



EARS
ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

December 2022

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 at the COC in Englewood at 19:00, and virtually via Google Meet unless otherwise notified. Check the FB page , and groups.io for last minute updates**

CLUB NEWS



MEETING MINUTES

December 13, Meeting Minutes:

Meeting opened at 19:06 with Jon Pellant President leading and present members delivering the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Jon Pellant W1JP President, Jim Nelson W4AI Vice President, Bob McAllister KN4RKE Treasurer, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, Jon Blincoe N1COC, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Steve Malone KN4YIV, Shirley Duke KN4YIU, Mark Thurston KB8WXI, [Bill Reed](#) K7WWR, Doug Frazier KE5ODR, Michael Reed N3MR, Doug Vanderlaan K8RFT.

TREASURERS REPORT: Cash in checking: 11/31/22 \$3,226.24, Petty Cash \$45 - Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Steve Froggatt & 2nd Jon Blincoe. NOTE: Please pay dues by 12/31/2022 and suggestions for activities to replenish the checking account are welcome.

SECRETARIES REPORT: October Monthly meeting minutes are being reconstructed from my notes and will be finished soon. Lightning destroyed my lap-top before I performed a back-up and lost all data on it. ANI then finished off my roof, interior sheet rock, pool cage, storage shed, and anything else it encountered. Thus delaying the October report. Treasurer, Herman Hoffman & accepted by Steve Froggatt.

SUNSHINE: None this past month.

PUBLICITY: Winter Field Day will be submitted to Sun News weekly & daily by Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT, EARS Publicity Director.

Ken will be canvassing other potential periodical publications as well. Thank You Ken! The Winter Field Days will be January 28th & 29th at the Ann & Chuck Dever, Charlotte County Park on San Casa Dr. Englewood.

DX: Band activity is getting better on the longer wavelengths now. While various particles are getting belched toward Earth, bands above 20 Meters are making DX fun again. Discussion ensued regarding particle distribution & ducting on the VHF & UHF Bands. Jim Nelson has been able to use FT8 to continue his goal of a “Worked all Countries Certificate”. Maybe an all-hands-on deck to insure Jim’s completion would help? Along With good DX performance, Winter Field Day is coming fast, please sign up soon. Contact: Bill Reed or Bill Dolan for information or sign up.

ARES & Training and Testing: Doug Frazier reported four (4) Technician Licenses were awarded to attendees of the CERT weekender training course. Great success has been made with getting new members for Charlotte County Cert and perhaps a few new members for the Ham Clubs. Thank you, Doug for your persistence and ambition. New classes have been scheduled for May 6th, 2023. Interested parties can get more information on the appropriate Charlotte County Web Page.

HAM FEST: announcement of a transportation bus for the Orlando event in February. Several members. Took the bus to attend the event last year and it will be available again this year.

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Contact **Steve Bishop, KW4SAB, at 815-222-5469**. As of December 29, 2022, there three seats available, however that does change as the departure date approaches. **HOWEVER, DON'T WAIT**

TECHNOLOGY: Considerable discussion of antennas took place regarding Winter Field Day. Dave Reed discussed his 6 Meter J-Pole Antenna at the November meeting and Doug Frasier & Jim Nelson discussed the use of a 5/8 Wave-length 2 Meter antenna in an HOA environment. Jon Pellant & Bob McAlister delivered information regarding CAD and 360 Printers, for creating software for project construction, board design, and product analysis.

NEW BUSINESS: No New Business

OLD BUSSINESS: Officers Election is set for the January 9, 2023, at EARS Meeting. The slate of victims is same as 2022 since no volunteers attended the December 13, 2022, the same folks who served last year, will have another year added to their sentences.

Jon Pellant, President W1JP

Jim Nelson, Vice President W4AII

Robert McAlister, Treasurer KN4RKE

Herman Hoffman, Secretary WA9LFQ

Anybody who wishes to be an officer please advise any present officers ASAP.

Motion to adjourn by Jon Blincoe and seconded by Steve Froggatt at 20:59.

2 Meter Chat Net:

The club conducts a two meter chat net every **Tuesday evening on N4EAR, 146.865 136.5HZ tone, -600 transmit at 7:30 PM**. On Tuesdays that the club holds its meeting, no net. If you are using echo link to check in, temporarily use the **K8ONV** node. We are in progeess of changing the node to **N4EAR**

The club is always looking for net control operators. If you would like to participate as a net controller, please let a club officer know!

