



# The WA4IWL Newsletter



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY, INC.

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## President's Message

I was surprised to see such a large turnout at the meeting. Welcome back to our "snowbird" members and all others who braved the cold weather to attend the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 730PM in our regular meeting room, Room 400, Fellowship Hall. Please try to attend.

Most of you know the problems we have experienced maintaining the 146.700MHz repeater site over the past few months. It appears that we will stay at the site thanks to Bill Porter of Newport Construction. Jack Landis, WA8GRO, took the lead on this matter after the October meeting and solicited the aid of friend\* of his who spoke to the Newport people. After that discussion the problem seems to have gone away. I also want to thank Jack Sproat, W4JS, who also went to bat for us on this issue. I don't know who else was involved behind the scenes but on behalf of the EARS I want to thank them all. Further to this, Bill Porter asked to address the members at the next meeting to explain what happened and was invited to do same by me.

Please remember that our Christmas Party is on the 17th of December at the Boca Royale Golf and Country Club. Please try to attend. To date, 27 people have signed up. The room holds ~45 comfortably, with room for dancing the night away. Contact Vic, K4VHX, or me to reserve a seat and choose your entree before 10 December.

I have been contacted by some members who want to serve as an EARS officer for 2006. Some positions, notably, President and Secretary, are still open. Our bylaws require a full slate of officers and I hope members will step forward to fill these positions. I know it's a tough row to hoe and requires a lot of time, but it is worth it. The slate of officers is announced by nominating committee at the December meeting, which is held in conjunction with our Christmas party, and voted by secret ballot at our Annual Meeting in January. Nominations from the floor shall be permitted at the Annual Meeting.

\*Special note to Jack Landis – Please give our best 73 to your friend, and invite him/her and spouse to our Christmas Party. I'll pay.

73 de Martin, N4FA



## Meeting Minutes – October 20, 2005

**Call to Order:** President Martin Horowitz - N4FA called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. 22 members and one guest, Joann Adamy - KC4WJ attended the meeting.

**Secretary's Report:** ON MOTION, the secretary's

report was approved as published in the October newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasure Vic-K4VHX gave the report. The balance in our check book is \$4,477.51. ON MOTION, the treasurer's report was approved as read.

**Correspondence:** An Email letter was received from the Optimist Club concerning the Boca-Bop asking the EARS club to provide security for their event on November 6, 2005. The club agreed to provide the necessary people for the event. West Central Florida Group asked for a contribution to help defray the cost of volunteers helping after Hurricane Katrina. The club agreed to send money with the amount to be determined at a later date.

### Committee Reports

**Sunshine:** Gene-KA1GCU fell and broke his collar bone in several places.

**RACES:** There was a test of preparedness on the 20<sup>th</sup> at the Englewood hospital. The team made several reports to EDC but nothing was received back. Mike Mosses was coordinator and on the 21st our team was notified that the test had been canceled. Mr. Mosses has since resigned. Normal check in will be on Oct. 26 at 8PM and at 9 AM on Oct. 27.

**Publicity:** Gerry-K4JWE reported the local newspapers have published EARS contact information in their newspapers.

**Testing:** Testing is held on the 2nd Saturday of the month in the Venice library. This is a joint effort by TARC and EARS.

**DX:** JR K9HUY reported on DX.

### Old Business

NEED CANDIDATES for EARS office positions next year!!!!!!

**EARS Repeater:** There is a long story on the 700 machine. Much too long to repeat here. In essence we are losing the space that the club uses due to some lawyer in Texas that has some say in the operations of Newport Construction. We have a valid lease per Florida law but that makes no difference to him. For some reason Newport is letting him get away with this. He wants rent for the space we use. The machine will be removed after Wilma goes by. We will need a place to reinstall it.

### New Business

**Hamfest:** The 2006 hamfest will be sponsored by the Peace River club. We will assist them as usual. We put in \$500 seed money and usually come out with

\$500-1000 profit.

**EARS Club Banner:** Our club banner is getting old and worn out. Buffalo Graphics said they will redo it for about \$100. Tom WA4PRC said he would cover the cost and Martin N4FA will due any over cost.

