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President's Message

I retired in 1997. After two miserable, cold, do nothing, stressful years in Massachusetts, Jackie and I decided to move to a warmer, more laid-back area. Our friends from Massachusetts, Peter, N4RD, and Joanne Pesa had moved to Englewood a few years earlier and suggested we take a look at the area. We did, in 1998, and ended up buying a house a couple of blocks from their QTH in 1999.

In 2003, I decided to get more involved with my hobby of amateur radio. A Technician class was being taught at Elsie Quirk Library and I signed up. It was there that I met Ken (my second Elmer) Anderson, W4JQT. Having been a lowly Novice (KA1DCD) for 26 years, I was surprised to see how quickly amateur radio rose like a Phoenix in me under the tutelage of Ken. I studied hard, took the Technician test, and scored 100%. I started studying on my own and passed the General test a few weeks later. One incorrect answer. Shame on me. I then applied for a vanity call based on my initials and received W4MHH (Martin Harold Horowitz or My Head Hurts). My third experience with Amateur radio was very pleasant.

A little backtracking - On a cold, snowy New York Thanksgiving in 1998, I asked my nephew (also a ham) to use his computer to try to find my long lost friend Mike, W2NPN. I had learned that he lived in Florida and, since we were moving to Englewood, I wanted to establish old school ties.

We found Mike in Clearwater. I called him and we rehashed the lost years. He was retired from his audio/repair business; his wife, Pat, was teaching in Clearwater; one son and grandchildren were living in Colorado; the other son is a Clearwater Police detective.

After I moved to Florida, we finally met again, face to face, at Marina Jacks in Sarasota, with XYL's in tow. It was as if no time had passed. In reality, 38 years had passed. We are, and will remain, good friends, and our spouses became friends. We talk and see each other often.

Life's too short.

Respectfully,
Martin, W4MHH

EARS Minutes - September 16, 2004

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Martin Horowitz, W4MHH, at 7:30 p.m. There were 16 members present.

Secretary's Report: Keith-WL7CKY moved that the previous month's minutes be approved as published in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Gene-KA1GCU. Passed

Treasurer's Report: Vic-K4VHX provided the Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of \$4,459.73. Keith-WL7CKY moved the Treasurer's report be approved as read, seconded by Ken-W4JQT. Passed.

Committee Reports

Sunshine: Gene-KA1GCU reported he had sent a card to Bill-KE4ZAK, recently released from the hospital.

RACES: Ken-W4JQT reported the equipment used for the Charlie activation has been returned to Tringali.

Publicity: Jerry-K4JWE told us about Vic-K4VHX's synopsis of EARS' activities during hurricane Charlie. This has been forwarded to ARRL.

Testing: There is a single candidate for testing on Saturday and they are looking to fill out the examination team.

DX: JR-K9HUY reported the HF Bands are improving. He commented that 160 meters should be interesting this winter. Reported the VHF/UHF contest was very poor due to conditions and people losing their antennas.

Old Business

Vic-K4VHX commented on past confusion between EARS (Englewood Animal Rescue Society) and our EARS. The Executive Committee will look into that.

New Business

The subject of autopatch number assignments was brought up and it was decided the executive committee would look into that.

The executive committee will discuss whether we should continue paying the Englewood Chamber of Commerce \$113 annual dues for our membership therein. All we get from this is use of the meeting room occasionally for testing.

Announcement

Vic-K4VHX reported we still have some tee shirts for sale (\$5.00) - two smalls, and five mediums.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

After Meeting Program

There was no program due to the TV in the meeting room being out of service.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT
Secretary, pro tem