The current rotation is:

Week 1: KN4NFX

Week 2: Club meeting, net not held

Week 3: KN4RKE

Week 4: W4AII

Week 5 (if needed) : Open

12/20/2022 **KN4RKE** Net Control

Early Bird opened at 19:15 local time

KN4PHQ John, Rotonda West...all good

KN4NFX Steve, Rotonda dhore day. Heading North Thursday

W1NQT Ken, Englewood...Enjoying F1 from the great white North

W4AII Jim on Manasota Key...today is dry-wall replacement day!

K2GQG John, Caneseo NY. Soon heading down to Englewood!

K8RFT, Doug Englewood... working on Hurricane Ian stuff.

KW4SAB Steve in SGC. Great signal into repeater. All is well

KA8PBA Jim in Englewood,,, Merry Christmas!

12/27/2023 **KW4SAB** Net Control

Early check in at 19:15 local time:

KN4PHQ, John, Rotonda. Enjoyed breakfast at Rosies. Cool temps in house, ac/heater issues

KN4RKE, Bob, Englewood. Missed all at breakfast. Ticket and bus ride to Hamcation.

K8ZZU, Jim Englewood. Lots of snow in UP. Good to see all at breakfast at Rosies

19:30 local time official check ins

W4AII Jim, Manasota Key. Good signal into repeater. FT8 conversations at breakfast

WB8WNF Walt on echo link from MI. Lots of snow and cold wx. Will be in FL soon

K8RFT Doug in Englewood.. Enjoyed breakfast. Got new vertical HF antenna. Working on issues.

Net closed at 20:08 local

Breakfast at Junior and Rosie's continues to be a popular event. We meet at 07:30 for good food, good price, and good fellowship, every Tuesday morning. If 07:30 is too late for your busy day, a few meet at 07:00! Come on down for a good Tuesday morning start!



Member DIREKTORY

If you are *not* on this list, I don't have you marked for 2023. Please contact me if I've made an error. Thanks, Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer
lobanker@hotmail.com

[Groups.io Website](#)

If you are not getting the EARS groups.io emails, please contact one of the club officers. Groups.io is used to send emails concerning club activities and other supportive functions. If you don't get the messages you are missing out on club information! Get more information at main@ears.groups.io/Home or main+subscribe@ears.groups.io

It's time to renew your EARS Membership dues for 2023!

At the end of this newsletter is a dues renewal form, which you can use (bring to meeting or mail to PO Box) to renew for 2023. Or you can download a "fillable pdf form off the webpage! Additionally, you can now use a **credit card** or *Paypal* by going to the club webpage www.earsradioclub.org and clicking on the "buy now" button on the membership page. Please take a few moments to **renew for 2023**.

Options

Single Membership one year \$15.00 USD ▾

Buy Now



Use the BUY button above to purchase a membership on line with Paypal

Orlando HamCation : Feb 10-12

One of the best ham fests going! You can order your tickets on line at www.hamcation.com Also, check with W2XYZ (Frank Wroblewski) to see if there are any seats remaining on the chartered bus from Venice to Orlando and back for the 11th!



Paid Dues Query			
Expires Date	F Name	L Name	Call Sign
12/31/2050	Freeman	Crosby	W1NPR
12/31/2029	Luis	Napoles	KN4ITK
12/31/2023	Herman	Hoffman	WA9LFQ
12/31/2023	Bernie	Silverberg	K4KUO
12/31/2023	Doug	Vanderlaan	K8RFT
12/31/2023	Mark	Thurston	KB8WXI
12/31/2023	Jim	Grimes	KD8OCW
12/31/2023	Doug	Frazier	KE5ODR
12/31/2023	Steve	Froggatt	KN4NFX
12/31/2023	John	Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
12/31/2023	Jonathan	Blincoe	N1COC
12/31/2023	Ken	Blackshaw	W1NQ7
12/31/2023	Robert	McAlister	KN4RKE
12/31/2023	Jim	Nelson	W4All
12/31/2023	Shirley	Duke	KN4YIU
12/31/2023	Walt	Kline	WB8WNF
12/31/2023	Douglas and Jayne	Young	KM4LKC
12/31/2023	Cliff	Evans	KC3F
12/31/2023	Jay	Wilson	KB1HNE
12/31/2023	Bill	Dolan	W2CWL
12/31/2023	Michael	Reid	N3MR
12/31/2023	Karl	Kaukis	K0CIE
12/31/2023	Steve	Bishop	KW4SAB
12/31/2023	Steve	Malone	KN4YIV
12/31/2023	George	Krickovich	W2YJ



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| <input type="checkbox"/> VE Testing | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |

Yearly Membership Dues \$15

Family Membership Dues \$18.50

Bring form and Check to Meeting, or mail form and check to:

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