



**EARS**  
ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

**May 2025**

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, June 10th, 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**

#### ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES, MAY 13, 2025

The meeting came was called to order at 1920 hours..

**MEMEBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** K1BES – Bernie Schmelz, KN4RKE – Bob McAlister, N3MR – Mike Reid, W2CWL – Bill Dolan, WA9LFB – Herman Hoffman, KM4GX – Steve Bishop, W4AIL – Jim Nelson, KE4VEM – Matt Henry, KN4YIU – Shirley Duke, KN4YIV – Steve Malone, W4RFV – Tony Levenson, KN4PHQ – John Hodgdon, WO4KAC – Kelly Combes..

Bob McAlister made a presentation regarding radiation and transmission pattern from the N4EAR repeater. Bob and Jim Nelson established a 2 mile radius from the antenna and began mapping the signal strength using a NANO Spectrum Analyzer to measure signal strength and a hand gps to determine locations. It was interesting to note particular locations where there exists a drop off in signal strength. There was a lot of interesting discussion regarding the measurements and Bob said that he and Jim will continue to study this by extending further away from the antenna to identify any significant gaps transmission strength as well as identifying what may in fact be blocking signals.

**Secretaries' report** – Approved as published. Motion to approve by Bill Dolan, second Mike Reid – vote All in Favor.

**Treasurer's report** – Approved as published. Motion to approve by Tony Levenson, second Bill Dolan. Vote – All in favor.

**DX Reports** – The bands have been very noisy lately. Steve Bishop reported contact with Pitcairn Island.

**CC Flares** - Tom Chance, Bill Reed and Bernie Schmelz met with Englewood Hospital staff for the purpose of re-establishing the radio room and required equipment. The hospital staff is enthusiastic to have this done and also several

members of the staff want to get their HAM License. Tom Chance will provide the hospital with an equipment list. Tom Chance has available a number of used NXDN radios, they are all tested and programmed with the latest code plug. Contact Bernie K1BES if you are interested in buying one.

**Sunshine** - Ken Blackshaw submitted a report by email. Cards were sent to Jim Porter, Freeman Cosby, Steve Churchill, Steve Froggatt, and Victor Emilkamp.

**Old Business** - Winlink – Raspberry Pi has been installed and is operational. Klaus and Tom Chance worked hard at getting the node set up and stabilized.

**Fifty States** – Please let Bob McAlister know which states you are working so that he can properly log the information.

**New Business** - Summer Field Day will be June 28-29 at South Gulf Cove Community Association

**EARS July DX contest** will begin at 00:00:00 UTC July 1<sup>st</sup>. DigitalFT8, JS8, SSB Phone. There will be a special 10 Meter group for Technicians, 100 W max power. EARS will be providing a security post for Water Fest and also will have a Booth. Volunteers are needed for the booth.

The Club needs to begin preparations for a **PICO Balloon launch** sometime in January/February 2026.

Mike Reid and Bill Dolan are working on this and additional club members are needed.

Matt Henry who is one of the EARS Trustees has been working on the renewal of our license. Also there was a clerical error on our address which should be corrected.

Matt asked that a motion be added to allow him to move ahead with this. The secretary explained that there needs to be a motion made to add the additional item to the agenda on an emergency basis. Kelly

Combes made a motion to authorize adding an emergency item to the agenda. Shirley Duke seconded the motion.

Vote: ALL IN FAVOR. Mike Reid made a motion to authorize Matthew Henry, Trustee, to complete the application for EARS license renewal, to include correcting the Postal Place Name as ENGLEWOOD, Florida, to retain assistance with the filing as necessary and is Further authorized to expend up to \$100 as may be necessary. Seconded by Bill Dolan. Vote: ALL IN FAVOR.

## 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**—May 24, registration at Tringali Park Contact KN4RKE for info. (completed, see article on page 3)

**Summer Field Day** June 28/29 at SGC Community Center. Inside and Airconditioned. Fellowship, food, and Ham Radio

**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

### 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. 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: W1NQT**

**Week 4: W4AII/KM4GX**

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

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

### 5/20/2025 net log:

The subject for the night is - What's the best DX you've worked on Two Meters.

I will now take Echolink check-ins first. Echolink only - Net Control acknowledges (call sign).....

