



**EARS**  
ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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**Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood**

**May 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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**TREASURERS REPORT:** Checking Account \$ 3,012.08, 50/50 Revenue

\$ 70.00. Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Jon Blincoe & 2cnd by Steve Froggett.

**SECRETARIES REPORT:** April 9, 2023, monthly meeting minutes were recorded by Herman Hoffman and placed into the April 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. He fervently believes we should be spreading significantly higher levels of positive energy too. The art of distributing and celebrating Sunshine is now 100 years old. We should all practice Sunshine distribution.

**PUBLICITY:** Ken Blackshaw is the go-to EARS Member for publicity regarding EARS events, services; And information dispersal. And information disposal. He will begin working on Summer Field Day and any other EARS events.

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**Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2023**

Meeting opened at 19:08 with President Jon Pellant presiding and attending members delivering the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Jon Pellant W1JP President, Jim Nelson W4AI Vice President, Bob McAllister KN4RKE Treasurer, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, Jon Blincoe N1COC, Doug Vanderlaan K8RFT, Shirley Duke KN4YIV, Steve Malone KN4YIV, Michael Reid N3MIR, Bob Bowes KC1MAM, Doug Frasier KE5ODR, Michael Reid N3MR, Steve Bishop KW4SAB, Mark Thurston KB8WXI, [Bill Reed](#) K7WWR, Doug Vanderlaan K8RFT, John Hodedon KN4PHQ, Jim Porter KA8PBA, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Ken Blackshaw W1NQT Director of Publicity & Sunshine Distribution

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We now have a dedicated Events Committee that will decide which event demands our participation and others not so much.



Events & Activity Committee News: At this point Events & Activities Directors are Bill Reid, Steve Bishop, and Bernie Schmelz. They and other members have participated in a POTA (Parks on The Air) event and were successful at getting a fair number of contacts.

HAMFESTS: Dayton HamVention in Dayton, Ohio Later this Spring. (Bus leaves Venice FL Tomorrow.) Notices will be posted when we get more information regarding day, date, time, and location.

ARES: Hurricanes are on the horizon and Charlotte County Flares and potential problem points in the methods of connecting all the radio operators that are in the various radio locations will be tested as if an emergency was in progress though out the Summer and early Fall. ANI hit us right on the nose on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Each antenna in use for emergency purposes should be tested for purpose and efficiency. At that time the various other readiness checking proceeds. A new equipment installation will take place that is called "Erecting NXTN", which is a Digital DMR, muti-location effort to tie the Gulf Coast emergency corridor together to insure communication paths along the North Charlotte & South Charlotte corridor and eventually the entire Gulf Coast.

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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.**

**May 15, 2023 KN4RKE Net Control**

Net opened at 19:15 local time'

Attendees:

**KN4RKE**, Bob in Englewood

No echolink connectivity

**N3MR**, Mike, great signal using Baofang and attic mounted disc cone antenna

**KN4NFX**, Steve in Rotonda West. Reported echolink out, in and out, doing DMR net control this evening.

**KN4YIV**, Steve in SGC. Finished (practically) with IAN repairs. Good signal into repeater

**KN4PHQ**, John in Rotonda. Closing in on finishing repairs. Celebrating cataract removal!

Things are brighter now!

**W4AII**, Jim in Manasota Key. Having fun with all electric loaner car!

**KW4SAB**, Steve (#2) in SGC. Fun at breakfast. POTA fun with **K7WWR** and **W2CWL** Friday on Boca Grande. 20 meter DX to Europe!

**K8RFT**, Doug in Englewood. Good breakfast. Got note about EARS Feb 2024 Antenna Wars/ Chili Cook-off. Tried out 30 ft flag pole push up antenna this afternoon.

**K7WWR**, Bill in Englewood. SCUBA diving in Gulf with family!

**KN4RKE**, Bob in Englewood. Announced EARS SFD outing 6/24 and 25 at AnnDeever Park. July EARS DX Contest.

Net closed at 19:38 local time.

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## 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 past week we had 10 club members,

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 April 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**, so stay tuned for further information. 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!

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While I understand the idea I am a bit hazy as to how it works, since I need some modernization of my working days brain cells too.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The issue of doing a EARS Inventory has been brought to the floor for discussion. This is an important process for us to undertake so that we can locate important pieces of EARS Equipment and establish it's viability for use.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A number of brain storming ideas were thrown out for discussion:

EARS Group Sub Group ID's in the mailing list either for particular subjects, events, or News Victor Emmelcamp has a quantity of Ham radio gear that he wished to sell and dispose of. KV4VHK

Contact Ken Blackshaw as he has more information on Vic's treasures.

Lighthouse weekend activities during the August time frame were discussed. Perhaps this year we can set up at the "Range Light Site". This location is the Boca Parking Lot North of the Light House. Light House supplies white light and the Parking Lot supplies Red. When perfectly aligned, you can use them to navigate to land. Correct me if I am wrong.

John Blincoe discussed the possibility of getting a Ham Shack room at the Tran Gulley facility, perhaps after the inventory is completed?

Steve Froggett Moved to Close the May 9, 2023, Meeting

Ken Blackshaw seconded the motion to adjourn Meeting closed at 20:20 Hrs.

All of us "All Year Arounders" wish to pray for a safe travel home of "Winter Only Folks", I think we have had a pretty productive year. Keep in touch, use Echo-Link to join us anytime and to stay safe on the way North. DX is the best it has been on HF as well since the last since 2011. Thus, try to get a QSO going with the various members.

**WA9LFQ**

# 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

Paid Dues Query F Name	L Name	Call Sign
JoAnn	Adamy	KC4WJ
Brendon	Bertancourt	KB3FUH
Steve	Bishop	KW4SAB
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Jonathan	Blincoe	N1COC
David	Bourque	WB1FLD
Joyce	Bourque	N1RUZ
Bob	Bowes	
Steven	Churchill	N9USZ
Freeman	Crosby	W1NPR
Bill	Dolan	W2CWL
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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
Karl	Kaukis	K0CIE
Walt	Kline	WB8WNF
George	Krickovich	W2YJ
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	Sanford	K8ZZU
Bernard	Schmelz	KO4ZQL
Bernie	Silverberg	K4KUO
Mark	Thurston	KB8WXI
Leonard	Trudeau	N4LJT
Doug	Vanderlaan	K8RFT
Jay	Wilson	KB1HNE
Douglas and Jayne	Young	KM4LKC

## [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](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 a time to share your info with the club members!

### Options

Single Membership one year \$15.00 USD ▾

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Use the BUY button above to purchase a membership on line with Paypal

Thanks in advance!

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## May 22, 2023 KW4SAB (Steve in SGC)) Net Control

**KN4NFX** Steve in Rotonda, in and out Back from HamVention!

**W4AII** Jim in Manasota Key, Good Breakfast! DX coming back!

**K7WWR** running 5 watts into HB Moxon. Working on Mosley ant. Good breakfast!

**KN4YIV** Steve in SGC. Ian repairs almost done. Quiet day. Found 1970's ARRL book in garage!

**KN4PHQ** John in Rotonda, Gutters installed, working on inside repairs and AC. Great breakfast!

**KN4JEN** Allen, El Jobean. About 6 more weeks of Ian repairs before heading North!

**N3MR** Mike in SGC. Working on new house. 2m and 70cm running, working on HF station.

# 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.

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



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### Please check Activity Interests:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> VE Testing | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Training   | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |

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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