



# THE **MONITOR**<sup>TM</sup>



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## President Ernie Parsons W1RXH Announces Retirement from Position



For the past two and a half years I have served as President of The East Coast Amateur Radio Service (ECARS) During this time it has been my pleasure to work with some great guys, but it is time for me to attend to some past obligations that I have neglected. I therefore

submitted my resignation as President of ECARS effective on June 15th 2008. For the past few years Along with my ECARS Duties, I have been the administrator of a local Food assistance program in the church that I serve in as an associate pastor, it consumes a considerable amount of my time. I also have a younger sister that I have not seen for more the two years. She has had two very serious deep brain surgeries that has left her some what immobilized. Several weeks ago she fell in her bathroom and broke her back, I need to spend some time with her. I am in my late 70s and would like to spend the latter years of my life free from as many obligations as possible, and I want to spend more time with my wife and kids.

This seems to be the right time to step down and make room for an excellent replacement, our current Vice President and outstanding Amateur Mr. Kelly McGuire N3FQG. and wel-

come aboard our new Vice President KA1SE Mr. Luke Lauretano.

The past two plus years have been very rewarding and I have made many great friends. We have accomplished much during the past few years. ECARS is a very smooth running organization and is in the hands of some very capable folks. I want to **THANK** everyone for what they have contributed. I wish the very best for ECARS and all the Officers, Directors and Appointees and the many non-official folks that have made the organization such a great success.

To repeat what Joe WY3T always signs his messages with **KEEP UP THE TRADITION.**

**My Very best 73s and GOD BLESS**

**each one of you ERNIE W1RXH**

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## Kelly N3FGQ Moves to President Spot

Hello ECARS Members, Directors , and Fellow Officers;



I am sadden to see Ernie Parsons leave us as our President, he has done an outstanding job to say the least. I will accept the office of President upon his leav-

ing and do my best to fill his shoes, and keep the good standing of ECARS going strong. I am looking forward to working with each and everyone of you all. If any of you have any suggestions or Ideas as to ways to improve things please feel free to contact me. I know with the team we have my job will be easy. Hope to see you on 7.255 MHZ soon !

Best 73's Always

Kelly, N3FGQ

## Directors Tag Luke KA2SE for VP Job



I appreciate being asked to participate as an officer of ECARS and will do my best to fill the office of Vice President for the remainder of the 2008 term and help the organization

continue to do a good job for Amateur Radio.

Luke Lauretano, KA1SE

## ECARS Net Manager's Report



**Joseph S. Reppert, WY3T**

The Annual Meeting of ECARS on April 26 was a pleasant event enjoyed by all who were in attendance.

It was good to see some old faces and some new ones.

There were no problems to address concerning the operation of ECARS on the air. Everyone is doing an excellent job of conducting the Net during their time slot. When any of the Operators are unable to keep their appointed schedule I am fortunate to have a very good pool of temporary Operators to draw from. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their help and everything they do for the Net.

If there are any members who would like to try their hand at running the Net, please get in contact with me, and I will put you on the list for filling in when there is a vacancy.

While the Net is in operation during the inclement weather that a lot of the country is experiencing try to be on the alert for any emergency traffic that might come your way. While running the net try to leave a bit of a pause between transmissions so as to accommodate a station in distress. Most of the time if a station is in a bad situation it will be a weaker signal and they will have a hard time to be heard.

Well that's about it for this time. Once again thanks to all who check in and thanks to all of you who help to make ECARS the number one net on Forty Meters.

**Keep Up The Tradition**

## ECARS Website



[www.ecars7255.com](http://www.ecars7255.com)



## Swap and Shop

Join us on 7.255 every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 12:00 noon for the Swap and Shop, hosted by Kelly N3FGQ

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## Humor

### Amateur Radio Definitions

For those new to ham radio, here are some useful definitions, pertaining to antennas and DX-ing.

**S.W.R.** -- A term, applied to any part of the antenna system, which Means: "Savings-to-Watt Ratio". Based on the inverse relationship of dollars in the bank and effective radiated power.