**Christmas Party:** This years Christmas party is December 17th at the Boca Royal Country Club. We have a private room seating 50 comfortably. Choices for the dinner are:

Prime Rib, Chicken Marcella, Pork chops, Salmon. The cost is \$27 per person.

**ARRL Membership:** Vic-K4VHX reported for each new ARRL membership to through the club, we will receive \$15.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

After meeting program: None presented.

Respectively submitted  
Hugh Myers-KG4ZDX  
Secretary

### 2006 EARS Officer Positions

The EARS will not survive without a full slate of officers being in place for 2006.

To date the proposed officers for 2006 are:

President - VACANT  
Vice President - VACANT  
Secretary - VACANT  
Treasurer - Vic Emmelkamp, K4VHX  
Director - Ken Anderson, W4JQT  
Director - Martin Horowitz, N4FA  
Director - VACANT

We must fill the vacant positions or we cannot operate. Any of you that have the will and intestinal fortitude to function in these positions, please step forward. Please let me, Vic-K4VHX, or Ken-W4JQT know so your nomination can be announced at the Christmas party on 17 December.

Martin-N4FA

### EARS Christmas party

Our Christmas party will be held at the Boca Royale Golf and Country Club on Saturday, 17 December 2005.

Festivities start at 6pm. We have a private room, "Green Room", that seats 50 people very comfortably, and provides for dancing. Music will be provided.

The price is all inclusive and is \$27 per person.

We will start with hors d'oeuvre of:

- Cheese, fruit and crackers
- Swedish meatballs
- Shrimp spring rolls

Dinner entrees are served with salad, fresh baked rolls and butter, vegetable and potato or rice and are:

- Prime rib of beef
- Pork chop
- Chicken Marsala
- Salmon

Dessert: ice cream sundae  
Coffee, hot/iced tea

Members, family and friends are invited. Please send your reservations with dinner selection(s) to Martin, N4FA, [olddocbubbles@comcast.net](mailto:olddocbubbles@comcast.net) or (941) 473-1123 before December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Come out and support our club. It will be a fun time!

73 de Martin, W4MHH

### EARS Directory Changes

#### Phone number change:

Mike Daly-KC2KBR  
Englewood phone 475-0181  
Northern phone 585 271-6118

#### Email Change:

Gerald Meckenberg-K4JWE [k4jwe@verizon.net](mailto:k4jwe@verizon.net)

### – Local Happenings –

- **EARS Meeting** – Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are the **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** of each month at 7:30PM. 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.

**Interested in becoming an EARS member or becoming an Amateur Radio operator? Please contact one of the EARS club officers for details.**

- **VE Exam Sessions** – The exams are given at 9:30 AM 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 Meetings** – are the **1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday** of each month, from June through September, at the Panda Pavilion in Venice.
- **Snowbird Net** – is twice daily; first on 14.278 MHz at 10:00AM and on 7.230 MHz at 7:00PM EST.
- **Connecticut Connection 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 Amateur Breakfasts** – Tuesday morning, 7AM at Denny's in Englewood and 8AM at Peach's Restaurant in Venice.

### Internet Sites to Explore

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

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

**Icom IC-756Pro** 160-6 meters HF transceiver ~100 watts output. Excellent Condition, \$1,000 Contact: Dennis-K4NF, 468-4131 or [k4nf@arrl.net](mailto:k4nf@arrl.net)  
*Contact the editor to add your equipment needs.*

### Just For Laughs

This was sent to me by my brother, Allen Babcock-WG6I ..... Dennis-K4NF

### Q Signals...

The use of international "Q" signals on the amateur phone bands has been discouraged as their primary function was to convey information in a condensed form in the CW mode. Many Hams use "Q" signals in their phone conversations, which is intimidating to the beginner. Here is a guide to some "Q" signals which should impress your listeners:

QTH I am living in temporary housing.

