



**EARS**  
ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

**August 2025**

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, September 9th, 2025 at the COC in Englewood at 19:00, unless otherwise notified. Check the FB page , and groups.io for last minute updates**

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**MEETING  
MINUTES**

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#### ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

**August 12 , 2025**

The meeting was called to order at 1916 hours.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** KN4RKE Bob McAlister, KM4GX Steve Bishop, W2CWL Bill Dolan, W4RFY Tony Levenson, W1NQT Ken Blackshaw, KN4NFX Steve Froggatt, N3MR Mike Reid, N1COC Jon Blincoe, KE4VEM Matt Henry, W9LFQ Hermann Hoffman, W4AI Jim Nelson, KN4YIU Shirley Duke, KN4YIV Steve Malone, KQ4SSQ Hector Mena, K9KWB, Rodger Mattila, N3GCA, Paul Apollonia, KQ4YMQ, Bill Hopewell, KQ4PSG, Clive Towndrow, KB1RRI, Bob Baldwin, N1LRS Anthony Arango (guest), N1UVN, Sean (guest), Doug Frazier, KE5ODR, KR4FXF, Sherri Davis (and husband Gary).

Bill K7WWR and Steve KM4GX presented the SKY WARN program, as presented at the recent Charlotte County Hurricane Expo.. Tips and hurricane preparations were discussed, along with basics of the SKY WARN program. The members present heard a live Sky Warn telecon (held every Tuesday evening at 19:30..

The Secretary's report was published in the newsletter – Motion to approve the minutes as published was made by Shirley Duke and seconded by Steve Froggatt. Vote: All in Favor. The Treasurer's report was published in the newsletter – Motion to approve the report as published was made by Steve Froggatt, seconded by Mike Reid. Vote: All in favor. **SUNSHINE:** Ken Blackshaw reported on Sunshine activities.

**MENTORSHIP:** Bill Dolan reported that more club members need to volunteer as members. We are getting more new members in the club that are new to Ham Radio and they can use assistance. Please call Bill to help.

**DX COMMS:** The bands have been on-off recently, however Tony Levenson reported contact with San Marino.

**EVENTS:** Bob McAlister reported that the August Foxhunt is postponed, due to his travel during the remainder of the month. Will resume in September. The Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend Radio Event is cancelled. The lighthouse park is closed to the public. There were no other available locations near the Boca lighthouse to set up stations. The park is closed due to past season hurricane damage repairs.

Pioneer Days will take place on Labor Day weekend – the Club will be providing radio communications/coordination and radio security. 12 or so volunteers are needed to man a booth and help with Parade Communications.

**WATERFEST –** WaterFest is scheduled for Columbus Day weekend. EARS again will be providing Radio services for security during the event. Previous volunteers should have received an email from the WaterFest committee regarding sign-ups for that. Also, EARS will have a booth where members can discuss HAM RADIO with the general public – we NEED volunteers for the booth.

**Pico Balloon launch –** the club is looking to work with one of the local schools to do a balloon launch late this year or early next year. The school assistant principle was contacted and a meeting with the STEM teacher is being arranged..

**Fall Picnic –** Shirley Duke provided three dates and two locations for the Fall Picnic. Club members present voted for November 8th at the South Gulf Cove Community Clubhouse. More info to come. .

The next EARS Simplex Network drill will be August 23rd at 10:00am. Frequency 147.400Mhz.

There being no further business – Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Reed, second by Bill Dolan. The meeting was adjourned at 20:25 hours.

### **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. Although it's now summer, we are averaging 8 participants!



### **Upcoming Club Activities**

**N4EAR worked all states** event. We want to get a worked all states certificate for the club station. Time **NOW**:

**Foxhunt**— TBD for September

**Lighthouse/Lightship Radio Weekend** scheduled for August 16 and 17 POTA style event at Boca Lighthouse was cancelled due to park closure, Contact KN4RKE for info

**Englewood Pioneer Days:** The club will be providing comm support for the Parade, and have a booth at Pioneer Park on Dearborn St.

