



# EARS

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

**November 2023**

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, December 12th, 2023 at the COC in Englewood at 19:00, unless otherwise notified. Check the FB page , and groups.io for last minute updates**

### CLUB NEWS

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#### MEETING MINUTES

### ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes for November 14, 2023 Meeting opened at 19:05 with VP Jim Nelson presiding and leading

the Pledge of Allegiance with those attending.

Existing Members in attendance: Jim Nelson, W4AI, VP, Bob McAllister KN4RKE Treasurer, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, Michael Reed N3MR, Shirly Duke KN4YIU, Steve Malone KN4YIV, Brett Boone KJ7DQJ, John Hodedon KN4PHQ, Bernie Schmelz K04ZQL, Bill Reed K7WWR, Jim Porter KA8PBA, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Mark Thurston KB8WXL, Kelly Combes W04RAC, Torry Levenson W4RFV  
16 Members In Attendance, THANK'S FOR YOUR TIME

TREASURERS REPORT: For Month of October:

Checking Account balance \$ 3326.81 Petty Cash \$ 21.81, Dues & Miscellaneous \$ 32.98 as of last month.

Motion made to accept Treasurers Report with Motion to accept, Steve Malone and Second by Steve Froggatt.

SECRETARIES REPORT October 10, 2023, monthly meeting minutes were recorded by Herman Hoffman and placed into the October Monthly EARS Newsletter by Bob McAllister. Motion to accept Minutes as published was made by Steve Froggatt and 2nd by Mike Reid.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS REPRESENT VOTING FOR OFFICERS AND EARS BYLAW ADJUSTMENTS.**

SUNSHINE: Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, had several Sunshine opportunities again this past Month.

Thank you, Ken.

PUBLICITY: Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, Director of Publicity: Ken is the go-to EARS Member for publicity regarding EARS events, service, and information dispersal. He found out that the GMRS project engineers on Boca Grand Island are EARS Engineers too. Testing of the Boca Grand system has only just begun. As more of the equipment is installed the communications system will interface with island Public Service Providers and supporters using their skills, talent, and experience to install a link with official communications providing island wide reliable emergency communications with the mainland via an alternative link communications source between Fire, Medical and Public Services. Thank you to Jon Blinco and Jon Pelant for efforts resulting in community communications excellence.

EVENTS & ACTIVITY: Events & Activities Directors are Bill Reid, Steve Bishop, and Bernie Schmalz. They and other members are working on Winter Field Day. Radio Fox Hunt, AM Radio, and FT8 Digital contesting. Bernie Schmalz, Jim Nelson and Bill Reed were deeply involved in the Waterfest activity, which took place November 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. EARS had a booth explaining Ham Radio a functioning Ham Station with its own call sign, and people who know Ham Radio. and if you wish to help next year please contact Jim Nelson or any member for more information.

HAMFESTS: Please see latest listing of ARRL Hamfest's and stay tunes for local get togethers and equipment sales.

ARES: Hurricane season has come & gone. Since we were treated to a very mild Hurricane Season it imperative and appropriate that we think of our Charlotte County Flares, (Continued on pg 2...)

## 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 **7:15 PM**. On Tuesdays that the club holds its meeting, no net. If you are using echo link to check in, **N4EAR** node.

**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 monthly rotation is:**

**Week 1: KN4NFX**

**Week 2: Club meeting, net not held**

**Week 3: KN4RKE**

**Week 4: W4AII/KM4GX**

**Week 5 (if needed) : Open**

**If you can not commit to full rotation, please volunteer for “substitution” rotation.**

EARS net for 10/24/23. Steve **KM4GX** Net control

1 **AA4GH**, Gus in Burnt Store Marina- EchoLink. Is going to look into the DX contest this weekend.

2. **K7WWR**, Bill- EchoLink. Is currently in Salina Kansas working his way back home to Florida. He might be able to find time to work some DX stations while stopped along the way.

3. **KN4NFX**, Steve in Rotonda. Busy with chores around the house and putting up Halloween lighting.

4. **KN4RKE**, Bob in Englewood. Will participate in the DX contest to try and add a few more countries to his logbook.

5. **W4AII**, Jim in Manasota Key. Good breakfast with 7 members present. Is happy to have his HF rig and antenna back up and running. He has already made 7 QSO's on SSB. CCFLARES drill and water fest announcements.

6. **WB1FLD**, Dave in Englewood. Will be traveling this weekend and won't be able to participate in the DX contest.

7. **WO4KAC**, Kelly in SGC. Things are going well and he may listen to the DX contest, but doesn't have his antenna up yet to transmit.

8. **W4RFV**, Tony in Gulf Cove. Greetings to everyone on the net. Still working on getting his HF station set up so won't be able to work any SSB yet.

9. **KN4YIU**, Shirley in SGC. Her and Steve will be checking into the DX contest this weekend. All set to go for Water Fest weekend.