QRN The static is being caused by a nurse.  
 QRX Wait while I go to the drugstore.  
 QOM When will your husband get home?  
 QFT I am passing gas.  
 QAH He is an idiot.  
 QPS I have to go to the bathroom.  
 QBM I have to go to the bathroom.  
 QSB The band is really sad today.  
 QCB A Big 10-4.  
 QED Ask Ed, he'll know.  
 QTV My wife will kill me if I put herringbone patterns on TV.  
 QRP Why don't you run real power?  
 QNV Novice class operator.  
 QTC Technician class operator.  
 QTP Technician Plus operator.  
 QGN General class operator.  
 QAV Advanced class operator.  
 QBS Extra class operator.  
 QSL I sent another dollar and still no card.  
 QDX You worked Indonesia on 2 meters, so what!  
 QBO Get off the radio and take a shower.  
 QVC That's a funny call.  
 QOC That's my original call.  
 QYM Yo Mama.  
 QRK My rig has been at Kenwood for 5 months.  
 QEP It's time for dinner.  
 QBF I've got an upset stomach.  
 QTS I do not agree with you.  
 QLZ You can't play Led Zeppelin over the repeater.

#### November Hamfests

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

- ◆ 5 Nov 2005 North Brevard Amateur Radio Club  
<http://www.northbrevardradioclub.org>, Talk-In: 145.490 - (PL 100 Hz), Disabled American Veterans Chapter 109, 435 Singleton Avenue, Titusville, FL, Contact: Bob Jones, N6USP, 4743 Cambridge Drive, Mims, FL 32754, Phone: 321-264-2622, Email: [n6usp@gnc.net](mailto:n6usp@gnc.net)
- ◆ 19 Nov 2005 Free Tailgate Swapfest, Flamingo / U of Miami ARC, <http://www.FlamingoNet.8m.Net>, Talk-In: 146.865 -600 (PL 103.5), University of Miami Physics Parking Lot, Contact: Bill Moore, WA4TEJ, 73 Palm Avenue, Miami Beach, FL 33139, Phone: 305-264-4465, Email: [wa4tej@juno.com](mailto:wa4tej@juno.com), Coral Gables, FL
- ◆ 26 Nov 2005 Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club, Okeechobee Civic Center, 1750 Highway 98 North, Okeechobee, FL, <http://www.flweather.com/oarc/hamfest>, Talk-In: 147.09 (PL 100), Contact: Harry D. Robbins, KF4KDO, 500 NW 353rd Blvd., Okeechobee, FL 34972-0173, Phone: 863-467-7454, Email: [redbirds@strato.net](mailto:redbirds@strato.net)

#### November Special Events

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

- ◆ Through Feb 28, 2006, Midrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. The Rotary Club of Midrand, ZS100RI. HF/VHF/UHF. QSL. Via QSL manager Craig Bergsteedt, ZS6CKB, Halfway House, Midrand, Gauteng 1685, South Africa
- ◆ Nov 3-Nov 6, 0000Z-2400Z, Whitefish Point, MI. Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society, N8F. Remembering the Edmund Fitzgerald. 14.260 21.360 7.260 3.860. Certificate. Richard A. Barker, W8VS, 264 N East St, Brighton, MI 48116.

