



# EARS

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

December 2023

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be: Tuesday, January 9th, 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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#### K8RFT Silent Key

**Doug Vanderlaan**, loyal club member and “elmer” to many passed unexpectedly December 2nd 2023. Doug was a part timer, spending time between Grand Haven, MI and Englewood, For the past year Doug had been battling pancreatic cancer with chemotherapy. Rest in peace Doug.



#### MEETING MINUTES

#### ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2023 Meeting opened at 19:06 with President Jon Pellant presid-

ing and leading the Pledge of Allegiance with those attending.

Existing Members in attendance: President Jon Pellant W1JP, VP Jim Nelson W4AI , Bob McAlister KN4RKE Treasurer, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, Ken Blackshaw W1NQT Sunshine, Michael Reed N3MR, Shirly Duke KN4YIU, Steve Malone KN4YIV, Steve Bishop KM4GX, John Hodgdon KN4PHQ, Bernie Schmelz K04ZQL, Bill Reed K7WWR, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Bill Dolan W2CWL, Kelly Combes W04KAC, Tony Levenson W4RFV, Jon Blincoe N1COC, John McEnerney KQ4ELH, Bob Bowes KC1MAM, Doug Frasier KE5ODR, John S. Babbitt K2GOG

21 Members In Attendance, And a great time was had by all!

**TREASURERS REPORT:** For the Month of November: Checking Account balance \$ 3,387.96, Petty Cash \$ 21.81, Dues & Miscellaneous \$ 128.00 as of last month. Motion made to accept Treasurers Re-

port with Motion to accept, Steve Bishop and Second by Steve Froggatt.

**SECRETARIES REPORT** November 10, 2023, monthly meeting minutes were recorded by Herman Hoffman and placed into the October Monthly EARS Newsletter by Bob McAllister. Motion to accept Minutes as published was made by Steve Froggatt and 2cnd by Jon Blincoe

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Thee items (2 Handwritten Dues & 1 advertisement)

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE JANUARY MEETING WILL BE VOTING FOR OFFICERS.**

**SUNSHINE:** Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, had several Sunshine opportunities again this past Month.

Thank you, Ken.

**PUBLICITY:** Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, is the Director of Publicity: Ken is the go-to EARS Member for publicity regarding EARS events, service, and information dispersal. The best news is that Ken has returned from another Summer in Nantucket.

The Boca Grande Island GMRS project is continuing, guided by Engineers Jon Pellant and Jon Blincoe, as testing and implementation of the system has begun. As equipment is installed the communications system will interface with island Public Service Providers. Looking at this particular install and viewing the product Jon & Jon has delivered using their skills, talent, and experience to create a very good system.

**EVENTS & ACTIVITY:** Events & Activities Directors are Bill Reid, Steve Bishop, and Bernie Schmalz. They and other members are working on Winter Field Day. Unless changes are appropriate the Winter Field Day 2024 will be January 27 & 28. More activities are planned with a Radio Fox Hunt, AM Radio, and FT8 Digital contesting. There have been suggestions, by Bob McAllister, that there may be a Chili Cook Off contest. That suggests that Ham Radio is very good at providing fodder for many interests.

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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/KM4GX**

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

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

### **11/28/2023 KM4GX Net Control:**

**AA4GH**, Gus in Burnt Store. Via EchoLink. Received a grant for radio equipment at the military museum . Still researching radios and antennas for his home shack.

2. **WINQT**, Ken in Englewood. His Christmas ham wish is for more activity on the N4EAR repeater. Enjoyed breakfast with the group.

3. **KN4NFX**, Steve in Rotonda. Had a good day and was happy the Painters finished up inside his home. His Christmas ham wish is for a backup battery .

4. **KN4RKE**, Bob in Englewood. Great breakfast this morning, shout out to Gus and his wife whom he met at water fest. His Christmas ham wish is an updated 1990's transceiver.

5. **KN4PHQ**, John in Rotonda. Good breakfast with the group. His Christmas ham wish is for a new windows based computer .

6. **W4RFV**, Tony in Gulf Cove. Quiet day at home and staying warm in this chilly weather. his Christmas ham wish is 2 sleighs full of radio gear. He is currently planning his HF station

7. **W4AII**, Jim in Manasota Key. Good breakfast with the group with 12 members present. He already purchased his Christmas present, a 40 meter ham stick antenna, speakers and amplifier.

