



EARS

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 8th, 2025 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

March 11 2025

Call to order at 7pm local time.
Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Minutes of February meeting approved (KN4NFX/second by W1NQT)

February Treasurer Report approved (W4RFV/second by N9KWB)

DX – K7WWR recognized for his 1st place WCF finish and 3rd in state in recent DX contest.

CCFLARES – Tom Chance reported and thanked all for participation at recent Winlink exercise.

New exercise based on Hurricane Ian lessons learned. Preseason conference for upcoming Hurricanes coming up. Need form 214

SUNSHINE- Very busy sunshine list. W1NQT provided info on ten plus members who got s Sunshine during the last month.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES – Repeater upgrades are continuing, raspberry pi install progressing. Membership directory is getting to final format and will be completed soon (thanks Doug Frazier, et al). Sarasota Clay shooting event being planned, more info coming soon. Foxhunt to be conducted Saturday March 15, 9 am start at Tringali Park. Club will conduct the July DX Contest again this year, looking for more participation. Club has gotten permission to conduct SFD at SGC clubhouse. Air conditioned and all the right things to have a great field day activity (thanks KM4GX). Club project to work all

states on N4EAR progressing. Send your QSO contacts to K7WWR, KN4RKE, KM4GX for posting on QRZ N4EAR page/logbook (Thanks KE4VEM). Satellite QSO demo being planned by K7WWR at Ann Dever Park, more info coming. EARS Simplex Emergency Net (ESEN) will be exercised March 18 after the chat net. New frequency is 147.400Mhz. **NEW BUSINESS**- Suggestion made by Officers to alternate presentations and “projects” as events at monthly meetings. N1COC suggested that the club be polled for ideas or other opinions. **W2CWL** recently volunteered to head up an “Elmer” committee. If anyone needs help with equipment or operational issues, please contact Bill. Also, if you can be a “resource” to help others, please let Bill know.

\$30 collected for club by 50-50 drawing
Adjourned at 7:25 pm (KN4RKE/KN4NFX)
Presentation about Ham Radio Ballooning was conducted by WB8ELK via computer video. Bill Brown is the “granddad” of ham radio balloon flying.

Attendees at meeting: W1JP, N3MR, N1COC, W4AII, K2GQG, W1NQT, WO4KAC, K8ZZU, KC1IWF, KA9SZX, KN4PHQ, K9XV, W8JJV, N9KWB, KN4YIU, KB8WXI, KE5ODR, KN4NFX, W2CWL, K7WWR, W2CWL, KQ4YMQ

March 15 2025 Fox Hunt Winners:



The weather was great, and the March 15 Fox was hidden on the banks of the Myakka River in El JoeBean! Registration was at 9:00ma at Tringali Park and the Fox turned on at 9:30. Fifty Four minutes later, **W4RFV, KE4VEM, and Sarah Henry** showed up all smiles and became the leader in Fox Hunting with their third First Place Finnish! Coming in second place was **WO4KAC** and XYL Joan,. The next planned Fox Hunt will be in April. More details to follow

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. Eleven Club members at the last breakfast.

NOTICE: *The club voted to meet at Junior and Rosies new restaurant, formerly "Charlie's Good Times". on the 776 Access Road just out of town near Spinnaker. Hope to see you there at 7:00 am or so Tuesdays*

Upcoming Club Activities

March- N4EAR worked all states event
We want to get a worked all states certificate for the club station.

Time **NOW**

Foxhunt—April TBD
registration at Tringali Park

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. The meeting agenda has been adjusted to have social time and presentations first, 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!

2 Meter Chat Net:

The club conducts a two meter chat net every **Tuesday evening on N4EAR**, 146.865 136.5HZ tone, -600 offset at **7:15 pm**. On Tuesdays that the club holds its meeting, no net. If you are using echo link to check in, use the



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: W1NQY

Week 4: W4AII/KM4GX

Week 5 (if needed) : Open

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

The club repeater frequency pair is also used by repeater W3YT, which is located on Treasure Island, near St Petersburg, FL. They use a tone of 123. They are not keying our repeater, but at times are audible on our receive frequency. At the moment, the best advice is to set your receive TSQ to our tone of 136.5 . Or set your receiver squelch a little higher to subdue the W3YT signal but pass the N4EAR signal.

