



# EARS

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

## April 2024

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

**NEXT MEETING:**The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, May 14, 2024 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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Secretary Bernie Schmelz offered a “Silent Key” call to our good friend and member Bob Bowes who passed overnight on April 6<sup>th</sup>. 2024.

Members reconvened at 1920. Bill Reed offered the Pledge of Allegiance, and opened the meeting.

Bill offered a discussion and demonstration of Ham Radio Deluxe. Bill demonstrated most of the features of HRD and how he utilizes the software program. The program is used mostly for HF DX control and has a logging feature that can be integrated with the QRZ database. Members asked many questions and the demonstration was well received.

The SECRETARY’S REPORT was published in the newsletter. No changes and corrections were noted. Steve Froggatt made the motion to accept the report as published, Second by Ken Blackshaw. Vote: All in favor.

The TREASURER’S REPORT was published in the newsletter. No changes or corrections were noted. Jim Sanford made the motion to accept the report as published. Second by Steve Froggatt. Vote: All in Favor.

#### DX Reports

Jim Nelson reports that he has approximately 68 contacts now with 40 confirmed.

Steve Bishop stated that there was a DX contest over the past month. He has added 8/9 new countries including China and Philippines.

Bill Reed said that he has added Taiwan and Thailand.

#### CCFLARES Updates

Jim Nelson and Bernie Schmelz offered updates. The next major drill will be on Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Charlotte County’s last Hurricane Drill prior to the beginning of Hurricane Season on June 1.

New equipment has been deployed at Fawcett Hospital and also both Shorepoint Hospitals.

An additional NXDN repeater was deployed for coverage in the eastern part of Charlotte County (Babcock Ranch area). NXDN radios will be updated at the CCFLARES meeting on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

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Members convened at 1900 hours. Members in attendance

N1COE	JON BLINCOE
N9KBW	ROGER MATTILA
KD8KII	CHARLIE LANE
WA9LFQ	HERMAN HOFFMAN
WO0S	CHIP ESTABROOKS
W2CWL	BILL DONLAN
KN4PHQ	JOHN HODGDON
KN4NFX	STEVE FROGGATT
KA8PBA	JIM PORTER
W1NQT	KEN BLACKSHAW
W4RFW	TONY LEVENSON
KD8OCW	JIM GRIMES
K8ZZU	JIM SANFORD
KM4GX	STEVVE BISHOP
KO4ZQL	BERNIE SCHMELZ
KN4RKE	BOB MCALISTER
K7WWR	BILL REED

## 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: W1NQT**

**Week 4: W4AII/KM4GX/AA4GH**

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

**Substitute: KN4RKE**

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

**Tuesday, 4/23/2024**

Net Control AA4GH, Gus

Log ins:

W4AII, Jim, W2CWL, Bill, W1NQT, Ken, W8JJV, Duwain, KN4NFX, Steve, W4RFV, Tony, KN4RKE, Bob, K7WWR, Bill, KM4GX, Steve, KN4PHQ, John, WO4KAC, Kelly, KC1IWF, Allan



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## **Sunshine**

Ken Blackshaw reported on sunshine activities.

## **Activities**

Bill Reed reported the following guest speakers for July and August

Tom Chance of CCFLARES

Paul Toth will discuss NXDN initiative

Tom and Paul will get together to finalize the particular meeting they will speak at.

## **Old Business**

**Steve Bishop** indicated that shirts and hats have been ordered and should be arriving very soon.

There being no other business, **Jon Blincoe** moved that the meeting adjourn at 2011 hours.

## **Treasurer Report For April 2024**

Starting Balance **\$3440.43**

Expenses:

Paypal Fee \$ 1.99

Incomes:

Shirt/Hat Sales: \$243.83

50/50 and dues 154.75

Paypal xfr (Shirts), 98.90

Paypal xfr (Shirts), 58.90

Total \$556.38

Balance 4/30/2024

**\$3994.82**

Petty Cash \$33.31

## **New Club Hats and Shirts Available**

EARS Club shirts and hats are now available online!

The shirts have been updated to a “breathable fabric nicely suited to our Florida weather and the hats are available with a nice EARS logo and call sign/name option!



To order a shirt or hat, go to <https://www.hamthreads.com/>

And enter the code **N4EAR**

Many thanks to KN4YIU and KM4GX for doing the legwork in setting up the online vendor!



## *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. Thanks to Jon Blincoe, N1COC, for

arriving early and setting up the tables for our group. Although many of our "snow bird" breakfast participants have gone north, we are still averaging about 10 members per breakfast!

## Upcoming Club Activities

### Boca Grande POTA

May 14th after the social breakfast starting at 9 am to 2 pm. Will set up at the Boca Lighthouse. Contact K7WWR (Bill) or KM4GX (Steve) for further details!

