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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

July 2023

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, August 8th, 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

Meeting Minutes for **July 11, 2023**
Meeting opened at 19:05 with Vice President Jim Nelson presiding and those attending delivering the Pledge

of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Jim Nelson **W4AII** Vice President, Bob McAllister **KN4RKE** Treasurer, Herman Hoffman **WA9LFQ** Secretary, Bill Dolan **W2CWL**, Shirley Duke **KN4YIU**, Steve Malone **KN4YIV**, Michael Reid **N3MR**, Mark Thurston **KB8WXI**, [Bill Reed](#) **K7WWR**, Steve Froggatt **KN4NFX**, Steve Bishop **KW4SAB**, Kelly Combes **WO4AC**, Doug Frazier **KE5ODR**, Geoff Norton **KM4UGR**

TREASURERS REPORT: Checking Account \$ 3,330.92

Petty Cash \$ 29.81, Dues & Miscellaneous \$ 188.00
Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Motion to accept, Steve Froggett, and Second by Michael Reid.

SECRETARIES REPORT: June 13, 2023, monthly meeting minutes were recorded by Herman Hoffman and placed into the June Monthly EARS Newsletter by Bob McAllister. Motion to accept Minutes as published was made by Bill Dolan and 2nd by Mike Reid.

SUNSHINE: Ken Blackshaw sent out Sunshine activity this past month to Bernie Schmelz who has had some health issues in the Northland.

Get Well Bernie.

PUBLICITY: Ken Blackshaw WINQT Director of Publicity & Sunshine Distribution

Ken Blackshaw is the go-to EARS Member for publicity regarding EARS events, service, and information disper-

sal. He has worked on Summer Field Day in both his Florida and Nantucket hometowns and unfortunately did not make Ham Radio direct contact with N4EAR during the event.

EVENTS & ACTIVITY: At this point Events & Activities Directors are Bill Reid, Steve Bishop, and Bernie Schmelz and others. They and other members are working on a possible Light House edition of 'Light House Field Day' in August. Since Hurricane ANI took aim at the Boca Grand Light House and severely damaged it, we all are concerned about safety so some alternatives may need to be examined.

HAMFESTS: Dayton Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio 19, 20, & 21 of May was deemed a success this year again. Several local Hams ventured North to attend. Perhaps a local EARS Hamfest could provide some needed EARS financial support, do you have some equipment available that is no longer used, needed or antique?

ARES: Hurricane season is upon us again. Since we were treated to ANI's foul behavior, it is important that we think of our Charlotte County Flares, SARS, and Ham practices activities as a dress rehearsal while enjoying Field Day activities. Potential problem points in the methods of connecting all the radio operators that are in the various radio locations should be tested as if an emergency was in progress though out the Summer and Fall. ANI hit us right on the nose on September 28th, 2022, Hams need to understand what the real purpose of Ham Radio has always been for. Antenna in use for an emergency should be evaluated for purpose and efficiency. Readiness testing must proceed on power generation, antenna structure safety, and transmission readiness. Charlotte County provides support via ARES and CC Flares with training and resource access.

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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/KW4SAB

Week 5 (if needed) : Open

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

EARS 2 Meter chat net report for June, 27 2023. Net Control Steve **KW4SAB**

1. **KN4PHQ**, John checked in via EchoLink from Maine. He says it's been pretty chilly up there and has been using the heater in the cabin to stay warm.
2. **KQ4ELK**, Kermit in Warm Mineral Springs. He enjoyed stopping by the Field Day site and meeting everyone.
3. **WO4KAC**, Kelly in South Gulf Cove. Enjoyed his visit to the EARS field day activities and meeting everyone. Trying to stay cool in the very warm temps!
4. **KN4YIV**, Steve in South Gulf Cove. Had a great time at field day, he and Shirley **KN4YIU** enjoyed the weekend spent with all the club members.
5. **KN4RKE**, Bob in Englewood. Acknowledged all of the visitors who stopped by our field day event. Welcomed the new club members who recently joined. Reminder on the upcoming DX contest.
6. **W4AII**, Jim in Manasota Key. Discussed good time at breakfast and was trying to resolve some issues with his random wire HF antenna.
7. **W2CWL**, Bill in Nokomis. Great time at field day, enjoyed working with the other members setting up the various antennas and operating the radios. His EFHW is working very well at his temporary QTH.
8. **WB1FLD**, Dave in Englewood. Had a great time at field day! Enjoyed operating on the HF stations and meeting the other club members.
9. **WINQT**, Ken checked in via EchoLink from Nantucket. The weather up there has been very rainy and there have been lots of flight delays getting to and from the island. He is requesting all the information

from the SFD activities for the PR report.