– Local Happenings –

- ▶ **Boca Bop** is November 7. We will need volunteers to man points along the triathlon route, including one on the boat which monitors the swimmers. Approx. 7 - 10 people to cover every phase of route. Martin-W4MHH
- ▶ **The Christmas party** is Dec 12 and will be held at the Rotonda Club House; time, 6PM. Martin-W4MHH
- ▶ **EARS Meeting** – Englewood Amateur Radio Club meetings are the **3rd 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. The August program is not known at this time.
- ▶ **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 in the Englewood Chamber of Commerce building conference room, 601, South Indiana Avenue on the 3rd Saturday of each month; time 9:30 AM. Exams are given on a reservation basis only. Contact Jack Sproat-W4JS, w4js@juno.com PH: 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** – The meetings are held on the 1st Wed. of each month in Sarasota at Denny's on Bee Ridge Road; time 1130AM.
- ▶ **Weekly Amateur Breakfasts** – Tuesday morning, 7AM at Tiffany's and 8AM at the Country Hound in Englewood. Friday morning, 8AM at Mel's diner in Venice.

EARS Directory Update

Selwyn Kerrigan-WB1CYM has changed his Email address to: sekerry@juno.com

Carol Nottingham-W4NEM has changed her postal address to: 20602 Tappan Zee, Port Charlotte, FL, 33952

Amateur Radio Equipment For Sale, Trade, Want to Buy

None listed this month

Contact the editor to add your equipment needs.

Internet Sites to Explore

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

October Hamfests

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

- **2 Oct 2004** Jacksonville Free Hamfest, North Florida ARS & Florida Radio Electronics Enthusiasts
<http://www.nofars.org/hamfest.html>, Contact: Billy Williams, N4UF, PO Box 9673, Jacksonville, FL 32208-0673, Phone: 904-765-3230, Email: n4uf@nofars.org
- **9 Oct 2004** Cy Harris W4MAQ Memorial Free Flea Motorola ARC & Broward ARC, Plantation, FL
<http://www.geocities.com/bcepn/freeflea.html>
Contact: Richard Block, KG4CHW, 5080 SW 64th Avenue, Apt. 201, Davie, FL 33314-5214
Phone: 954-275-0652, Email: kg4chw@arrl.net
- **16 Oct 2004** Greater Jacksonville Hamfest Association
<http://www.jaxhamfest.com> Contact: Larry Rich, W1LR
PO Box 2123, Orange Park, FL 32067-2123, Phone: 904-272-1472, Email: w1lr@arrl.net
- **23 Oct 2004** North Brevard ARC, Titusville, FL
<http://www.northbrevardradioclub.org>,
Contact: Bob Jones, N6USP, PO Box 1033, Mims, FL 32754,
Phone: 321-264-2622, Email: n6usp@gnc.net

WA7BNM August Contest Calendar

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

- TARA PSK Rumble Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Oct 2
- Oceania DX Contest, Phone 0800Z, Oct 2 to 0800Z, Oct 3
- EU Autumn Sprint, SSB 1500Z-1859Z, Oct 2
- California QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 2 to 2200Z, Oct 3
- UBA ON Contest, SSB 0600Z-1000Z, Oct 3
- RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, SSB 0700Z-1900Z, Oct 3

- German Telegraphy Contest 0700Z-0959Z, Oct 3
- ARS Spartan Sprint 0100Z-0300Z, Oct 5
- YLRL Anniversary Party, CW 1400Z, Oct 6 to 0200Z, Oct 8
- 432 MHz Fall Sprint 1900 local -2300 local, Oct 6
- SARL 80m QSO Party 1700Z-2000Z, Oct 7
- Makrothen RTTY Contest 0000Z-0800Z, Oct 9 and 1600Z-2400Z, Oct 9 and 0800Z-1600Z, Oct 10
- Oceania DX Contest, CW 0800Z, Oct 9 to 0800Z, Oct 10
- EU Autumn Sprint, CW 1500Z-1859Z, Oct 9
- Pennsylvania QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 9 to 0500Z, Oct 10 and 1300Z-2200Z, Oct 10
- FISTS Fall Sprint 1700Z-2100Z, Oct 9
- North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z-0400Z, Oct 10
- 10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint 0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10
- UBA ON Contest, CW 0600Z-1000Z, Oct 10
- YLRL Anniversary Party, SSB 1400Z, Oct 13 to 0200Z, Oct 15
- JARTS WW RTTY Contest 0000Z, Oct 16 to 2400Z, Oct 17
- Microwave Fall Sprint 0600 local -1300 local, Oct 16
- Worked All Germany Contest 1500Z, Oct 16 to 1459Z, Oct 17
- Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW 0000Z-0200Z, Oct 17
- UBA ON Contest, 2m 0600Z-1000Z, Oct 17
- RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest, CW 0700Z-1900Z, Oct 17
- W/VE Islands QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 23 to 2359Z, Oct 24
- 50 MHz Fall Sprint 2300Z, Oct 23 to 0300Z, Oct 24
- FISTS Coast to Coast Contest 0000Z-2400Z, Oct 24
- CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Oct 30 to 2400Z, Oct 31
- 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW 0001Z, Oct 30 to 2359Z, Oct 31
- ARCI Fall QSO Party 1200Z, Oct 30 to 2400Z, Oct 31