**Characteristic Impedance** - The usual reaction of your spouse when told about the proposed antenna system.

**Traps** -- Devices installed in antennas to collect rain-water, to keep it from running further down the antenna.

**Wind Loading** - The measure of how much more awkward it gets to handle a big beam as you ascend the tower.

**Balun** -- (Pronounced: "balloon" by many). An anti-surveillance device, installed in coaxial lines at the antenna, to prevent nosy neighbors from eavesdropping on you through their TV sets.

**Transmatch** -- A device mistakenly believed to decrease S.W.R.. The premise is that this device allows you to load up into a mis-matched antenna. Unfortunately, it the cost of one that lowers your S.W.R.

**House Bracket** -- A device which secures the house and the tower together. It lets the tower do double-duty by holding up the house during severe windstorms.

**Dummy Load** -- A measure of the stress exerted on a tower by a ham who climbs the tower without a safety belt.

*More Definitions next issue*

# ECARS Secretary / Treasurer's Report



**Charlie Stampf, W4FI**

### Account Balances Report As of 1/1/2008 (includes unrealized gains)

Account	Balance
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Checking	3958.63
<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	<b>3958.63</b>
Investments	
CD	6,261.24
<b>TOTAL Investments</b>	<b>6,261.24</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>10,219.87</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>10,219.87</b>

### Banking Summary—YTD 1/2/2008 through 6/9/2008

Category	Description
<b>Income</b>	
Decal	3.00
Donation	82.50
Dues –New	360.00
Dues—Renewal	1,360.00
Misc Income	161.50
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,967.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Annual Meeting	565.89
Misc Expense	161.50
Office Equipment	1294.28
Office Supplies	491.08
PO Box Rental	40.00
Postage	3.00
Web Page	126.99
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,682.74</b>
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>-715.74</b>

## The Ham Behind The Voice

Bob Schneebeli, ---- w3eop



I am the Net Controller you hear Monday thru Friday from 12noon to 1pm. Sometimes you hear me sometimes you don't. I started out in ham radio in 1969 and with the help from my elmer Charlie I was able to get my general license a short time later. My call sign was WA3NVZ and when my elmer passed away a few years ago I wanted to take his call sign. I finally saw it on vanity call list and changed my call to W3EOP. My yard is full of antennas. I have a beam, one 60 thru 10 dipole, 40 inverted V and an 80 thru 10 meters vertical. My neighbors think I am talking to Mars or a spy for the US. I have worked as an auto mechanic and for 16 years I have owned a small repair shop at my home in Saylorsburg, Pa. When I turned 70 years old in April of 2005 I finally decided to retire (the wife still works). But she is getting ready to retire very soon and then we want to do a little traveling. When I am not on the radio I do a little gardening, like to fish, and look at all the pretty girls at the seashore (when my wife is not with me), haha.

## Editor's Thoughts

Bob Benson K2IB

I would like to make a plea to all the people that submit article and pictures for the Monitor. Please do not send article in the body of an email as there is no conventional formatting. This causes many extra hours of formatting to get the articles ready for the issue. It is preferable to attach the article to the email as an attachment. I would hope that everyone has a standard word processing program that can be directly transferred to the publishing program. Microsoft Word or Word perfect would be excellent choices as they will not lose the format. Some other text editors do not forward the format.

I have also noticed that some formatting is lost because of the habit of hitting the return key at the end of each line, don't do it the computer will do it for you! The day of having to move the type writer carriage after each line is over.

I want to thank all the contributors as the majority of information that comes in is excellent.

Thanks & 73 Bob K2IB

## ECARS Patch

This beautifully embroidered ECARS patch will look great on your hat, jacket, or sewn to your favorite article of clothing.

The cost for the patch is \$5.00.

Send your payment to: ECARS, PO Box 5923, Hudson, FL 34674.



# Official ECARS Jacket

If you would like to purchase an ECARS jacket / windbreaker, they are available from one of the nation's premier public safety supply companies, Galls, Inc. To purchase an official ECARS jacket, fill out the order form below and send it along with the required payment to ECARS, PO Box 5923, Hudson, FL 34674. Pricing varies depending on jacket size and logo options selected.

