



# EARS

INGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

June 2023

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, April 11, 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 opened at 19:06 with President Jon Pellant presiding and those attending delivering the Pledge of Allegiance. Members in attendance:

Jon Pellant **W1JP** President, Jim Nelson **W4AII** Vice President, Bob McAllister **KN4RKE** Treasurer, Herman Hoffman **WA9LFQ** Secretary, Bill Dolan **W2CWL**, Jon Blincoe **N1COC**, Shirley Duke **KN4YIW**, Steve Malone **KN4YIV**, Michael Reid **N3MR**, Mark Thurston **KB8WXI**, Bill Reed **K7WWR**, Steve Froggatt **KN4NFX**, Bernie Schmelz **KO4ZQL**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Checking Account \$ 3,155.08, 50/50 Revenue \$ 33.00, Petty Cash \$ 29.81, Dues & Miscellaneous \$ 73.00.

Motion to accept **Treasurers Report by Jon Blincoe & 2cnd by Steve Froggett.**

**SECRETARIES REPORT: May 9, 2023, monthly meeting minutes were recorded by Herman Hoffman and placed into the May Monthly EARS News Letter by Bob McAllister. Motion to accept Minutes as published was made by Steve Bishop and 2cnd by Jim Nelson.**

**SUNSHINE:** Ken Blackshaw had no Sunshine activity this past month despite the vast abundance of goodwill & celebration. He also thinks we should be spreading higher levels of positive energy as well. The art of distributing and celebrating Sunshine and the art of Yoga is now 100 years old in the US. The celebration of Yoga & Sunshine into Western culture can produce wisdom and peace.

**PUBLICITY:** Ken Blackshaw **W1NQT** Director of

#### Publicity & Sunshine Distribution

Ken Blackshaw is the go-to EARS Member for publicity regarding EARS events, service, and information dispersal. He has worked on Summer Field Day in both his Florida and Nantucket hometowns and may even make direct contact with N4EAR during the event. Also, we now have a dedicated Events Committee that will decide which demands our participation.

**EVENTS & ACTIVITY:** At this point Events & Activities Directors are Bill Reid, Steve Bishop, Bob McAlister, Bill Dolan,, Doug Vanderlaan, Jim Sanford and Bernie Schmelz. They and other members are putting on Field Day Weekend on June 24 & 25<sup>th</sup> at Ann Deever Park in Englewood.

**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 an EARS Hamfest could provide some needed EARS financial support, do you have some equipment available that is no longer used?

**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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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.**

**5/30/2023 KW4SAB**, Steve in SGC as NetControl

1. **KN4NFX** Steve, Rotonda West. Working on programming for a new Yaesu transceiver.
2. **KN4RKE** Bob, Englewood. Great breakfast this morning, good conversations. Worked a DX station in Spain on 20 meters phone. Reminders on Summer Field Day & DX contest
3. **K7WWR** Bill, Mobil rig. Stopped to assist at a motorcycle accident while on his way home. Band conditions have been difficult lately, however he was able to work some DX stations, including Kenya and Israel on 17 & 20 meters.
4. **WO4KAC** Kelly, SGC. Working on his Kenwood rig and 6 meter antenna, looking forward to Summer Field Day.
5. **KN4PHQ** John, Rotonda West. Excellent breakfast this morning, happy his home fries weren't burnt. Attended an event at the Veterans club today.
6. **KN4YIV** Steve, SGC. Happy that all the repairs are complete at his home, however needs to make repairs at their cabin on Cayo Costa. His grandson will be in town to assist.
7. **WB1FLD** Dave. He is an active contesteer and is looking forward to participating in Summer Field Day with the club.
8. **W4AII** Jim, Manasota Key. Went for a hike today with his XYL to Ann Dever park, took the long way back. Walked 4.5 miles. Worked some DX stations on ft8. Update on parking and setup for the fall water festival.
9. **WA9LFQ** Herman, Gulf Cove. Update on Echo-link issues, hopes to have things corrected soon. Getting

