



EARS
ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

March 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



ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Meeting Minuets for March 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 19:01 with Jon Pellant, President leading and attending members delivering the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Jon Pellant W1JP President, Jim Nelson W4AII Vice President, Absent/Bob McAllister KN4RKE Treasurer, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, Jon Blincoe N1COC, Dan Williams N0DRW, Steve Malone KN4YIV, Charlette O’Conner WD8RIM, Dennis O’Conner K8DO, Burnie Schmelz KO4ZQL, Steve Bishop KW4SAB, Mark Thurston KB8WXI, Bill Reed K7WWR, Mime Mathews K2AQR, Doug Vanderlaan K8RFT, Bernie Schmelz KOLZQL, Jim Grimes KD8OCW, John Hodgdon KN4PHQ, Jim Porter KA8PBA, Ken Blackshaw W1NQT Director of Publicity & Sunshine Distribution

TREASURERS REPORT: Ending Balance: 2/28/2023: \$3199.00, Petty Cash: \$48.00 50/50 tickets \$41.00. Total \$384.84 Expenses. Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Steve Bishop & 2nd by Jon Blincoe

SECRETARIES REPORT: March 2023, monthly meeting minutes were recorded by Herman Hoffman and placed into the February Monthly EARS News Letter.by Bob McAllister. Motion to accept Minutes as published by Jon Blincoe and 2nd by Jim Nelson.

SUNSHINE: We thank Ken Blackshaw for his efforts to bring a bit of joy and consolation to members. Folks are dealing with health events that contribute little or nothing to members normally sunny day. In this vein Steve Froggatt was diagnosed with COVID for the 4th time. Take it easy Steve. This past month between meetings was eventful, not all sunshine and unicorns.

PUBLICITY: We thank Ken Blackshaw for his efforts to get some column space and word of mouth about EARS efforts to perform Ham Radio and Public Service activities like the Field Days routine drills needed for reliable emergency communications. We have several more FD and CCFLARES Drills over the next 9 months.

DX: There has been exceptional activity and round-the-world contacts this past Month. .

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Steve Bishop reports that contacts he made during February covered several continents including North Russia, Ukraine, and Western Europe. He worked many of those on the. 15 MHZ Band Jim Nelson has received his DXCC Certificate for working 100 contacts with FT8 nearly no power to speak of. That's what happens when we have a showering of nuclear particles. It has been six years since a similar conditions existed.

Ham Fest: The peace River Club set up a Ham Fest in February with somewhat spotty attendance. But those folks that attended were heard to remark they enjoyed the lack of crowd noise and the odor of sour croute.

ARES: Emergency Services training will be scheduled for Cert Member's for the next several months. Use the Charlotte County Web site for time, content, contact hours, and dates. Currently they have a class set for the first 3 days of April. Contact Doug Frasier for more information regarding Cert Membership. March 3rd was the Englewood Hospital drill activities. The Sarasota Fair 7 Arts Festival was supported by EARS Members on March 25 & 26. A good time was had by all.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussed placing a Both for EARS during activities like the Sarasota County Fair, Arts Festival, and Water Festival. To be discussed further at next meeting. Jim Grimes moved to vote on this idea, for actual implementation, at April EARS meeting. 10 votes yes. Who will be the Chairperson for this activity? A USPS bill was presented for payment in the amount of \$176.00. Brief discussion regarding the need for a permanent address and no vote for payment was called for. Discussion and call for motion to make the Tuesday Talk Net start time take place at 19:15 Hrs., promptly. Vote taken, 9 voted with 9 yes. All members should be made aware of this action.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business was raised for discussion.

Jon Pellant made a motion to adjourn at 20:03 Hrs., which was seconded by Steve Bishop. NEXT METING APRIL 11, 2023

TO ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO WILL BE DEPARTING FOR NORTHERN CLIMES IN THE HINTER LAND OF THE WORLD, TAKE CARE IN YOUR TRAVELS SO THAT YOU CAN BE HERE NEXT FALL. HAVE A SAFE TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

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 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.

3/7/2023 KN4NFX, Steve as Net Control

Early bird checkins:

KN4PHQJohn in Rotonda West. Got interested in Ham Radio via SW listening on Hallicrafters RX

W4AII Jim on Manasota Key doing the cooking this evening

KO4ZQLBernie Was a pilot/sailor and got license last year

19:30 checkins: KN4RKE Bob in Englewood gave announcements for club meeting coming up KN4JEN Allan on the banks of the Myakka River gave info in CW net on Sunday

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KN4YIV Steve in SGC got started in ham radio via CERT training. Making progress on storm repairs **KW4SAB** Steve in North SGC missed breakfast, YL to hospital but doing ok now. Fire Fighting was start of ham radio. **W1DIUI** (?) Paul in and out **WO4KAC** Kelly in South SGC started in 60's with xtal detector rx. **KE5ODR** Doug in Placida started with a simple am detector radio with a plunger tuner!

3/21/2023 **KN4RKE** Net Control. Net opened at 19:15 local time.

W4AII, Jim in Manasota Key reported that the EARS team was in the top 10% of all the clubs in WCF for Winter Field Day points!

K1UGE, Pam checked in from Zolfo Springs!

KN4YIV, Steve, checked in from SGC. Back from Orlando,

KN4SAB, Steve checked in from North SGC! Planning on Sarasota County Fair Ham Radio Booth support Saturday

K2GQG, John checked in on echolink. Misses Florida, recovering from some medical procedures, hope to be back next season

Net closed at 19:32

start! We had 12 last week

“Go boxex.....

After this month's meeting, Doc O'Connor, **K8DO**, demonstrated his "go box". The ready to go set up is built on a wagon frame and can be pulled around and set up easily to run HF communications on the go. Besides the transceiver and power, the set up includes an antenna mast. Quite impressive and effective!



Doc, K8DO demonstrating his "go box" to W1JP and WA9LFQ



Fun and fellowship at Junior and Rosie's

Breakfast at Junior and



Rosie's

continues to be a popular event. We meet at 07:30 for good food, good price, and good fel-

lowship, 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

EARS at Sarasota County Fair

On Saturday, K7WWR, W2CWL, KW\$SAB, and KN4RKE manned the Ham Radio Booth at the Sarasota County Fair. The Booth was sponsored by the Sarasota SERT and coverage in the booth was provided by several local clubs. While EARS manned the booth we made contact with 50 stations using a Kenwood transceiver running about 100 watts into an end fed long wire antenna. Contacts were made on 20, 15, and 10 meters and included Europe, South America, Caribbean, and coast to coast US operators!

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
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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 operation, please contact a club officer to schedule a time to share your info with the club members!

Options

Single Membership one year \$15.00 USD ▾

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Thanks in advance!

EARS Winter Field Day Results

Although the Winter Field Day is not intended to be a competition, it's nice to see how our club performed. In our 'off the grid' 'winter' environment, we contacted 182 other ham stations on three continents. There were 4996 Winter Field Day reports and the Englewood Amateur Radio Society's score was 223rd on that list.

We operated using Single Sideband, Morse Code, and various digital communications modes, and also experimented tracking amateur radio communications satellites as they passed overhead.
Submitted by **WINQT**





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Yearly Membership Dues \$15

Family Membership Dues \$18.50

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