**Waterfest**, October, on Englewood Beach. Contact W4AII or K1BES if you would like to participate

### **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: KM4GX**

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

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

**Tuesday 8/19 W1NQT net control**

Net Control acknowledges (call sign)

1. kf4oup i/o
2. w4rfv - Tony - GC - Nice breakfast - w3dyt, let him use the Mike in PA, ten meter guy, 18 watts AM.
3. k7wwr - Bill - 2 inches of rain! Met Jon and Jon for Bkf -
4. kq4ymq - Bill - Last Nov. Talked to Western TN.
5. km4gx - Steve - SGC - BKF in W Englewood - six - Karen! 1.75 inches rain, lost a tree and hail! Mid 70's FD radios.
6. wo4kac - Kelly - SGC - Storm there - rainbow! - CBs in the 70's. Radio Ops in the AF. Clock still running!
7. kn4yiu and yiv - Shirley and Steve - CB first in the 70's, 50 foot tower! Marine radios.
8. kn4rke - Bob - Englewood - 8 at BKF. In the AF - Flt chk pilots for Nav Aids. AF MARS - Collins equipment. Valdosta, GA -

9. kq4ssq - Hector - Northport -

10. k3cf - Cliff - Carl - Club member gave him stuff. Lots of coax - RG8. Contact him if you'd like it. Antenna analyzer. Novice in 62 or 3. CW.

11. AA4GH - Gus - EL - With an Elmer from FM. DMR radio -

12. n1coc - 60's - Novice -

13. kq4scy - F/M - Asked about Skywarn Net. George - Cape Coral.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Please welcome new club members **Robert Baldwin, KB1RRI**, and **KR4FXF, Sherri Davis** (and her spouse Gary). Sherri is a new Ham Radio Operator, graduate of the last class held by CCFLARES and EARS, and Robert has been a Ham for many years, getting back into the operational world! Welcome to the club.

### **MELBOURNE HAMFEST:**

**W4MLB** COME JOIN US AT THE  
**60TH ANNUAL MELBOURNE HAMFEST 2025**  
THE PLATINUM COAST AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY  
**OCTOBER 10 - 11**  
MELBOURNE AUDITORIUM, 625 E HIBISCUS BLVD, MELBOURNE, FL 32901.

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Visit their webpage to buy advance tickets!

[PCARS – W4MLB – The Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society](http://PCARS-W4MLB-The Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society)

### **Weekly CCFLARES events reported by W4AII:**

-Wednesday 8-20-25 Two CCFLARES Nets: NXDN at 1900 ET: 19-check-ins, 17-Minutes. FM 1930 ET 23-check-ins , 20-Minutes

9-12 Tampa Bay Hamfest and ARRL Convention

10-10 Melbourne Hamfest and ARRL FI state convention

11-8 Sparc Fest Pinellas Park

12-12 Tampa Bay Hamfest and ARRL WCF Section Convention

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

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](http://www.earsradioclub.org) and using the [PAYPAL buttons on our webpage to renew your membership!](#)

Paypal or Credit Card Single Year Membership - \$25.00

[Add to Cart](#)

Family Membership - \$30.00

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## EARS SHIRT AND HAT ORDER INFO:

If you want to order a new EARS hat or shirt, Place your order at: [hamthreads.com](http://hamthreads.com)  
You'll need to enter the code N4EAR In the special instructions.

## 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. The meeting starts at 7pm.

## N4EAR WAS (WORKED ALL STATES) UP-DATE (as of August 26 ):

The QRZ log associated with our Club Station (N4EAR) shows the following QSO's:

### **Confirmed:**

Alabama  
Hawaii  
Idaho  
Indiana  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Michigan  
Mississippi  
North Carolina  
New Jersey  
New York  
Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Pennsylvania  
South Carolina  
Tennessee  
Virginia

### **Unconfirmed:**

Arkansas, Arizona  
California, Colorado  
Delaware  
Florida  
Georgia  
Massachusetts  
Maryland  
Maine  
Minnesota  
New Hampshire, Oregon  
Rhode Island  
Texas  
Washington, Wisconsin  
West Virginia  
Wyoming

As you can see, **35 states total**, we have a good

start! Please join in and let's get all 50 confirmed! Send your N4EAR logs to **KN4RKE**.

## NEW BANNERS FOR EARS:



Thanks go out to Matthew Henry, **KE4VEM** for working with the students and faculty at Lemon Bay High School to get 2 new banners made for the EARS club. The club started out with 3 banners years ago, and somehow 2 have gone missing. If you have ever stored EARS material, please take a look to see if we can locate the missing banners. Since the club is getting more active in community events, we are purchasing (thanks to **KM4GX**) a booth table cloth/runner with our logo on it. It will be used at activities like Pioneer Days, Water Fest, and the other community events the club may participate in.

## LIGHTHOUSE/LIGHTSHIP RADIO WEEKEND EVENT CANCELLED:

Although the club registered the Boca Grande Lighthouse into the International Event, our participation was stymied by the hurricane damages and ongoing restoral/repair actions. Even though the park was under repair, we scouted out the area and found a suitable spot to set up our gear within sight of the historic lighthouse. Three days before the event, the park was closed, for beach renourishment. The club has participated in this event for many years, and plans are that we restart our string of participation in August of 2026.





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