Florida Gulf Coast AR Council
<http://www.fgcarc.org>, Contact: Dan Johnson, W4BNC PO Box
48725, St. Petersburg, FL 33743,
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WA7BNM Contest Calendar

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

November

- WAE DX Contest, RTTY 0000Z, Nov 8 - 2359Z, Nov 9
- Japan Int. DX Contest, Phone 0700Z, Nov 8 - 1300Z, Nov 9
- SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Nov 8 - 1000Z, Nov 9
- OK/OM DX Contest, CW 1200Z, Nov 8 - 1200Z, Nov 9
- Anatolian ATA PSK31 Contest 1800Z - 2400Z, Nov 8
- All Austrian 160-Meter Contest 1600Z, Nov 15 - 0700Z, Nov 16
- ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2100Z, Nov 15 - 0300Z, Nov 17
- North American Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB 2100Z, Nov 15 - 0300Z, Nov 17
- RSGB 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 15 - 0100Z, Nov 16
- LZ DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 22 - 1200Z, Nov 23
- CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Nov 29 - 2400Z, Nov

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December

- QRP ARCI Topband Sprint 0000Z - 1200Z, Dec 4
- ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2200Z, Dec 5 - 1600Z, Dec 7
- PSK31 Death Match 0000Z, Dec 6 - 2400Z, Dec 7
- TARA RTTY Melee 0000Z - 2400Z, Dec 6
- TOPS Activity 80m Contest 1800Z, Dec 6 - 1800Z, Dec 7
- QRP ARCI Hol. Spirits Sprint 2000Z - 2400Z, Dec 7
- ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 13 - 2400Z, Dec 14
- Great Colorado Snowshoe Run 0200Z - 0400Z, Dec 14
- AGB Party Contest 2100Z - 2400Z, Dec 19
- Russian 160-Meter Contest 2100Z - 2300Z, Dec 19
- OK DX RTTY Contest 0000Z - 2400Z, Dec 20
- Croatian CW Contest 1400Z, Dec 20 - 1400Z, Dec 21
- International Naval Contest 1600Z, Dec 20 - 1600Z, Dec 21
- DARC Christmas Contest 0830Z - 1059Z, Dec 26
- RAC Winter Contest 0000Z - 2400Z, Dec 27
- Stew Perry Topband Challenge 1500Z, Dec 27 - 1500Z, Dec 28
- Original QRP Contest, CW 1500Z, Dec 27 - 1500Z, Dec 28