7/4/2023 Chat Net Log KN4NFX Steve Net Control W4AII Jim Manasota Key on echo link, awaiting fireworks and elevator repair

KN4JEN Alan planning trans Canada trip!

KN4RKE Bob in Englewood plugged DX contest, congrats to **KN4YIV** and **KN4NFX** on General class upgrades

N3MR Mike booming signal! enjoying the 4th

WO4KAC SGC Kelly working on license upgrade

KE5ODR Doug in Placida, wishing all a good holiday, in and out

KN4YIV Steve in SGC upgraded to General license.

Return from family visits

KW4SAB Steve in SGC (yes we have 2 Steves in SGC) enjoying breakfast with club members, cooling off in pool!

WB1FLD Dave in N Englewood, in and out

KN4PHQ John on echo link in rainy Maine! Waiting for good weather! (We are saving a breakfast spot for you John)

Net closed at 19:45 local time

EARS 2 Meter chat net report for **July 18 2023**. Net Control Steve **KN4RKE**

W2CWL Bill via echo link in Laurel. Enjoyed breakfast. Hurricane recovery moving along. **KN4NFX** Steve in Rotonda West commented on stormy weather.

W4AII Jim on Manasota Key on vertical. Noticed 12 at bkfst this morning. Mentioned upcoming Englewood Water Fest and ARES activities. **K7WWR** Bill in Englewood commented on DX contest. **KN4PHQ** John on echo link from Maine commented on cool rainy wx up north! **WO4KAC** Kelly in SGC commented on wx.

KW4SAB Steve in SGC mentioned bkfst crowd and DX competition. **KQ4ELK** Kermit in WMS checked in and out. **WB1FLD** David near Buchan Airstrip mentioned contesting, and planned trip to visit close Ham friend. Net closed at 19:42 local time

W4AII gave CCFLARES report(s):

Weekly Net on 6-28-23 had 18 checkins and lasted 23 minutes. NXDN Training was on June 29 2023

AARL WCF Announcements

Please see ARRL WCF website for details and to confirm all announcements here.

This month only, CCFLARES will do a **Winlink-Only** field exercise at the hospitals and EOC. I understand this month only there will be no analog FM repeater traffic. I and Hopefully Jim KA8PBA and/or Doug KE5ODR will participate with Winlink in the NE Corner of the hospital parking lot. All are welcome to join us!

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. Thanks to Jon Blincoe, **N1COC**, for arriving early and setting up the tables for our group!

History of Amateur Radio

wa3prc@embarqmail.com, Tom Hawes, sent in the link below, which is a very interesting (to me anyway) history of Amateur Radio in the USA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Su76QvChuEU>

The link is a valid link to youtube.com

Upcoming Club Activities

August 19-20 2023 Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend Event. Although not a formal activity, the Club has registered N4EAR to participate as the Boca Grande lighthouse registered entrant. There will be a few operators that will activate an HF or two station near the lighthouse on Boca Grande to participate in the event. All club members are invited to stop by and operate. Attend the August meeting or 2 meter chat net to get more info.

2023 Waterfest in Englewood

If you would like to volunteer for this year's waterfest please click on below link. **EARS typically provides our members as trained radio operators for the security team.** If you want to Volunteer as a radio operator, sign up for the **security** team. If you sign up for at least 2 Security shifts then you get a free lunch as well as free admission and a Security Shirt, plus we have a good time! If your desired shift is full, just sign up for any open **Security** shift and we will finalize the radio operator schedule closer to the event. Contact **W4All** for additional info.

[Ambassador Opportunities - Englewood Beach Waterfest](#)



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Winter Field Day January 27 and 28, 2024

More details as we get closer to 2024

Antenna Shoot-Out and Chill Cook-Off

Planned for sometime after WFD but before all the snowbirds go home for summer! The Activities Committee is working on the "details, rules and regulations" now.



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Minutes from page 1.....

