



E A R S
ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

June 2025

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, July 8th, 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**

MINUTES ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY JUNE 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 1908 hours.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: K1BES Bernie Schmelz, K7WWR Bill Reed, KN4RKE Bob McAlister, W2CWL Bill Dolan, W4RFY Tony Levenson, W1NQT Ken Blackshaw, KN4NFX Steve Froggatt, WO4KAC Kelly Combes, N3MR Mike Reid, N1COC Jon Blincoe, KE4VEM Matt Henry, W9LFQ Hermann Hoffman, KN4PHQ John Hodgdon, KR4DGO Craig Stadelbauer, W4RJVN Ernie Mack, W4AII Jim Nelson, K2SDA David Lynch.

Guests: Linda Clark, Art Drake, Hal Richard.
There were several guests in attendance – All members introduced themselves.

The Secretary's report was published in the newsletter – Motion to approve the minutes as published was made by Steve Froggatt and seconded by Bill Dolan. Vote: All in Favor.

The Treasurer's report was published in the newsletter – Motion to approve the report as published was made by Ken Blackshaw, seconded by Mike Reid. Vote: 16 YES, 1 NO.

DX COMMS: The bands have not been very

good lately due to extensive solar activity. Mike Reid reported contact in Bulgaria.

EVENTS: Bob McAlister reported that Summer field day is on June 28th and will be held at the South Gulf Cove Club House. Set up begins at 0900, stations go on the air at 1400. There will be hot dogs and hamburgers and refreshments.

Bernie Schmelz reported that the Club has also agreed to participate in an EAGLE SCOUT project which will be held at Sonrise Baptist Church (Wilmington Blvd) also on the 28th of June from noon until 1600.

MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE – Bill Dolan is managing the mentorship committee. Members are asked to assist in mentoring new members and being available. This is an important activity as many new HAMS can have lots of questions.

CCFLARES GENERAL Class – EARS provided instructors for the recently completed General Class. CCFLARES sponsored the class. We congratulate Shirley Duke KN4YIU for receiving her General Operator upgrade.

HURRICANE EXPO – Several members manned our booth at the Hurricane Expo. This was a great event and was very well attended by the Englewood community. Bob McAlister stated that he had talked with a staff member from SKY Academy – who had indicated that they have a STEM program at the school and had expressed an interest in "Radio". This could also interface with the possible PICO Balloon launch which the club is planning to undertake over the winter. **Continued pg 3**

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 still have a good size crowd there!



Upcoming Club Activities

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

Foxhunt— JULY, registration at Tringali Park Contact KN4RKE for info.

July DX Contest whole month of July. Phone, data, CW plus special Tech Division. Contact any club officer for info

Lighthouse/Lightship Radio Weekend August 16 and 17 POTA style event at Boca Lighthouse. Contact KN4RKE for info

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

HAM RADIO LICENSE UPGRADE:

Congrats to Shirley Duke, **KN4YIU**, for successfully upgrading to General Class on 5/5/2025!

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 controller 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.

6/3/2025: KN4NFX|FL|Net Control Station -

question of the night - Are you ready for hurricane season?| |Rotonda West| Stephen A Froggatt

2|**K8ZZU**|MI|Warmest day in Michigan -| |Grand Blanc|James A Sanford

3|**AA4GH**|FL|In NC doing Auxcam - putting up HF antenna - ready for hurricane season -| |Punta Gorda|August E Hawkins

4|**KN4HQ**|FL|Indian Mounds didn't work - going to Maine -| |Rotonda West|John R Hodgdon
5|**K7WWR**|FL| | |Rotonda West|William W Reed

6|**KM4GX**|FL| | |Port Charlotte|Steven A Bishop
7|**W2CWL**|FL|Trying out a Moxon antenna 3.5

w po - testing session on Thursday - saw me on video at Hamvention - ready for Hurricane season b| |Placida|William J Dolan

8|**W4RFV**|FL|Breakfast at J&R - ready for hurricanes - Liberty, MO in July -| |Port Charlotte|Tony Levenson

9|**WO4KAC**|FL|Set up for hurricane season - got gas for generator - had to drain and refill ethanol - extra batteries - 1.2 KWH -| |Port Charlotte|Kelly A Combes

10|**KN4YIU**|FL|(no club info)| |Port Charlotte|Shirley D Duke

11|**KN4YIV**|FL|(no club info)| |Port Charlotte|Harold S Malone

12|**KN4RKE**|FL|Quiet in Englewood - 18 holes of golf - breakfast @ J&R - extra egg and sausage - trip to Arkansas - think we are prepared -| |Englewood|Robert W Mcalister