- ◆ [www.qsl.net/w8njh](http://www.qsl.net/w8njh)  
 Nov 4-Nov 7, 2000Z-0400Z, Split Rock Lighthouse (near Two Harbors), MN. Stillwater Amateur Radio Association, W0JH. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. Certificate. Shel Mann, N0DRX, 1618 W Pine St, Stillwater, MN 55082. [www.radioham.org](http://www.radioham.org)
- ◆ Nov 4-Nov 8, Knokke-Heist, Belgium. UBA Section ONZ, OO4CLM. Canadian Liberation March/Canadian Week. SSB and CW 80 40 20 17 15 10 2 m bands. OO4CLM Special Event, Postbox 1006, B-8300 Konokke-Heist, Belgium. [www.on4clm.be](http://www.on4clm.be)
- ◆ Nov 5, 1500Z-2000Z, Rocky Point, NY. Radio Central Amateur Radio Club, W2RC. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RCA Transatlantic Wireless Transmission. 14.260 14.050 7.260 7.030. Certificate. Radio Central ARC, PO Box 396, Centereach, NY 11720. [www.rcarc.org](http://www.rcarc.org)
- ◆ Nov 5-Nov 6, 1300Z-2300Z, Moscow, PA. Northeast Pennsylvania Special Event Club, KV3T. 85th anniversary of pioneer broadcast radio station, KDKA. 21.240 14.240 14.045 7.240. QSL. David Samsell, W3LOW, 923 Clearview Rd, Moscow, PA 18444. <http://kv3t.tripod.com>
- ◆ Nov 10-Nov 13, 1500Z-2000Z, Arlington Heights, IL. Armored Force Amateur Radio Net, KA9NLX. To honor the memory and efforts of military veterans. 18.095 14.325 7.283 7.030; conditions permitting 28.640 21.375 7.298. Certificate. John Paskevicz, 1423 North Ridge Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60004
- ◆ Nov 11, 0400Z-2300Z, Nutley, NJ. Robert D. Grant United Labor Amateur Radio Association, N2UL. CQ Veterans Day. 28.420 14.260 7.260 449.975. Certificate. RDGULARA, c/o WA2VJA, 112 Prospect St, Nutley, NJ 07110-0716
- ◆ Nov 11, 1300Z-1900Z, Butler, PA. Butler County Amateur Radio Association, W3UDX. Celebrating Veterans Day from the Butler VA Hospital grounds. 14.280 7.250. QSL. BCARA, PO Box 1787, Butler, PA 16003. <http://qsl.net/w3udx>
- ◆ Nov 11, 1330Z-1930Z, Grand Rapids, MI. Michigan Amateur Radio Alliance, W8USA. Veterans Day from the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. 14.250 14.040 7.250 7.040. QSL. MARA, PO Box 670, Comstock Park, MI 49321-0670. [www.w8usa.org](http://www.w8usa.org)
- ◆ Nov 11, 1500Z-2330Z, Baton Rouge, LA. USS Kidd ARC/Baton Rouge ARC, W5KID. Veteran's Day. General class bands, 14.250 to 14.320; CW QRP subbands 28.060 21.060 14.060 10.106 7.040. QSL. W5KID, c/o USS Kidd Museum, 305 S River Rd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. [www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS\\_Kidd.htm](http://www.lsu.edu/brarc/USS_Kidd.htm)
- ◆ Nov 11-Nov 12, 2200Z-2200Z, Philadelphia, PA. Warminster Amateur Radio Club, K3DN. Union League of Philadelphia. 14.300 7.250 3.800. Certificate. Tony Simek, N3YNH, Warminster Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 113, Warminster, PA 18974. [www.k3dn.org](http://www.k3dn.org)
- ◆ Nov 11-Nov 12, 1400Z-2100Z, Topeka, KS. SCSWARC and KVARC, N0G. Veterans Day. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.200. Certificate. Steve Hamilton, 2503 SW Carlson Rd, Topeka, KS 66614
- ◆ Nov 11-Nov 14, 2300Z-0600Z, San Antonio, TX. San Antonio Radio Club, W5SC. Coral-Gold II--San Antonio Radio Club's 86th birthday party. 21.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. QSL. Steve Cerwin, WA5FRF, 1619 CR 270, Mico, TX 78056. [www.w5sc.org](http://www.w5sc.org)
- ◆ Nov 12, 1400Z-2200Z, Roseland, NJ. Roseland Amateur Radio Club, K2GQ. 60th anniversary of the Rosland ARC. 146.52 21.345 14.260 7.245. Certificate. Harvey Moskowitz,

W2YWC, 7 Burlington Rd, Livingston, NJ 07039.  
[www.qsl.net/k2gg](http://www.qsl.net/k2gg)