10. **KN4YIV**, Steve in SGC. Looking forward to working some new countries this weekend in the DX contest. He is enjoying his new HF rig and has been making some QSO's.

11. **KD8KII**, Charlie from Englewood mobile with his HT. Just checking in to say hi.

12. **KN4PHQ**, John in Rotonda. Good breakfast at Jun-

ior & Rosie's. He doesn't have an HF antenna at his home, so he won't be participating in the DX contest.  
13. **KA8PBA**, Jim in Englewood. Checked in to say hi, won't be participating in DX this weekend.  
14. **KQ4ELK**, Kermit in Warm Mineral Springs. Enjoying a nice evening on the Lanai. Is going to listen to some of the DX contest on the internet.

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**MEETING MINUTES**

, SARS members, Emergency Services and participate in practices, activities such as dress rehearsal for Hurricanes that do make appearances here in SW Florida. ANI hit us right on the nose on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Hams and the public need to understand what the real purpose of Ham Radio has always been for civilian wellbeing. That is, sharing information with the authorities who have the responsibility of OLD BUSINESS: The change in EARS dues, from \$ 15.99 to \$ 25.00. per year was voted on and passed. Final tally 13 for 2 against. **HOWEVER, IF DUES ARE PAID BEFORE January 1, they remain at \$ 15.00. PLEASE ATTEND: December & January meetings.** for your choice in President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary. Don't complain if you don't vote, your votes & ideas are important to West Charlotte County.

Jim Nelson thanked all members who decided to help out with various duties and the establishment of EARS at the booth facility. Jim Nelson is already working feverishly on Waterfest 2024. Please help as your schedule allows. EARS will have another booth at Waterfest next year.

NEW BUSINESS: Further discussion this month regarding financial, club status, and other pending subjects were discussed.

Steve Froggett moved to close the November 10, 2023, meeting. Bob McAlister seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting closed at 20:04 Hrs. WA9LFQ



## *Breakfast at Junior and Rosie's*



Fun and fellowship at Junior and Rosie's

Breakfast at J&R's continues to be a popular club event. The prices are right, the food is good, and the ham radio fellowship is great! The group meets between 7 and 7:30 am for food and fun. This summer we average about 8 club

members every Tuesday. Thanks to Jon Blincoe, N1COC, for arriving early and setting up the tables for our group.

### Upcoming Club Activities

#### Appointment of Nominating Committee:

A nominating Committee was appointed, chaired by N3MR. The committee will present a slate of candidates at the December meeting. If you are interested in running for office, please contact Mike Reid, Shirley Duke, or Bob McAlister.

### Annual Membership Meeting

The January meeting is designated as the "Annual Membership Meeting". In January the Officers and Trustees will be elected. If you are a member in Good Standing please be there to elect the new club leaders. **"In good standing" means your dues are current so please check this newsletter closely to see how to renew (by paypal or mail) so you will be current in 2024.**

Although there will be a slate developed by the Nominating Committee, nominations from the floor will be accepted at the January meeting.

### Winter Field Day January 27 and 28, 2024

WFD will be held at Ann Deever Park 1/27-28/2024. We are planning to have 3 HF stations and one VHF/UHF station. A sign up list for operators will be sent out to members. Set up will start at about 9 am Saturday, and WFD starts at 2 pm. WFD ends at 2 pm Sunday, so there will be plenty of opportunities to get on the air.

### EARS Foxhunt

A "walk-about" fox hunt will be held 1/6/2024. It will be an "entry level" event meaning new comers are welcome, and assistance will be provided to get a person going in fox hunting skills. The event will be at Ann Deever Park from Noon to 3 pm. Basic equipment to bring: Hand held receiver. Channel will be provided. Any questions please contact N3MR or KN4RKE

### Antenna Shoot-Out and Chill Cook-Off

March 9th, 2024 at Ann Deever Park from 11am to 3 pm. RSVP to K7WWR/KM4GX/KN4RKE by 2/29/2024. We need to know how many are coming and if they are bringing a chilli for the Cook-off. Homebrew and commercial antennas will be tested to find the best. XYL's and family/friends are welcome and invited.

### Monthly Meetings at COC

As mentioned in the header of the newsletter, the club meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, next door to the Fire Station in Englewood.. The meeting starts at 7pm. After the meeting, we like to have a speaker to present interesting technical, operational, or otherwise ham radio oriented topics. If you have a new rig, antenna, ham radio software, or tips about ham radio operation, please contact a club officer to schedule a time to share your info with the club members! Thanks in advance!

### EARS AT ENGLEWOOD WATERFEST:

EARS participated in the 2023 WaterFest Power Boat Championship Races held at Englewood Beach on the weekend of November 18th. The club provided security personnel for the event, and members to staff the tent that WaterFest provided (at no cost) to the club. The club operated a

"Special Event" call sign, N4W on HF, VHF, and UHF, and raffled off a VHF/UHF handheld (thanks to K04ZQL). Thanks to the many members who participated by providing staffing, equipment, and set-up/tear down to make the event a fun and successful club project! Special thanks to W4AII for organizing the club event and making it a fun time.