Special Events

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

- Alexandria, MN: Runestone ARC--W0ALX, W0W. 1100Z Sep 13-2300Z Sep 24. Kensington Runestone Discovery. 21.070 14.250 14.050 7.200. Certificate. Bill Klundt, 509 Pine St S, Sauk Centre, MN 56378.
- Butler, PA: Butler County Amateur Radio Association, W3UDX. 1300Z-1800Z Sep 18. Birthday of the Jeep. General bands 80 to 10. QSL. BCARA, PO Box 1787, Butler, PA 16003.
- Fredricksburg, TX: North Texas Renewable Energy Group ARC, W5S. 0000Z Sep 23-2359Z Sep 26. Club will operate a solar powered station at TRE Roundup. 28.400 21.320 14.270 7.260. Certificate. Greg Hall, 18011 Old Preston Ct, Dallas, TX 75252.
- Fairmount, IN: Grant County Amateur Radio Club, W9EBN. 1500Z-2200Z Sep 25. James Dean Country Where Cool Was Born and Car Show. 146.79 28.430 14.243 7.244. Certificate. L. B. Nickerson, 517 N Hendricks Ave, Marion, IN 46952. www.grantarc.com.
- West Chester (Cincinnati), OH: West Chester Amateur Radio Association, WC8VOA. 1200Z-2400Z Sep 25. 60th Anniversary of Voice of America-Bethany Dedication. 28.305 21.305 14.275 7.275. QSL. WC8VOA, PO Box 913, West Chester, OH 45071. www.wc8voa.org.