### Foxhunt

Saturday noon to 4pm on May 18th (Saturday), The foxhunt will start at noon at the Tringali Library. Ground rules and a map will be provided to help participants find the fox! Unlike our 2 earlier foxhunts, this fox will be hidden within a few miles of the library (and southward). It's recommended you have a directional antenna, a compass (or phone app) to find a directional bearing and a partner to help you navigate. A partner is not required but would be helpful. Any questions contact KN4RKE (Bob) at lobanker@hotmail.com

### Summer Field Day

This year the club will be operating at least 3 stations at the South Gulf Cove clubhouse, It's

**air-conditioned** and there are restrooms! Begins Saturday June 22nd at 13:00. Come earlier if you can help with station setup. It's your chance to work HF stations from around the world. It's estimated 35,000 hams will be on the air! It will also be a time for fellowship with your EARS club members. For more information contact any club officer.

### July DX Contest

The club is sponsoring a DX contest for the whole month of July. Rules will be the same as last year, with a few twists and turns! This year there will be a Technician class only category, This will be a chance for our Techs to compete among themselves for top dog Dixer! Final rules will be distributed at the June meeting and published on groups.io

### Lighthouse Lightship Radio Weekend

The club has reserved the Boca Grande Lighthouse location to set up stations for the LH/LS Weekend event. It is held the last full weekend in August. More details to come

There will be other potential activities like POTA, shooting/marksmanship, and maybe a picnic. As details are figured out watch the groups io, Facebook, and the newsletter for updates

### 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 on Rte 776. The meeting starts at 7pm. The format of the meeting has changed. First 15 minutes for socializing, next 20 minutes for a presentation/speaker and the remaining time for club business. If you have knowledge/experience/ or information about ham radio software, or tips about ham radio operation, or any other ham related skills, please contact a club officer to schedule a time to share your info with the club members! Thanks in advance!



This is the list I have of members in good standing through 12/31/2024. Thanks,

Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer, lobanker@hotmail.com.

Paid Dues Query F	L Name	Call Sign
JoAnn	Adamy	KC4WJ
John	Babbitt	K2GQG
Sue	Babbitt	KD2AQR
Brendon	Bertancourt	KB3FUH
Steve	Bishop	KM4GX
Ken	Blackshaw	W1NQT
Jonathan	Blincoe	N1COC
Brett	Boone	KJ7BQQ
Joyce	Bourque	N1RUZ
David	Bourque	WB1FLD
Kelly	Combes	WO4KAC
Freeman	Crosby	W1NPR
Bill	Dolan	W2CWL
Shirley	Duke	KN4YIU
Vic	Emmelkamp	K4VHX
Cliff	Evans	KC3F
Doug	Frazier	KE5ODR
Steve	Froggatt	KN4NFX
Jim	Grimes	KD8OCW
August (Gus)	Hawkins	AA4
Matthew	Henry	KE4VEM
Michael	Henry	KF4KDI
John	Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
Herman	Hoffman	WA9LFQ
Stephen	Johnson	K1LOV
Karl	Kaukis	KOCIE

Paid Dues Query F	L Name	Call Sign
Walt	Kline	WB8WNF
Charles	Lane	KD8KII
Tony	Levenson	W4RFV
David	Lynch	K2SDA
Steve	Malone	KN4YIV
Roger	Mattila	N9KWB
Robert	McAlister	KN4RKE
John (Bernadette)	McEnerney	KQ4ELH
Jerry	Meckenberg	K4JWE
Luis	Napoles	KN4ITK
Jim	Nelson	W4AII
Kermit	Noles	KQ4ELK
Charlotte	O Conner	WD8RIM
Doc	O'Connor	K8DO
Kyra	Pellant	
Jon	Pellant	W1JP
Jim	Porter	KA8PBA
Bill	Reed	K7WWR
Michael	Reid	N3MR
Jim	Sanford	K8ZZU
Bernard	Schmelz	KO4ZQL
James & Mary	Stillwagon	Not yet licensed
Mark	Thurston	KB8WXI
Daniel	Williams	N0DRW
Douglas & Jayne	Young	KM4LKC

[Please advise me of any corrections or new additions](#)

Membership renewal can be accomplished by sending the form on the next page to EARS, or by logging on to the clubs website, [www.earsradioclub.org](http://www.earsradioclub.org) and using the paypal option. You don't need a paypal account to join!





## Englewood Amateur Radio Society

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>License Class</b>	<b>ARRL MBR</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Zip Code</b>		
<b>Local Phone</b>	<b>Mobile Phone</b>	<b>Email Address</b>		
<b>Secondary Address</b>	<b>Secondary City</b>	<b>ST</b>	<b>Zip</b>	
<b>Spouse</b>				

Please check Activity Interests:

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Field Day  | Technical      |
| Contesting | Computers      |
| RFI/TVI    | Packet         |
| VE Testing | Publicity      |
| Training   | Special Events |

Yearly Membership Dues \$25

Family Membership Dues \$30

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

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P.O. Box 572  
Englewood, FL. 34295