8. **KN4YIU**, Shirley in SGC. They are all set on radios and just purchased a new computer for use in the ham shack. Her goal is to get set up with WinLink.

9. **KN4YIV**, Steve in SGC. Ditto with what Shirley stated on radios etc. Maybe someday a new beam antenna for their tower.

10. **WO4KAC**, Kelly in SGC. His Christmas ham wish is to get a digital-rig for his radio. And to upgrade to general class license.

11. **KQ4ELK**, Kermit in Warm Mineral Springs. Hi to the group and says he's set on radios for now. Wishes to upgrade to general class license.

12. **KD8KII**, Charlie. Just checking in to say hello to the group.

### **12/19/2023**

This is **WINQT** - Ken - Net Control for the EARS Net. I will first take RF check-ins, then EchoLink. First Check-in please come now. Question of the week is - what was your most memorable Xmas gift?

1. **w4aii** - Jim Manasota Key - Johnson Adventurer Xtal controlled! Next meeting is Jan. 9. Yes - the website is down. Server issue.

2. **kn4rke** - Bob - Englewood - X-rated! But for general consumption - at age 7 Lionel train. shared with bro. 11 at bkf this morning. -- Winter FD can't use Ann Dever. Perhaps Myakka State Forest.

3. **kn4nfx** - Steve - Rotonda W - Just checking E/L. Home-made dog pillow.

4. **wo4kac** - Kelly - SGC - Age 14, set of metric tools to work on a VW! Owned five cars before he could drive.

5. **w4rfv** - Tony - Gulf Cove - a bicycle! Under the tree!

6. **kd8kii** - Charlie - Englewood - 1st computer from one of the children

7. **km4gx** - Steve - SGC - in and out



**Continued.....After nearly 60 years of Ham Radio, I have found that there**

**has always been interest in many activities. If you wish to help, have an interesting discussion with the Event & Activities members.**

**HAMFESTS:** Please see latest listing of ARRL support of Hamfest's.

**Within the next three months there maybe a South-west Florida Hamfest, Desoto County Hamfest, and Florida State Convention. There may be announcements of others.**

**ARES:** Most activities related to Ares & CC Flares usually stops until mid January.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The change in EARS dues , from \$ 15.99 to \$ 25.00. per year was voted on and passed.

**Final tally 13 for 2 against.**

**HOWEVER, IF DUES ARE PAID BEFORE January 1, they remain at \$ 15.00. PLEASE ATTEND:**

**January meeting**, for your choice in President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary. Don't complain if you don't vote, your votes & ideas are important to West Charlotte County.

**NEW BUSINESS:** No more paper QST Magazine unless money is no object. Individual dues are \$50.00 PLUS \$ 50.00 for the 8 issue paper magazine. Otherwise follow QST via you PC.

Steve Malone moved to close the November 10, 2023, meeting. Bill Dolan seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting closed at 20:04 Hrs.

**WA9LFQ I Hope the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years celebrations were good for you! 2024 Can Only Get Better?**

## *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 summer we average about 8 club

members every Tuesday. Thanks to Jon Blincoe, **N1COC**, for arriving early and setting up the tables for our group.

## Upcoming Club Activities

### Annual Membership Meeting

The January meeting is designated as the "Annual Membership Meeting". In January the Officers and Trustees will be elected. If you are a member in Good Standing please be there to elect the new club leaders. **"In good standing" means your dues are current so please check this newsletter closely to see how to renew (by paypal or mail) so you will be current in 2024.**

Although there will be a slate developed by the Nominating Committee, nominations from the floor will be accepted at the January meeting.

### Winter Field Day January 27 and 28, 2024

WFD will be held at **Myakka State Forest Park**, on River Road. For members attending there is **FREE PARKING**. The venue was changed because of conflict of dates at Ann Dever Park. We are planning to have 3 HF stations and one VHF/UHF station. A sign up list for operators will be sent out to members. Set up will start at about 9 am Saturday, and WFD starts at 2 pm. WFD ends at 2 pm Sunday, so there will be plenty of opportunities to get on the air.