Official ECARS embroidered patch is on the front and back of the jacket.

**Note:** The deadline for ordering jackets this year is October 31. Now is a great time to order ECARS jackets for the holidays. Effective 2007, jacket orders will be taken by ECARS twice a year, in January and July. The deadlines for submitting orders to ECARS will be January 31 and July 31.



## ECARS Jacket Order Form

Name:  Call:

Name and mailing address:

Men's sizes, circle one

M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
38—40	42—44	46—48	50—52	54—56
(\$19.99)	(\$19.99)	(\$19.99)	(\$23.99)	(\$27.99)

Women's sizes, circle one

M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
8—10	12—14	16—18	20—22	24—26
(\$19.99)	(\$19.99)	(\$19.99)	(\$23.99)	(\$27.99)

Color, circle one

Navy  Red  Black  Royal

Circle all desired

Large ECARS Logo-Back (\$24.99)  ECARS Logo Front Left (\$9.99)

Front right Name/Call (\$5.99), 15 characters., 2 lines

Name or Call only: (\$3.99)

Shipping: \$10.00  Set up fee: \$5.00

Total order: \$

Jackets will be dropped shipped by the manufacturer directly to you. Any overpayments in shipping will be applied to the set-up fee. Order issues should be addressed directly with the Galls, Inc. Make checks payable to:  
ECARS  
PO Box 5923  
Hudson, FL 34674



ECARS custom ceramic 10 ounce coffee mug

## ECARS Mug

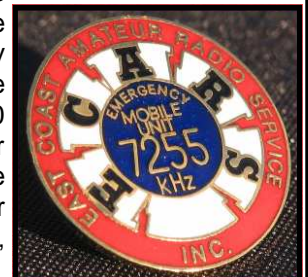
ECARS members can order custom ceramic coffee mugs for \$19.50 including the cost of priority mail. In addition to the ECARS logo you can include your call sign and ECARS number below the logo on both sides of the mug. Or below the ECARS logo on one side you can specify your call sign and on the other side below the ECARS logo you can specify your ECARS number. Choose the orientation of the mug (left or right hand) depending on which logo combination you would like facing you.

You can order the mugs by:

- email; rick@thesignman.com
- using the secure shopping cart; <https://cahaba.net/~thesignm/secure/> (beside "Color Items" click on "Select", then click on "Color Coffee Mug", then type the specifics in the "Enter Details Below" text block)
- by phone; 225-757-1545
- by fax; 225-208-1545

## ECARS Pins

ECARS pins are available from club secretary/treasurer Charlie Stampf, N2CJ. These are beautiful one-inch diameter gold pins with the red, white, and blue ECARS insignia in a very durable glossy finish. The price for one pin is \$3.50 plus \$.60 postage. To order a pin, send your check made out to ECARS for \$4.10 per pin to ECARS, PO Box 5923, Hudson, FL 34674-5923



# The East Coast Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (E.C.A.R.S.)

## Membership Application / Renewal

New Application  Renewal. If renewal enter your ECARS Number \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_  
Year First Licensed \_\_\_\_\_ Year you first joined ECARS \_\_\_\_\_, ARRL Member  Yes,  No  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City / Town \_\_\_\_\_, State/Province \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address. (do not use an alias, e.g. @arrl.net) \_\_\_\_\_  
May ECARS publish your email address?  Yes  No

ECARS Dues:  1 year \$10.00,  2 years \$20.00,  3 years \$30.00

Voluntary donation for a better ECARS  \$1,  \$5,  \$10,  other

I, the undersigned, hereby request a new a continued membership in the East Coast Amateur Radio Service, Inc.

I agree to abide by ECARS Bylaws, a copy which is available on the ECARS website, [www.ecars7255.com](http://www.ecars7255.com).

I understand that my application for ECARS membership is subject to approval by the ECARS Board of Directors, in its sole discretion.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions: Complete this form and mail it with a check or money order in United States funds to: **E.C.A.R.S., PO Box 5923, Hudson, FL 34674-5923.**

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