ready for the hot weather coming.  
Net was closed at 7:50 pm



- 6/7/2023 19:15 Local Time Chat Net  
|**KN4NFX**|FL Rotonda West|Stephen A Froggatt|(op) net control  
2 **W4AII**| FL Beaching - celebration of life - 9 or 10 for breakfast - field day prep - June 29  
CCFLARES hospital drill|  
3|**WB1FLD** Englewood David W Bourque FL field day loan of equipment - changing email address  
4|**KN4RKE**|FL| |Englewood|Robert W Mcalister Field Day preps  
5|**KN4PHQ**|FL| Rotonda West |John R Hodgdon|Going north to Maine - Breakfast @ J&R  
6|**KW4SAB**| FL Port Charlotte|Steven A Bishop. |Breakfast @ Junior & Rosies - motor home trips in July & August|  
7|**KN4YIV**|FL| Harold S Malone. On HT @ 5W - very noisy signal |Port Charlotte|  
8|**KN4JEN**|FL| Allan R Whitman| Lots of hurricane restoration - going north to NC for the summer|  
9|**WB8WNF**|MI| Walter M Kline. taking RV north to pucker brush Michigan|  
10|**K7WWR**|FL| Englewood|William W Reed No summer travel plans

**6/21/2023 Net Control KN4RKE**

- K1UGE** Pam...up North in Arcadia area. Good signal into repeater. Working through hurricane and medical issues. Good to hear from familiar voices!  
**W4A11** Jim on Manasota Key. Checked in on echo link. Things moving alone. Hopes to be at SFD. Had a good Junior and Rosie breakfast  
**KN4YIV** Steve in SGC. Bad weather moving in. Good signal. Steve and Shirley (KN4YIU) getting ready for SFD.  
**KQ4ELK** Kermit in Warm Mineral springs. Good signal. See you at SFD  
**WB1FLD** David, full quieting signal See you at SFD. Push up pole available for use if needed.  
**KW4SAB** Steve SGC, escaped fire at dog show. Great sig into repeater. Good time at Jujnior and Rosies, See you at SFD  
**WO4KAC** Kelly back from trip to NW part of country. Attended wedding up there, Hit Canadian repeaters!  
**KE5ODR** Doug in Placida. Great signal. Updates on CCFlares activities coming up  
**K7WWR**, Bill in “East Englewood?”. Got things lined up for SFD (thanks Bill!) Good signal into repeater!  
Net closed at 19:50 local time\

## Breakfast 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 past week we had 10 club mem-

Fun and fellowship at Junior and Rosie's

bers, Topics of discussion included the upcoming SFD event and the July EARS DX contest.

### EARS Equipment Inventory

If you are storing Club equipment or property, please send me a list of what you have. The club is updating (I think re-establishing) a list so that we know what is available for use by members for field day type activities. You can email me at [lobanker@hotmail.com](mailto:lobanker@hotmail.com) or of course see me at **Jr and Rosies** Tuesday mornings or the 2nd Tuesday of the month club meeting at the COC.

### Upcoming Club Activities

As noted in the May Minutes, a committee is formulating a couple of events for this coming Summer and Winter. This **July**, the EARS Summer DX contest will be held. It is open to all EARS members (local and "snowbird"). The rules for the contest are on page 5. There will be certificates of Achievement awarded for phone, Digital, and CW contacts at the 100 watt and QRP levels. If you have any questions, please contact me, or any DX Committee member or club officer. If you do not have HF equipment, the club has some that can be loaned out., In **February 2024**, the club will host an "Antenna Star Wars" / chili cook off. It will be your chance to bring your homebrew/commercial antenna to compete with fellow club members antennas. Contest rules will be coming out soon.

Additionally, the club will be participating in the **ARRL Summer Field Day, June 24/25**. We will meet at **Ann Deever Park**. Set up will start at about 9:30 am Saturday. If you want to participate, please let us know. We will probably have 3 transceivers set up and are

looking for operators. Also if you are interested in cooking lunch, or **set up** and **take down** activities, your participation is welcome! Since we are operating a club event, it doesn't matter what licence you have. You can operate any band any mode since we will have credentialed operators on site. A great opportunity to experience Ham Radio events in a learning atmosphere!



MEETING MINUTES Minutes from page 1.....