EARS Simplex Emergency Network (ESEN):

The club conducted an ESEN drill after the March 18 2 meter chat net.. Communications went well, with just a few stations needing re-lays. Net participants are learning a lot of feedback about improving their station performance, and net operations. If you are not a member of the network, please contact a club officer. The network is intended to support our members when needed due to emergency/weather events, and provide an alternative "chat" capability when needed.

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER (KSN) TRIP:

K7WWR, W2CWL, KQ4YMQ, and KN4RKE took a day trip to the KSN to watch the Falcon Space X launch of the latest ISS Crew and recovery of the "stranded astronauts" from the ISS. Well, although the launch was scrubbed and later accomplished the following Friday , all the club members had a great day of fellowship and fun. All the launch info was broadcast on the local repeater and we all heard the news before the general public. We hope to make another trip to view a successful launch soon.

NEW MEMBER RADIOS



Vice president of EARS, Steve Bishop KM4GX presents New Technician licensees and new members to the club Larry Vansice KQ4DGX and Scott Vansice KQ4FUN with new Handheld radios. Larry and Scott are the first recipients of the new welcome to amateur radio program that EARS has recently implemented. This program is one

of several ways that EARS is welcoming and encouraging new licensee's to get started in amateur radio. Along with the new radio program we have now established a mentor committee that will provide new hams with support and guidance as a way to assist them in the hobby. This mentor committee will keep in contact with the new members and provide them with a resource and "Elmer" network that can assist in many areas such as setting up the Ham Shack, which radios and antenna's to purchase, equipment diagnostics, how to study and prepare for license upgrade etc. The mentor committee is still looking for additional members who would like to help out with this project. If you are interested contact committee chairman Bill Dolan, W2CWL or any of the club officers. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome our newest members Larry and Scott when you see them. Keeping Ham Radio Fun! Steve Bishop, KM4GX

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

Many 2024 members have not renewed yet!

We want you as a member!!

Membership renewal can be accomplished by sending the form on the LAST page to EARS, or by logging on to the clubs website, www.earsradioclub.org and

using
the

Paypal or Credit Card Single Year Membership - \$25.00

Add to Cart

Family Membership - \$30.00

Add to Cart

Paypal option. You don't need a paypal account to join!

Use the PAYPAL buttons on our webpage to renew your membership!

Ham Radio Equipment **MAKE AN OFFER!:**

Item 1. Ameritron AL-82 linear amplifier.
MAKE AN OFFER



Item 2. Ameritron ARB-704 Amplifier-to-Transceiver Interface (there are three of these and one cable) **MAKE AN OFFER** (They're asking \$100 on Ebay)



Item 3. MFJ 989D Versatuner V

MAKE AN OFFER (they're asking \$300 on Ebay)



Item 4. Eico 723 60 watt CW transmitter with 8 crystals (7.010, 7.020, 7.025, 7.030, 7.035, 7.110, 7.160, 7.172). **MAKE AN OFFER** (they're asking \$175 on Ebay and crystals are between \$15 and \$20. but these are included with the transmitter)



Item 5. Drake TR4C transceiver w/MS-4 speaker cabinet, power supply and Power Supply rebuild kit.. **MAKE AN OFFER** (I've seen two on Ebay, one asking \$400 and one asking \$600)

Anyone interested can email N#MR (Mike Reid) at mreid@unm.edu or text to 505-220-6256.

Thanks very much!
Michael Reid
N3MR

ANOTHER FREE RADIO!:



Another new member and recent licensee Bill Hopewell, KQ4YMQ received his new handheld radio compliments of EARS. Bill challenged and passed both the Technician & General exams at the same session. Congrats to Bill and We hope he enjoys the new radio. It was a pleasure visiting with him at his home and touring his shack

and checking out the antenna setups.



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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
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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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