13|**W1NQT**|FL|Running 5w PO on a J pole - W4RFV audio is the best - better hurricane prep this year - evacuate to Hampton Inn on Bee Ridge -| |Englewood|Kenneth T Blackshaw

14|**KA8PBA**|FL|IN AND OUT| |Englewood|James R Porter

15|**KQ4YMQ**|FL|Hurricane windows and roof -| |Englewood|William D Hopewell

16|**KR4DGO**|FL|hoping for slow hurricane season - visiting family in Michigan - repeater may be fro Treasure island| |Englewood|Craig Stadelbauer

17|**WA9LFQ**|FL|3 different plans for Hurricane season - new windows - leaving town for almost any storms| |Port Charlotte|Herman F Hoffman

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 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

[Add to Cart](#)

EARS SHIRT AND HAT ORDER INFO:

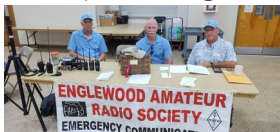
If you want to order a new EARS hat or shirt,

Place your order at: hamthreads.com

You'll need to enter the code N4EAR in the special instructions:

HURRICANE EXPO ATTENDANCE:

The EARS club was invited (on short notice) to man a table at the 2025 *Hurricane Expo* held at the United Methodist Church (intersection of Dearborn and Pine Streets). The Expo was put on by Charlotte County and highlighted agencies and other groups associated with helping after a hurricane. The County conducted an informational briefing on hurricane preparedness. The Expo was attended by a large number of local citizens. Members of the club who participated included K7WWR, N3MR, W4AIL, KN4YIV, and KN4RKE. We set up a functional link to our repeater and provided tri-folds to those interested in Ham Radio and what we can do.



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JULY MEMBER DX CONTEST:

Don't forget that our Annual DX contest starts **July 1 at 00:00** and runs to the **31st at 23:59:59!** The contest is open to all club members, and certificates will be awarded to Phone, Data, and CW winners! There will be a special Phone certificate for Technician class licenses! In 2024 a "Northerner" won and he is going for a repeat! Good luck to all! ADIF files must be sent to the club by the end of August. QSL's are not required. (We trust you!)

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:

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
California
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Massachusetts
Maryland
Maine
Minnesota
New Hampshire
Rhode Island
Texas
Wisconsin
West Virginia
Wyoming

As you can see, we have a good start! Please join in and let's get all 50 confirmed! Send your N4EAR logs to **KN4RKE**.

Minutes from page 1:

WATERFEST – Waterfest is scheduled for Columbus Day weekend. EARS again will be providing Radio services for security during the event. Previous volunteers would 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.

ENGLEWOOD PIONEER DAYS – EARS has agreed to provide radio communications for this event which takes place on Labor Day Weekend. We need volunteers for this event.

EARS CHAT NET – TIME CHANGE – The EARS Chat Net has been starting at 1915 hours and generally extends until 2000 hours or so. Recently the SKY-WARN Net has changed its meeting time to 1930 hours. Many EARS members are also Skywarn members and the question has come up if EARS would entertain moving its chat net start time to 1900 hours. There was much discussion, and many thoughts, ideas and opinion. It was concluded that it would be ok to move the chat net to 1900, however there may be a need for skywarn members to be excused early in order to join that net at 1930. John Hodgson made the motion that the EARS Chat Net be moved to 1900 hours and that Skywarn members may be excused to move over to the Skywarn net at 1930 hours. Seconded by Kelly Combes. Vote: all in favor.

There being no further business – the meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

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Treasurer Report



	Beginning Balance		4248.25		
	Expenses		Income		
June 2025					
6/28/2025	\$0.00	Cash	\$30.00	2025 dues	Mena
6/10/2025	\$80.00	Check 1015	\$0.00	N4EAR License renewal	Henry
6/12/2025	\$1.36	Paypal	\$25.00	2025 Dues via Paypal (Free Radio)	Stadelbauer
5/27/2025	\$1.36	Paypal	\$25.00	2025 dues	Cohen
6/10/2025	\$0.00	Cash	\$43.00	June 50/50 (KN4RKE won and donate	Combes
Sum	\$82.72		\$123.00	Balance	4288.53

Petty Cash

\$111.50	\$68.19	Balance	\$43.31
Amount Received	Amount Paid		

Robert W. McAlister

Robert McAlister, Treasurer

Tuesday, July 1, 2025



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First Name

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Call Sign

License Class

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Please check Activity Interests:

Field Day

Contesting

RFI/TVI

VE Testing

Training

Technical

Computers

Packet

Publicity

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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