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Several brainstorming ideas were thrown out regarding financial, club status, and other subjects for discussion. Lighthouse weekend activities are fast closing in on us and we must make final arrangements at the August meeting on the 8th. We may set up at the "Range Light Site" since ANI went through the beach area where the old light is located. Bathroom facilities are just fine. The location of the Range Light is the Boca Parking Lot North of the original Light House. Some discussion, in the group took place when Jon Blincoe discussed the possibility of getting a Ham shack-room at the Tran Gulley County facility. It's great to think we may have a single location.

Steve Froggett moved to close the July 11th, 2023, meeting.

Bob McAlister seconded the motion to adjourn.

Meeting closed at 20:14 Hrs.

There was no after meeting training activity this month.

Sharing Sunshine

WA9LFQ



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

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 op-

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eration, please contact a club officer to schedule a time to share your info with the club members! Thanks in advance!

Paid Dues Query F	L Name	Call Sign
JoAnn	Adamy	KC4WJ
John	Babbitt	K2GQG
Sue	Babbitt	KD2AQR
Brendon	Bertancourt	KB3FUH
Steve	Bishop	KW4SAB
Ken	Blackshaw	W1NQT
Jonathan	Blincoe	N1COC
Joyce	Bourque	N1RUZ
David	Bourque	WB1FLD
Bob	Bowes	KC1MAM
Steven	Churchill	N9USZ
Kelly	Combes	WO4KAC
Freeman	Crosby	W1NPR
Bill	Dolan	W2CWL
Shirley	Duke	KN4YIU
Cliff	Evans	KC3F
Doug	Frazier	KE5ODR
Steve	Froggatt	KN4NFX
Jim	Grimes	KD8OCW
Matthew	Henry	KE4VEM
Michael	Henry	KF4KDI
John	Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
Herman	Hoffman	WA9LFQ
Duwain	Hunt	W8JJV
Stephen	Johnson	K1LOV
Karl	Kaukis	K0CIE
Walt	Kline	WB8WNF
George	Krickovich	W2YJ
Ray & Patricia	LaBrie	KN4LFC
Charles	Lane	KD8KII
Steve	Malone	KN4YIV
Robert	McAlister	KN4RKE
Jerry	Meckenberg	K4JWE
Luis	Napoles	KN4ITK
Jim	Nelson	W4AII
Fran	Norton	
Doc	O'Connor	K8DO
Jon	Pellant	W1JP
Jim	Porter	KA8PBA
Bill	Reed	K7WWR
Michael	Reid	N3MR
Jim	Reske	NB3P
Jim	Sanford	K8ZZU
Bernard	Schmelz	KO4ZQL
Bernie	Silverberg	K4KUO
James & Mary	Stillwagon	Not yet licensed
Mark	Thurston	KB8WXI
Leonard	Trudeau	N4LJT
Doug	Vanderlaan	K8RFT
Jay	Wilson	KB1HNE
Douglas & Jayne	Young	KM4LKC

Equipment for Sale:

If you are interested in any of the equipment below, please contact **K4VHK**, Victor Emmelkamp at **ekamp3@gmail.com** or me **KN4RKE** at **lobanker@hotmail.com**



Anytone DMR/VHF T/R

Model 878 UV Plus Price: \$150.

MFJ 259B Antenna Analyzer

\$125.



A Comet mag mount VHF/UHF

with mag mount.

Price: \$ 50.

There will be an assortment of connector gender benders, a nice MJF Tuner, and some "go box" accessories put on display for sale at the next meeting, also from Victor, with the proceeds donated to the club general fund.

For sale by WB1FLD



1. An **Icom IC-9100** with the optional **1.2 GHz** module. I have had this radio for about 4 years and it maybe has 2 hours of TX time on 2m. I will entertain offers.

2. I have an old rotor, it is a T2X last serviced by the rotor doctor in 1983. I do have

a control box for it as well. I will also entertain offers on this big rotor.

Contact David (WB1FLD) at **wb1fld@gmail.com** if you are interested in the above gear. Additional gear will be listed in future newsletters

Bob. Also let you members know that I have an **Acom 1000** amplifier for sale with less then 5 hours on it. They are selling for \$3600 and I will let this go for what I paid for it new \$2600



wa3prc@embarqmail.com
Tom Hawes

If you have any equipment for sale, drop me an email with picture, price, contact info, and any other details you might want stated. **KN4RKE**



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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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