- ◆ Nov 12, 1400Z-2000Z, South Padre Island, TX. CHARRO Amateur Radio Club, W5CRC. "Return of the Snowbirds" to South Texas. 28.330 14.330 21.330. Certificate. Bob Austin, W5CRC, 107 W Park Dr, Brownsville, TX 78521.  
[www.qsl.net/w5crc](http://www.qsl.net/w5crc)
- ◆ Nov 12-Nov 14, 1700Z-0200Z, West Trenton, NJ. Delaware Valley Radio Association, W2ZQ. 75th anniversary of the DVRA. 14.275 7.275 3.975. QSL. DVRA, PO Box 7024, West Trenton, NJ 08628. [www.w2zq.com](http://www.w2zq.com)
- ◆ Nov 13, 1500Z-2200Z, Waterloo, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club, W0FSB. Anniversary of the Loss of USS Juneau and the 5 Brothers. 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Five Sullivan Brothers ARC, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703
- ◆ Nov 19, 1500Z-2100Z, Guthrie, OK. Edmond Amateur Radio Society, K5EOK. Oklahoma Statehood Day in original State Capital Building. 21.375 14.275 7.275 3.875. Certificate. Edmond Amateur Radio Society, PO Box 48, Edmond, OK 73083. [www.k5eok.org](http://www.k5eok.org)
- ◆ Nov 20-Nov 26, 1600Z-0400Z, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Murgas ARC, K3YTL. Centennial of Rev Joseph Murgas wireless overland transmission. 21.375 14.275 7.275 3.875. May request certificate or QSL. Murgas ARC, PO Box 1094, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. [www.qsl.net/k3ytl](http://www.qsl.net/k3ytl)
- ◆ Nov 25, 1400Z-2200Z, Provincetown, MA. National Park Service, W1P. 107th anniversary of the loss of the Steamship Portland. 14.260 14.050 7.260 7.050. QSL. Marconi Cape Cod Radio Club KM1CC, Cape Cod National Seashore, 99 Marconi Site Rd, Wellfleet, MA 02667.  
[www.nps.gov/caco/heritage/Portland.pdf](http://www.nps.gov/caco/heritage/Portland.pdf)
- ◆ Nov 26-Nov 27, 0000Z-2400Z, All Call Areas, USA. Ten-Ten International, W6OI. Celebrating 43 years and 75000 members. 28.340 28.400 CW and PSK. QSL. Jack Moore, K5CC, 371 Ridge Creek La, Bulverde, TX 78163.  
[www.10-10.org](http://www.10-10.org) (Certificate for all call areas.)
- ◆ Nov 26-Nov 27, 1400Z-2000Z, Plymouth, MA. Whitman Amateur Radio Club, WA1NPO. The first Pilgrim Landing at Plymouth, Massachusetts. 18.140 14.280 7.250 3.890. Certificate. Whitman ARC, PO Box 48, Whitman, MA 02382.

[www.wa1npo.org](http://www.wa1npo.org)

- ◆ Nov 26-Nov 27, 1400Z-1900Z daily, The Villages, FL. The Villages Amateur Radio Club, K4VRC. The 10th anniversary of the Villages Radio Club. 147.000 14.275 7.250 3.940. Certificate. Ed Crowell, 1570 St James Cir, The Villages, FL 32162

#### WA7BNM November Contest Calendar

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

- ◆ IPARC Contest, CW 0600Z-1000Z, Nov 5 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 5
- ◆ Ukrainian DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 5 to 1200Z, Nov 6
- ◆ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 5 to 0300Z, Nov 7
- ◆ NA Collegiate ARC Championship, CW2100Z, Nov 5 to 0300Z, Nov 7
- ◆ IPARC Contest, SSB 0600Z-1000Z, Nov 6 and 1400Z-1800Z, Nov 6
- ◆ High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z-1100Z, Nov 6 and 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 6
- ◆ DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest 1100Z-1700Z, Nov 6
- ◆ WAE DX Contest, RTTY 0000Z, Nov 12 to 2359Z, Nov 13
- ◆ JIDX Phone Contest 0700Z, Nov 12 to 1300Z, Nov 13
- ◆ SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Nov 12 to 1000Z, Nov 13
- ◆ OK/OM DX Contest, CW 1200Z, Nov 12 to 1200Z, Nov 13
- ◆ LZ DX Contest 1200Z, Nov 19 to 1200Z, Nov 20
- ◆ EUCW Fraternalizing CW QSO Party 1500Z-1700Z, Nov 19 (20m) and 1800Z-2000Z, Nov 19 (40m) and 0700Z-0900Z, Nov 20 (40m) and 1000Z-1200Z, Nov 20 (20m)
- ◆ All Austrian 160-Meter Contest 1600Z, Nov 19 to 0700Z, Nov 20
- ◆ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2100Z, Nov 19 to 0300Z, Nov 21
- ◆ NA Collegiate ARC Championship, SSB2100Z, Nov 19 to 0300Z, Nov 21
- ◆ RSGB 2nd 1.8 MHz Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 19 to 0100Z, Nov 20
- ◆ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Nov 26 to 2400Z, Nov 27