



**EARS**  
ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

**November 2024**

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

**NEXT MEETING:**The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, December 10th, 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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### EARS MEETING MINUTES 12 NOVEMBER 2024

**The meeting was called to order at 1913 hours.**

**Members in Attendance:** KN4RKE Bob McAlister; W4RFV Tony Levenson; N3GCA Paul Apollonia; K1BES Bernie Schmelz; W1JP Jon Pellant; KM4GX Steve Bishop; KE5ODR Doug Frazier; KN4YIV Steve Malone; KN4YIU Shirley Duke; KN4NFX Steve Froggatt; AA4GH Gus Hawkins; KQ4PSG Clive Towndron; WA9LFQ Herman Hoffman; WO4KAC Kelly Combes; W2CWL Bill Dolan; W4AII Jim Nelson; KE4VEM Matthew Henry; N9KWB Roger Mattila; K7WWR Bill Reed; N3GCA Paul Apollonia; KQ4YMQ William Hopewell;

Mr. John Blanchette – Team Lead of the Rotonda CERT team made a short presentation regarding the activities of Rotonda CERT and the activities that the group undertook after Hurricanes Helene and Milton which included almost 500 welfare checks in the Rotonda area. However, the team is hampered by not having any licensed amateur radio operators and seeks volunteers to help during its operations, specifically to provide direct communications to the Charlotte County EOC as well as to manage its internal communications which is through GMRS equipment.

Bill Reed has offered to provide assistance. If you are available to help and would like to become involved

with the Rotonda CERT group let either Bill Reed or Bernie Schmelz know.

**PRESENTATION:** Jon Pellant made a presentation on the development, theory and use of RTTY/PACKET Radio. Jon discussed the various modes and how they operate including frequencies, its use in networking, various hardware and software including DireWolf which is available through Packet-Radio.net. Also discussed was the use of various sound modems including DigiRig and how messaging works. Jon also discussed the use of Raspberry-Pi hardware and its interface with radio. Jon's presentation was well received and lots of questions were asked.

**Secretaries Report** was accepted as published – motion by Steve Froggatt, seconded by Roger Mattila.

**Treasurer's Report** was accepted as published – motion by Shirley Duke, seconded by Steve Froggatt.

**Election of Officers** will take Place in January. Shirley Duke reported that the elections committee is still looking for candidates, and that current officers have agreed to serve one additional year if no one else would like to serve. An officers slate has to be announced at the December Meeting.

**ECHO LINK** – Kelly Combes and the committee is still working on getting Echo Link working properly. The Membership previously approved \$1000 for equipment and \$20 a month for internet service. The committee will be meeting With Tom Chance of CCFLARES to discuss

## *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.

### Upcoming Club Activities

- December**—Nominations presented for Election of Club Officers  
Foxhunt December 14, register 9:00am at Tringali Park
- January -** Annual Meeting, elect Officers.  
**Winter Field Day** 1/24 - 25 2025  
At John and Ann Deever Park.  
Will be a POTA style setup.  
Walk about Foxhunt and Chili Cook-off
- February-** N4EAR worked all states event  
We want to get a worked all states certificate for the club station.  
Time **TBD**  
Foxhunt—TBD

### 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!

### ECHOLINK Update:

Work continues with the Echolink committee to purchase and install a new link node and associated equipment. with a target of December/January. The new system will be located at the club repeater site, and will eliminate the local RF connection to the repeater. Since the repeater site is "hardened" the echo link telephone connection to the repeater and power should be more reliable during storms.



### 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: W1NQT**

**Week 4: W4AII/KM4GX**

**Week 5 (if needed) : Open**

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

### Simplex Emergency Network:

If you have not participated in the simplex net, and are interested in being added to the list, please let a club officer know. We are hoping to have an alternative/back up to the club repeater for emergency and non emergency communications. The frequency used is 144.200 Mhz. (Simplex). The frequency may change in the near future. The club is developing a spreadsheet to note point-to-point capabilities and relay stations.

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The Editor is always looking for articles and pictures for future newsletter printings. Send pictures of your shack, antenna farms and equipment!



This is the list I have of members in good standing through 12/31/2024. Thanks,

Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer, lobanker@hotmail.com.

Paid Dues Query F Name	L Name	Call Sign
JoAnn	Adamy	KC4WJ
Paul	Apollonia	N3GCA
John	Babbitt	K2GQG
Sue	Babbitt	KD2AQR
Brendon	Bertancourt	KB3FUH
Steve	Bishop	KM4GX
Ken	Blackshaw	W1NQT
Jonathan	Blincoe	N1COC
Brett	Boone	KJ7BQQ
David	Bourque	WB1FLD
Joyce	Bourque	N1RUZ
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

Paid Dues Query F Name	L Name	Call Sign
John	Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
Herman	Hoffman	WA9LFQ
Stephen	Johnson	K1LOV
Karl	Kaukis	K0CIE
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
Geoff & Fran	Norton	KM4UGR/KQ4DHN
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	K1BES
James & Mary	Stillwagon	Not yet licensed
Mark	Thurston	KB8WXI
Clive	Towndrow	
Larry	Van Sice	KQ4DGX
Scott	Van Sice	KQ4FUN
Daniel	Williams	N0DRW
Douglas & Jayne	Young	KM4LKC

Membership renewal can be accomplished by sending the form on the next page to EARS, or by logging on to the clubs website, [www.earsradioclub.org](http://www.earsradioclub.org) and using the **Paypal** option. You don't need a paypal account to join! Go to the club website to renew via paypal

**Paypal or Credit Card Single Year Membership - \$25.00**

Add to Cart

**Family Membership - \$30.00**

Add to Cart

[Please advise me of any corrections or new additions](#)

# Englewood Amateur Radio Society

## Treasurer Report



		Beginning Balance		4275.01	
		Expenses		Income	
<b>November 2024</b>					
11/12/2024	\$0.00	cash		\$78.00	50 - 50 drawing
11/12/2024	\$0.00	cash		\$25.00	2025 dues
11/12/2024	\$0.00	check	684	\$25.00	Bill Hopewell
11/12/2024	\$0.00	cash		\$25.00	WA9LFQ
11/12/2024	\$0.00	cash		\$25.00	W2CWL 2025 dues
11/12/2024	\$0.00	check	260	\$30.00	KN4YIU and KN4YIV
11/12/2024	\$0.00	cash		\$25.00	2025 dues
11/12/2024	\$0.00	Cash		\$25.00	2025 dues
<b>Sum</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			<b>\$258.00</b>	<b>Balance</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black;"><b>4533.01</b></span>

### Petty Cash

\$101.50	\$68.19	Balance	<b>\$33.31</b>
Amount Received	Amount Paid		

*Robert W. McAlister*

Robert McAlister, Treasurer

Thursday, December 5, 2024



## Englewood Amateur Radio Society

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>License Class</b>	<b>ARRL MBR</b>
<b>Address</b>	<b>City</b>		<b>Zip Code</b>	
<b>Local Phone</b>	<b>Mobile Phone</b>	<b>Email Address</b>		
<b>Secondary Address</b>	<b>Secondary City</b>		<b>ST</b>	<b>Zip</b>
<b>Spouse</b>				

Please check Activity Interests:

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| 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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P.O. Box 572  
Englewood, FL. 34295