- Macon, GA: Macon-Bibb Emergency Management Agency Volunteers and Exchange Club of Macon, W4G. 1600Z Oct 1-2400Z Oct 2. Celebrating the 149th year of the Georgia State Fair. 14.255 7.255. Certificate. Jeff Amerson, Exchange Club of Macon, PO Box 13571, Macon, GA 31208.
- Anamosa, IA: Jones County Amateur Radio Club, N0CWP. 1300Z-1700Z Oct 2. 16th Annual Anamosa Pumpkinfest and Weigh-Off. 14.260. Certificate. Jim McClintock, 301 Vine St, Morley, IA 52312.
- Middletown, RI: Newport County Radio Club, W1SYE. 1400Z Oct 2-2100Z Oct 3. Norman Bird Sanctuary Harvest Fair--emphasis on youth. 21.350 14.285 14.071 7.260. Certificate. Newport County Radio Club, Box 3103, Newport, RI 02840. www.qsl.net/w1sye/.
- Wallingford, CT: Meriden Amateur Radio Club, W1NRG. 1600Z Oct 2-2200Z Oct 3. "Celebrate Wallingford" CT town festival. 28.375 21.375 14.275 7.275. Certificate. Jim Savage, N1ZN, 19 Broadview Dr, Wallingford, CT 06492-3349. www.meridenarc.org.
- Youngstown, OH: Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association, W8QLY. 1300Z-2200Z Oct 3. Boardman Oktoberfest. 28.450 21.350 14.250 7.250. QSL. Mahoning Valley ARA, PO Box 2950, Youngstown, OH 44511.
- Prince Albert, SK, Canada: Northern Saskatchewan Amateur Radio Club, CG5EEE. 0000Z Oct 3-2359Z Oct 16. City of Prince Albert's Centennial. 21.220 14.220 7.220 3.720. Certificate. NSARC, c/o 532 - 26 St W, Prince Albert, SK, Canada S6V 4R5. US hams include \$2 for certificate requests.
- Jefferson, OH: Ashtabula County Amateur Radio Club, K8CY. 1400Z Oct 8-2100Z Oct 9. Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival. 28.460 21.360 14.260. Certificate. ACARC, 722 Lyndon Ave, Ashtabula, OH 44004. <http://acoc.ashtabula.net/radio/>.
- Ellijay, GA: Ellijay Amateur Radio Society, W4A. 2200Z Oct 8-0200Z Oct 18. 23rd Annual Apple Festival, Ellijay, Gilmer Co, GA. SSB & CW General bands 80 40 20 15 10 m and 1800-1900 kHz. Certificate. Ellijay Amateur Radio Society, PO Box 1371, East Ellijay, GA 30539. www.qsl.net/w4hjh/.
- Canon City, CO: Royal Gorge Amateur Radio Club, KB0TUC. 1800Z-2100Z Oct 9. From the world's highest suspension bridge. 14.260. Certificate. Chuck Ward, NC0A, 1011 Harrison St, Canon City, CO 81212. www.qsl.net/rghc.
- Forest, VA: Lynchburg Amateur Radio Club, N4J. 1400Z-2200Z Oct 9. Thomas Jefferson's summer retreat. 28.365 21.365 14.265 7.265. QSL. Ed Narwid, W4OAF, 1799 Otterhill Rd, Bedford, VA 24523.
- Gastonia, NC: Gaston County Amateur Radio Society, N4GAS. 1600Z-2200Z Oct 9. 20th anniversary Charlotte Area SKYWARN Net. 145.35 14.260 7.260. Certificate. John Covington, W4CC, PO Box 1604, Belmont, NC 28012. www.n4gas.org.
- Lake Placid, NY: Northern New York ARA, N2Y. 1400Z-1900Z Oct 9. NNY Section Hamfest/ Convention. 14.265 14.060 10.110 7.245. Certificate. Richard Sherman, 25 Pines Rd, Malone, NY 12953.
- Nowhere, KS: Douglas County Amateur Radio Club, W0UK. 1400Z-2100Z Oct 9. Operating from southern terminus of Midland Historical Railway. 28.365 21.365 14.244 7.244. Certificate. Kenneth Blair, KC0GL, 1711 W 19th Terr, Lawrence, KS 66046.
- Robbinsville, NC: Smoky Mountains Amateur Radio Team, N4GSM. 1400Z-2000Z Oct 9. Anniversary of the opening of Cherohala Skyway. 14.242 7.242. Certificate. SMART, PO Box 517, Robbinsville, NC 28771. <http://main.nc.us/graham/smart/>.
- Shady Valley, TN: Johnson County Amateur Radio Club, K4C. 1300Z-1900Z Oct 9. 14th Annual Cranberry Festival. 7.250. Certificate. JCARC, PO Box 155, Trade, TN 37691.
- South River, NJ: Raritan Bay Radio Amateurs, K2GE. 1300Z-2200Z Oct 9. The 50th anniversary of the Raritan Bay Radio Amateurs. 14.260 14.070 7.220. QSL. Raritan Bay Radio Amateurs, PO Box 392, South River, NJ 08882.
- Sterling, VA: Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club, K4NVA. 1400Z-2000Z Oct 9. The SterlingFest street festival. 14.240 7.240. QSL. Forrest B. Snyder Jr, Attn: SPARC, 805 S Hoga St, Sterling, VA 20164. www.qsl.net/sterling.
- Sandwich, IL: Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs, K9BSA. 1400Z Oct 9-1700Z Oct 10. Three Fires Council Camporall "Scouting the Globe." 21.380 14.280 7.280 3.880. QSL. WCRA, PO Box QSL, Wheaton, IL 60189. www.w9ccu.org.
- Westfield, NJ: W2LI Tri-County Radio Association Inc, W2LI. 1200Z Oct 9-2200Z Oct 10. Platinum Jubilee, a 70th anniversary celebration. 449.975 28.460 14.260. QSL. W2LI/AA2ZJ, 77 Pershing Ave, Iselin, NJ 08830.
- Festus, MO: Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club, KB0TLL. 1700Z-2000Z Oct 16. Great Ozark Chili Cook Out. 147.075 14.250 7.245. QSL. Lori Robinson, KB0WWQ, 3168 Old Hwy A, Festus, MO 63028-4743.
- Indian Orchard, MA: Titanic Historical Society Inc, W1MGY. 1300Z-2100Z Oct 16. Commemo-rating the 41st anniversary of the Titanic Historical Society. 14.260 14.033 7.260 7.033. QSL. W1MGY/Titanic Historical Society Inc, PO Box 51053, 508 Main St, Indian Orchard, MA 01151-0053. www.titanichistoricalsociety.org.
- Manchester, NH: New Hampshire Amateur Radio Service Club, Lawrence L. Lee Souting Museum and ARRL New Hampshire Section, N1S. 1400Z-2200Z Oct 16. 47th Jamboree-On-The-Air. 20 40 m phone and SSTV. QSL. Daniel Webster Council Office, Max I. Silber Memorial Station, 571 Holt Ave, Manchester, NH 03103. www.scoutingmuseum.org.
- Owosso, MI: Michigan Net, QMN, K8QMN. 1600Z-2000Z Oct 16. Telegraphers Reunion; American Morse will be retransmitted. 14.050. QSL. Morse Telegraph Club, PO Box 457, Allegan, MI 49010
- San Ramon, CA: Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club, W6CX. 1600Z Oct 16-1900Z Oct 17. Pacificon convention and the Boy Scout Radio Jamboree. SSB 28.390 21.360 14.290; SSTV 14.230. QSL. MDARC, PO Box 23222, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523. www.pacificon.org.
- Grandfather Mountain, NC: Goldsboro Amateur Radio Club, W4GOL. Beginning 1500Z Oct 18. East Coast Mile High Event. 28.490 21.350 14.280 146.580 446.000. QSL. Ray Lane, KD4FV, 612 Gloucester Rd, Goldsboro, NC 27534. www.geocities.com/dzdz.geo/Garc.htm.