### EARS Foxhunt

A "walk-about" fox hunt will be held **1/13/2024**. It will be an "entry level" event meaning new comers are wel-

come, and assistance will be provided to get a person going in basic fox hunting skills. The event will be at Ann Dever Park from Noon to 3 pm. Meet at the covered pavilion. Basic equipment to bring: Hand held receiver, directional antenna. The fox will transmit on 146.565. Any questions please contact N3MR or KN4RKE

### Antenna Shoot-Out and Chill Cook-Off

March 9th, 2024 at Ann Dever Park from 11am to 3 pm. RSVP to K7WWR/KM4GX/KN4RKE by 2/29/2024. We need to know how many are coming and if they are bringing a chilli for the Cook-off. Homebrew and commercial antennas will be tested to find the best. XYL's and family/friends are welcome and invited.

### 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! Thanks in advance!





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

Thanks, Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer lobanker@hotmail.com.

<http://earsradioclub.org/Membership2.html>

**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

You may renew by mail (application at end of newsletter) or you may renew by using the Paypal button on our webpage.

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

The members at the December meeting voted to grant Victor Emmelkamp, K4VHX an honorary membership. Vic is a long time member who served as President and other leadership roles in the EARS club for many, many years. Vic is currently recovering from some medical conditions and has donated his ham radio equipment to the club. Thanks Vic for your contributions to the club over the years!

**HAMCATION HAMFEST**

Please note that one of the major hamfests is happening in February! The Tamiami Radio Club in Venice is planning to charter a bus to take hams to Orlando to attend the Hamcation Hamfest. The bus will hold 50 or so people. If you are interested, contact TARC

Paid Dues Query F Name	L Name	Call Sign
John	Babbitt	K2GQG
Sue	Babbitt	KD2AQR
Brendon	Bertancourt	KB3FUH
Steve	Bishop	KM4GX
Ken	Blackshaw	W1NQT
Brett	Boone	KJ7BQQ
David	Bourque	WB1FLD
Joyce	Bourque	N1RUZ
Bob	Bowes	KC1MAM
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	
Matthew	Henry	KE4VEM
Michael	Henry	KF4KDI
John	Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
Herman	Hoffman	WA9LFQ
Stephen	Johnson	K1LOV
Walt	Kline	WB8WNF
Tony	Levenson	W4RFV
Steve	Malone	KN4YIV
Robert	McAlister	KN4RKE
John (Bernadette)	McEnerney	KQ4ELH
Luis	Napoles	KN4ITK
Jim	Nelson	W4AII
Kermit	Noles	KQ4ELK
Bill	Reed	K7WWR
Michael	Reid	N3MR
Bernard	Schmelz	KO4ZQL
James & Mary	Stillwagon	Not yet licensed
Douglas & Jayne	Young	KM4LKC

**If you renew before the January 2024 meeting vote on dues increase, you will get the lower dues rate!** Use snail mail or button on website

## N4NUM For Sale Equipment List



### Transceivers

Yaesu FT-857D Mobile HF/VHF/UHF transceiver with separation kit \$800  
Yaesu FT-847 HF/VHF/UHF transceiver includes one of the two mic's below \$800  
Yaesu MH-31B8 Microphone \$25  
Yaesu MH-36D8 Microphone \$20  
Yaesu FC-20 Antenna Tuner \$200

### Antenna Tuners

MFJ MFJ-941E Antenna Tuner \$200  
MFJ MFJ-921 Antenna Tuner \$125

### SWR/Power Meters

Micronta, unknown model, label not readable, SWR/Power Meter ??? BRO  
Micronta 21-524 Field Strength SWR Tester \$10

### Antenna & Related

Larsen Electronics AD-2/70, 144/440 Antenna Duplexer \$15  
CushCraft CS50 6m mag mount \$25  
Diamond CR320A UHF connector, Tri-band 144/222/440 \$40 BRO  
T2X Rotor and Control Box, was service by Rotor Dr. 8/83. Not in service past 15 years. BRO  
RF Inquiry CF5KV 5KW HF Common Mode Filter \$175

### Misc.

2x, Heil Pro Set Headphones \$100 each  
West Mountain Radio Rig Blaster \$50

If you are interested in any of this equipment, please contact club member **David Bourque .at** [wb1fld@gmail.com](mailto:wb1fld@gmail.com)

### POWER AMPLIFIER



Power Amplifier (7 HAM BANDS) available! If interested contact **KM4GX** ([steven.bishop256@gmail.com](mailto:steven.bishop256@gmail.com))

Assorted Ham Gear donated by **K4VHX** will be auctioned at the January meeting



### Englewood Amateur Radio Society

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#### Please check Activity Interests:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day  | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contesting | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RFI/TVI    | <input type="checkbox"/> Packet         |
| <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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