



**EARS**  
ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

**June 2024**

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, July 9, 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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#### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **MINUTES JUNE 11, 2024**

Members in Attendance: KN4PHQ  
– John Hodgedon, KD8KII – Charles  
Lane, W2CWL – Bill Dolan,

WA9LFQ- Herman Hoffman, KN4NFX – Steve Froggatt, KE4VEM – Matthew Henry, KN4YIU – Shirley Duke, KN4YIV – Steve Malone, W4RFY – Tony Levenson, W4AI – Jim Nelson, K1BES – Bernie Schmelz, N1COC – Jon Blincoe, N3MR – Mike Reid, KN4RKE – Bob McAlister, WO4KAC – Kelly Combes. Guests: Connor Malone, Karen Dega Martin.

Members gathered at 1900 to socialize and share ideas. The meeting convened at 1920. Treasurer Bob McAlister offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kelly Combes made a presentation on the use of WINLINK utilizing DIGIRIG hardware and APP. This hardware and APP allows the use of WINLINK with a cell phone and a HT radio. The APP is WOAD which is available for ANDROID devices.

Guests introduced themselves – Karen Dega Martin and Connor Malone (Steve Malone's grandson).

The secretary's report was published in the newsletter. There being no changes, Bob McAlister made the motion to approve as published, second by Steve Froggatt. Vote: all in favor.

The treasurer's report was published in the newsletter. There being no changes, Steve Froggatt made the motion to approve as published, second by Shirley Duke. Vote: all in favor.

DX Comms: 20M has been very active with many members making contacts.

Events: Bob McAlister reminded everyone that summer field day will be held at the South Gulf Cove Club House on June 22-23. Set up will begin at 0900 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, contesting begins at 1400. Boca Grande Light-house (LHOTA) contest will be the third weekend of August.

Bob is also trying to organize a Foxhunt for July – more to come.

Also, the EARS HF contest begins on July 1 and ends on July 31, there will also be a category for Technician License holders.

Sunshine: Ken Blackshaw reported that he sent out two cards to members this month and asked if any member know of another who may need a little sunshine to let him know.

There being no further business, Matt Henry moved to close the meeting at 2001.

#### **Summer Field Day at South Culf Cove Community Center:**

This year the club conducted SFD at the SGC Clubhouse. Thanks to the SGC EARS members who contacted the HOA

and thanks to to the HOA for letting us use the great AIR CONDITIONED



location!!! Over the 2 day period the event was attended by 21 operators and visitors. Three HF stations and a VHF talk in station were set up and ham operators and one guest, **Sarah Matthew**, talked to stations around the country!

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## *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. 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

**July 1** beginning 0000UTC—EARS 2nd Annual DX Contest; Contest runs all month!

**July 9** Club meeting

**July 16, 23, 30** 2 meter chat net

**August 17-18**—Lighthouse Lightship weekend at Boca Grande Lighthouse.

### 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!

### SFD Activities continued from page 1.....

A 3 band Hex Beam, a multi band vertical, and

an end-fed long wire provided the coverage needed for the club to contact over 100 stations across the country side and Canada. Single side-band, CW and FM modes were used. All radio equipment was powered by battery and solar panels.. In addition to radio operations, handtalkies were being programmed by **K1BES**.



Operations were suspended for a little over an hour due to a significant “weather event” but all the antennas, equipment and people were ok. No one got wet! Thanks again to SGC!



The event wrapped up at about 2 pm Sunday. The next “field day” type of activity will be the Lighthouse Lightship Weekend. The club will field the event in a POTA format. More info will be available in the next

newsletter.

**More pictures on page 3.....**



## 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: W1NQT**

**Week 4: W4AII/KM4GX**

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

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

## W1NQT HAM RADIO SHACK:

Thanks to Ken Blackshaw. W1NQT sharing a picture of his new shack! Ken says a shack can be squeezed into many places! Well



done!

Ken uses this rig to run the Tuesday evening 2 meter chat net once a month!



His roof mounted J pole gives him crystal clear signal reports through the club repeater!

If anyone is interested in becoming a chat net controller please mention it to an Officer, or during a chat net session. No experience needed...we will help!

## Summer Field Day Pictures:

Solar panels provided by KM4GX to keep the rig batteries charged up!



Five band Hex Beam (only three bands for the



SFD Event. Survived the heavy rain squall on Saturday afternoon!



**KN4PHQ (in the back), KQ4PSG , W1NQT, KM4GX** operating and logging stations





This is the list I have of members in good standing through 12/31/2024. Thanks, Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer, lobanker@hotmail.com.

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!

Paid Dues Query F Name	L Name	Call Sign
JoAnn	Adamy	KC4WJ
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
John	Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
Herman	Hoffman	WA9LFQ
Stephen	Johnson	K1LOV

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

Paid Dues Query F Name	L Name	Call Sign
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
Jon	Pellant	W1JP
Kyra	Pellant	
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	
Daniel	Williams	N0DRW
Douglas & Jayne	Young	KM4LKC

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

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# Englewood Amateur Radio Society

## Treasurer Report



Begining Balance 4273.73

Expenses

Income

June 2024

6/18/2024	\$21.18	check	1007	\$0.00	Sunshine expense reimbursed to W1NQT
6/11/2024	\$0.00	Cash		\$21.00	50 50 June
6/11/2024	\$0.00	Check		\$25.00	Clive Towndrow dues 2024

Sum	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$21.18</span>			<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$46.00</span>	Balance <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">4298.55</span>
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### Petty Cash

\$101.50	\$68.19	Balance	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$33.31</span>
Amount Received	Amount Paid		

*Robert W. McAlister*

Robert McAlister, Treasurer

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

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## Englewood Amateur Radio Society

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Call Sign

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### Please check Activity Interests:

Field Day

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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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P.O. Box 572  
Englewood, FL. 34295