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ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

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MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, April 9th, 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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MEETING MINUTES (Continued on pg 2...)

Attendees: KN4NFX Steve Froggatt,; KC1MAM Bob Bowes; W4RFW Tony Levenson; K2GQG John Babbitt; KE5ODR Doug Frazier; KD8AII Charlie Lane; W4AII Jim Nelson; WO4KAC Kelly Combes; WB8WNF Walt Kline; KN4PHQ John Hogdon; W1NQY Ken Blackshaw; WD8RIM Charlotte O'Connor; K8DO Dennis O'Connor; N3MR Michael Reid; W2CWL Bill Dolan; K7WWR Bill Reed; KO4ZQL Bernie Schmelz; KM4GX Steve Bishop; WA9LFQ Herman Hoffman; K8ZZU Jim Sanford; KD8OCW Jim Grimes; KN4YIU Shirley Duke; KN4YIV Steve Malone; KB8WXI Mark Thurston; KN4RKE Bob McAlister;

Members convened at 1900 hours to socialize prior to the meeting officially beginning.

President Bill Reed opened the meeting at 1915 hours and offered the Pledge of Allegiance

Bill Reed introduced Gus Hawkins who offered a presentation on the Military Heritage Museum (MHM) and its activities. The museum is located in Punta Gorda.

The MHM is a registered non-profit with goals to educate community youth and adults.

- For youth the museum operates a STEM (Science,

Technology, Engineering and Math) and History Camp – the camp provides youth with an opportunity to learn about HAM radio through its “Radio is Everywhere” program. This gives local youth a chance to go on the air through the museum’s own radio station W7MHM.

- Last year the museum received a grant through Amateur Radio Digital Corporation to strengthen its STEM program. \$15,000 was for radio equipment and \$45,000 for educational programs. The grant process took approximately 5 months. The MHM is expanding its radio capabilities to add DMR and DSTAR.

- The MHM can use additional volunteers at all times, particularly for the radio aspects of its programs as well as museum volunteers.

Members asked Gus many questions regarding the museum and its activities.

President Bill Reed thanked Gus for his presentation and service to the community.

The business portion of the meeting was opened.

Minutes were published in the newsletter – Accepted as posted.

Treasurers’ report – Accepted as posted.

DX reports –

Mike Reed – Belize & Poland;

Steve Bishop – ½ dozen new countries including Chile and Argentina;

Bill Reed – St. Eustace, Poland, Bulgaria;

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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: W1NQT

Week 4: W4AII/KM4GX

Week 5 (if needed) : Open

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

Net Log for 03/26/24 KM4GX, Steve Bishop net controllers.4. WO4KAC, Kelly in SGC. Has plans on traveling to Indiana for the eclipse and family.5. W1NQT, Ken in Englewood. No plans to view eclipse 6. KN4RKE, Bob in Englewood. Had plans to travel to San Antonio Texas for a seminar and had to cancel because the hotels were all booked for the eclipse event.7. KA8PBA, Jim in Englewood. No comments, enjoys listening to the net.8. KN4PHQ, John in Rotonda West. No plans for the eclipse 9. W4RFV, Tony in Gulf Cove. No plans for the eclipse. His new antenna is ordered and on the way. Has been watching YouTube videos on how to operate his new Yaesu transceiver.10. W2CWL, Bill in Placida. Missed breakfast, had the plumber installing a new bathroom sink. Still trying to get his flagpole antenna issues resolved.11. KC1MAM, Bob in Port Charlotte. No plans for the eclipse, but will step out and take a look at it. Reminder for the upcoming CCFLARES drill on Thursday.12. W4AII, Jim on Englewood Beach via EchoLink. Enjoying a nice evening on the beach with family.



MEETING MINUTES

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CCFLARES –

Bob Bowes reported on the recent drill done in conjunction with the Charlotte County Public Information Office in which a simulated Hurricane with areal weather impacts struck Charlotte County. Many operators participated by providing fictitious severe weather impacts thought the county. The drill also tested the ability

of operators being able to reach the ARCADIA Repeater system. Steve Bishop – KM4GX – also participated at the EOC.

Additional drills include a wild fire drill in North Port and Hospitals Drill on the last Thursday of the month.

Doug Frazier reported that CCFLARES has been awarded the Skywarn National Ready Community Award.

Sunshine –

Ken Blackshaw reported that he sent cards to Jon Pelant and to Victor ??

Events –

Bob McAlister reported that the upcoming 10M DX contest will include a tech section. Bob will put in an application for the Lighthouses on the air contest and will advise through email when our application is accepted.

Shirts and Hats –

Shirley Duke is preparing an order. EARS will cover the cost of preparing the artwork with the vendor as well as shipping.

Therebeing no further business, the meeting closed at 2025 hours.

NEXT MEETING – April 9th, 2024 AT 1900.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING ROOM.

There being no further discussion, President Bill Reed adjourned the meeting at 2010 hours.



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

SUMMER FIELD DAY

The club will be sponsoring a Summer Field Day Event at the South Gulf Cove Activity Hall. As it is an indoor facility, it will be nice and airconditioned. A sign up list will be coming out soon. Please consider coming to the Summer Field Day and enjoying the fellowship and ham radio activities We hope to surpass last years goals!

FOXHUNT

The club will be conducting a Foxhunt on May 18th, a Saturday from noon to 16:00 local time. It will be an event different from the "walk about" events in that we will gather at the Tringale Library, be given the opportunity to take a bearing of the foxhunt signal and try to find it. Maps will be provided. The area the Fox will be hidden in will be south of Rte 776, East of Placida Road, and West of Gasparilla Rd. It is suggested that there be two members per fox hunt team. One person to drive, and one person to take bearings. Of course one person can do this, but we will be stressing safety in this event. More info to com

Light House Light Ship Weekend

The club has registered to represent the Boca Grande Gasparilla Light house for the 2024 LHLS Weekend. The event is conducted the last weekend in August. The club has a long tradition of participating in this event. Let's keep the spirit alive! If nothing else, we will treat it as a POTA type event, but please consider joining us for a great day at the lighthouse weekend
Please let the Officers of the club know what you are interested in doing. On the back burners are a picnic, a sports shooting event, and a summer DX activity similar to the one last year, Waterfest and anything else you all would like to do!

HOA ANTENNA VICTORY

Congratulations to Bill Dolan, **W2CWL**, and Bill Reed **K7WWR** for the fine installation of a homebrew flag-pole antenna at **W2CWL**'s homestead. The vertical antenna is about 22 feet tall and has great SWR readings on 20. 17. 15. 12. and 10 meters! **W2CWL** set up a great HF/VHF station at his QTH and is on his way to making world wide contacts! This is after recovering from Hurricane IAN in 2022! Great job Bill!

TREASURER REPORT FOR MARCH

Beginning Balance (3/1)	\$3886.95
Expenses	\$886.52
Income	\$430/00
Ending Balance (3/31)	\$3430.43
Petty Cash	\$33.31

For a detailed itemization of income/expense see KN4RKE



This is the list I have of members in good standing through 12/31/2024. There are a few

who have paid further dues.

Thanks, Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer

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

Paid Dues Query F Name	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
Bob	Bowes	KC1MAM
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

Paid Dues Query F Name	L Name	Call Sign
Karl	Kaukis	KOCIE
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

If you are not on this list and think you should be, please contact KN4RKE to get it corrected.

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



Englewood Amateur Radio Society

First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	License Class	ARRL 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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| 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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Englewood, FL. 34295