1. wb8wnf - Walt - Arcadia, MI SW of Traverse City, MI - Kentucky
2. w4rfv - Tony - Gulf Cove - Six meters -
3. kn4yiu and V - Shirley and Steve -
5. kn4rke - Bob - Englewood - 8 at breakfast today. Saturday Fox Hunt starting Tringali - 9 am. Fort Myers DX.
6. w04kac - Kelly - SGC - Verna for DX
7. kq4vcv - Patty - PC -
8. kn4phq - John Rotonda in and out
9. AA4GH - Gus N -
10. WA3PTA - Peter
11. W2CWL - Bill - Placida - MCW - code through microphone - 80 miles! Mountain top.
- 12.

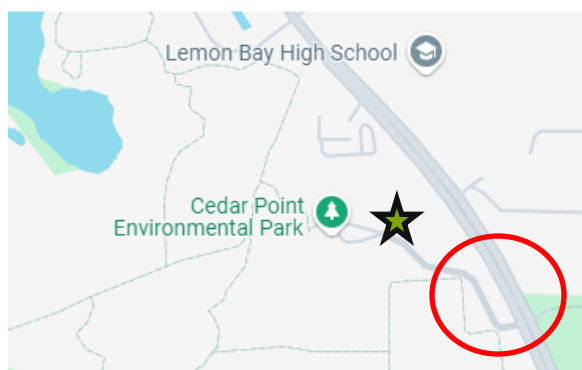
Net control **W1NQT** is now closing the EARS Net at 7:41 pm and returning this repeater to normal amateur use.

Kelly and Bob, and Bill wanted to do some simplex on 52. Then picked up K4ADR, 'AD' in Naples as well as WA1QDP - Mark, also in Naples. About 100 miles!

## MAY 24TH FOXHUNT:

The May 24th Foxhunt registration started at 9:00am at Tringali Part. Seven members of EARS signed up! Initially the Fox was broadcasting at 9:30, but because of reception issues at the starting location, the Fox antenna was changed and resumed to broadcasting at 9:36am.

The Fox was set up at Cedar Point Environmental Park, located southwest of Lemon Bay High School just off Placida Road. Before the start of the hunt a hint was given...look for the hairpin! The hairpin is shown circled on the map below! The fox was located at the "star".



At 10:03am, the team of **W4AIL**, **W4RFV**, **W1NQT**,



and **KE4VEM** arrived, to claim 1st place! Shortly afterwards the 2nd place team of **WO4KAC**, **KN4YIU**, and **KN4YIV** arrived.



But that's not the end of the story! Since the morning was warming up rather quickly, the Fox master (**KN4RKE**) had been running the

truck air conditioner at low engine rpm and ran the battery down so far the truck would not start! Luckily, the 2nd place team used some handy-dandy jumper cables and saved the day! My thanks for the help.

Besides being a great little "park", with several walking trails, a picnic area, and a nice children's playground, Cedar Point is the home location for the "**Cookie House**". The structure was built c. 1931 by John Foster Bass, Jr. (1897-1939) founder of the Bass Biological Laboratory and Zoological Research Supply Company, to serve as his personal office and laboratory near the Bass home on New Point Comfort Road near Gottfried Creek. The Bass operation was the first full-time land-based marine station on the Florida mainland, where eminent naturalists, biologists and zoologists studied and identified at least 470 marine and terrestrial animals between 1931 and 1944.

The log "stovewood" construction technique and architectural style of the small one-story Cookie House are rare. Once popular among rural Wisconsin immigrant populations, no other examples are known in Florida. This practical pioneer building technique utilized local resources. Log disks cut from lighter knot pine logs were stacked on edge in cement mortar mixed with beach sand, leading to an appearance resembling brown cookies on a white plate. It's a great little park to visit!

## 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**

[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](http://hamthreads.com)

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

# Englewood Amateur Radio Society

## Treasurer Report



	Beginning Balance		4207.25	
	Expenses		Income	
May 2025				
5/13/2025	\$0.00	Cash	\$41.00	May 50/50
				Duke
Sum	\$0.00		\$41.00	Balance
				4248.25

### Petty Cash

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

*Robert W. McAlister*

Robert McAlister, Treasurer

Sunday, May 25, 2025





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First Name

Last Name

Call Sign

License Class

Address

City

Zip Code

Local Phone

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### Please check Activity Interests:

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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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