**NEW BUSINESS:** Several brainstorming ideas were thrown out for discussion. Victor Emmelcamp, Past President KV4VHK had a small quantity of Ham radio gear that he sent for sale at this month's meeting after club discussion in May. Lighthouse weekend activities during the August time frame were discussed. We may set up at the "Range Light Site" since ANI went thru. The location is the Boca Parking Lot North of the original Light House. Light House supplies White light, and the Parking Lot light location supplies Red. When aligned, you can use them to navigate to land? Some latent communications occurred when John 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 May 9th, 2023, meeting.

**Jon Blincoe** seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting closed at 20:14 Hrs.

There was no after meeting training activity this month.

### Summer Field Day Update.....

The club made 80 contacts ranging from VE7 in the NW to TX, OK, and a slew of Northeastern ops. 20 people signed the attendance/visitor list, The Englewood Review sent out two reporters and KN4YIU prepared a luncheon that absolutely could not be beat! We had one GOTA participant! Thanks to all the operators who patiently worked the bands for our totals, and provided the set up & take down and support activities that made the event a fun 2 days. More to come next newsletter!

# Member DIRECTORY

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

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JoAnn	Adamy	KC4WJ
Brendon	Bertancourt	KB3FUH
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Ken	Blackshaw	W1NQ7
Jonathan	Blincoe	N1COC
Joyce	Bourque	N1RUZ
David	Bourque	WB1FLD
Bob	Bowes	
Steven	Churchill	N9USZ
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
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
Mark	Thurston	KB8WXI
Leonard	Trudeau	N4LJT
Doug	Vanderlaan	K8RFT
Jay	Wilson	KB1HNE
Douglas & Jayne	Young	KM4LKC

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](mailto:main@ears.groups.io/Home) or [main+subscribe@ears.groups.io](mailto: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 operation, please contact a club officer to schedule

### Options

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a time to share your info with the club members!  
Thanks in advance!

## [Groups.io Website](http://groups.io)

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## 1ST ANNUAL EARS SUMMER DX CONTEST

Date of Contest: **July, 2023**. Full month from 00:00 UTC on the first day of the month to UTC 23:59 on the last day of the month.

Bands 40, 20, 15, 17, 12, 10, 6 meters are allowed. Operate in multiple bands and combine the totals (per mode) from each band into one submission log.

The following Modes are allowed: Digital, (which includes FT8, JS8 Call, PSK31) CW, SSB/FM Phone. In the Digital category all modes will be tabulated as one in the Digital category not separately. So, in theory you could operate FT8, JS8 Call, PSK31 and combine and beat out someone just operating in one Digital mode if your combined total is greater. CW and SSB/FM will be the total all CW or SSB/FM contacts made across all bands above.

Two categories for power levels, **100 watts maximum** and **QRP** (5 watts or less)

The Mode winners will receive a Certificate of Achievement from EARS Club to each class winner. Digital, SSB/FM, and CW. Certificates for QRP (Digital, SSB/FM, and CW) will also be awarded

You can operate from anywhere, but only DX outside the CONUS USA will be considered DX. This means HI, AK, Puerto Rico, Guam and any other US territories are considered DX. Log entry must include Band/Call of Contact/RST/QTH/Time of QSO/mode as a minimum.

Only electronic logs will be accepted: You should submit an ADI or ADIF file. With your submission, please verify that all call signs are valid. Logs must be submitted by August 15th. If you have a question about ADI/ADIF files, please contact a committee member for assistance.

Logs will be presented to the Committee, which will appoint 3 Judges who will tabulate contest results and determine Awards to be presented at the next club meeting (3 Judges are needed so contesters won't be judging themselves).

Points will be 1 point for each QSO, no matter the Band/Mode. IE., 100 Contacts = 100 points. For example, 50 SSB and 50 CW = 100 points combined, but 50 for SSB/FM mode and 50 for CW mode. A contact with a station is limited to one per band and one per mode. So, the same station can be counted on each band and each mode only once in the 31-day period. Multiple contacts with the same station on the same frequency/mode during the 30-day contest are not counted.

## 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

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**

## 2023 Summer Field Day photos....



KE5ODR and W4All working digital modes!



KW4SAB and SFD Visitor

KW4SAB, K7WWR, and W2CWL

working 20 meters!





### Englewood Amateur Radio Society

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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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