This is the list I have of members in good standing through 12/31/2023. There are a few

who have paid 2024 and further dues.

Thanks, Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer

lobanker@hotmail.com. Check the list (call signs in alphabetical order)

Paid Dues Query Expires Date	Call Sign
12/31/2023	K0CIE
12/31/2023	K1LOV
12/31/2024	K2GQG
12/31/2023	K4JWE
12/31/2023	K4KUO
12/31/2023	K7WWR
12/31/2023	K8DO
12/31/2023	K8RFT
12/31/2023	K8ZZU
12/31/2023	KA8PBA
12/31/2023	KB1HNE
12/31/2023	KB3FUH
12/31/2023	KB8WXI
12/31/2023	KC1MAM
12/31/2023	KC3F
12/31/2023	KC4WJ
12/31/2024	KD2AQR
12/31/2023	KD8KII
12/31/2023	KD8OCW
12/31/2023	KE4VEM
12/31/2023	KE5ODR
12/31/2023	KF4KDI
12/31/2024	KJ7BQQ
12/31/2023	KM4GX
12/31/2023	KM4LKC

**If you renew before the January 2024 meeting vote on dues increase, you will get the lower dues rate!** Use snail mail or button on website

<http://earsradioclub.org/Membership2.html>

Paid Dues Query Expires Date	Call Sign
12/31/2023	KM4UGR/KQ4DHN
12/31/2029	KN4ITK
12/31/2023	KN4LFC
12/31/2023	KN4NFX
12/31/2023	KN4PHQ
12/31/2023	KN4RKE
12/31/2023	KN4YIU
12/31/2023	KN4YIV
12/31/2023	KO4ZQL
12/31/2024	KQ4ELK
12/31/2023	N1COC
12/31/2024	N1RUZ
12/31/2023	N3MR
12/31/2023	N4LJT
12/31/2023	N9USZ
12/31/2023	NB3P
12/31/2024	Not yet licensed
12/31/2023	W1JP
12/31/2050	W1NPR
12/31/2023	W1NQT
12/31/2023	W2CWL
12/31/2023	W2YJ
12/31/2023	W4AII
12/31/2024	W4RFV
12/31/2023	W8JJV
12/31/2023	WA9LFQ
12/31/2024	WB1FLD
12/31/2023	WB8WNF
12/31/2024	WO4KAC

Please note that most of the dues on the list expire 12/31/2023. To be in Good Standing for the upcoming election please renew before **1/9/2024** . You may renew by mail (application at end of newsletter) or you may renew by using the Paypal button on our webpage.

**Options**

Single Membership one year \$15.00 USD ▾

**Buy Now**



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

## N4NUM For Sale Equipment List



### **Transceivers**

Yaesu FT-857D Mobile HF/VHF/UHF transceiver with separation kit \$800  
Yaesu FT-847 HF/VHF/UHF transceiver includes one of the two mic's below \$800  
Yaesu MH-31B8 Microphone \$25  
Yaesu MH-36D8 Microphone \$20  
Yaesu FC-20 Antenna Tuner \$200

### **Antenna Tuners**

MFJ MFJ-941E Antenna Tuner \$200  
MFJ MFJ-921 Antenna Tuner \$125

### **SWR/Power Meters**

Micronta, unknown model, label not readable, SWR/Power Meter ??? BRO  
Micronta 21-524 Field Strength SWR Tester \$10

### **Antenna & Related**

Larsen Electronics AD-2/70, 144/440 Antenna Duplexer \$15  
CushCraft CS50 6m mag mount \$25  
Diamond CR320A UHF connector, Tri-band 144/222/440 \$40 BRO  
T2X Rotor and Control Box, was service by Rotor Dr. 8/83. Not in service past 15 years. BRO  
RF Inquiry CF5KV 5KW HF Common Mode Filter \$175

### **Misc.**

2x, Heil Pro Set Headphones \$100 each  
West Mountain Radio Rig Blaster \$50

If you are interested in any of this equipment, please contact club member **David Bourque .at**  
**wb1fld@gmail.com**

## FLAGPOLE ANTENNA AND POWER AMPLIFIER



**Ameritron AL811** 600 watt linear amplifier 160-15 meters plus 10/12 meter modification Like new purchased in 2023, very light use, works perfectly. 950.00 firm.



**Greyline 24' Flagpole antenna**, brand new in the box. Comes with all parts needed to get on the air, including in ground mounting sleeve and RF choke. 650.00  
Contact **Steve Bishop, KM4GX**



### Englewood Amateur Radio Society

ARRL   
 First Name Last Name Call Sign License Class MBR

Address City Zip Code

Local Phone Mobile Phone Email Address

Secondary Address Secondary City ST Zip

Spouse

#### Please check Activity Interests:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day  | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contesting | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RFI/TVI    | <input type="checkbox"/> Packet         |
| <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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