- Oneonta, AL: Blount County Amateur Radio Club, W4BLT. 1500Z-2200Z Oct 23. Blount County Covered Bridge Festival. 14.260. QSL. W4BLT, 2745 Co Hwy 39, Oneonta, AL 35121. www.qsl.net/w4blt/.
- Palestine, TX: Palestine/Anderson County ARC, K5PAL. 1300Z-2200Z Oct 23. Hot Pepper Festival. 14.260 7.263. Certificate. David Carnathan, N5XPC, 504 S Micheaux, Palestine, TX 75801. www.pacarc.org.
- Randleman, NC: Tri-County ARC, NC4AR. 1400Z-1830Z Oct 23. 16th Annual NASCAR Day Festival. 14.278 7.268. Certificate. NC4AR, PO Box 747, Trinity, NC 27370.
- Brevard, NC: Transylvania County Amateur Radio Club, K4HXZ. 1600Z-2200Z Oct 31. Halloween in Transylvania County. 28.335 21.365 14.295 7.237. Certificate. TCARC, PO Box 665, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768.
- Pumpkin Center, Jacksonville, NC: The Onslow Amateur Radio Club, Inc, WD4FVO. 1900Z-2359Z Oct 31. Halloween from Pumpkin Center. 28.360 14.260 7.260 3.860. Certificate. The Onslow Amateur Radio Club, Inc, PO Box 841, Jacksonville, NC 28541. www.onslowarc.org.