



# E A R S

INGLEWOOD MATURE RADIO SOCIETY

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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

January 2025

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 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, JANUARY 14, 2025

The meeting came was called to order at 1905 hours.

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** K1BES – Bernie Schmelz, KN4RKE – Bob McAlister, N9USZ – Steve Church, N3MR – Mike Reid, W2CWL – Bill Dolan, K2GQG – John S Babbitt, WA9LFB – Herman Hoffman, KD8OCW – Jim Grimes, KE5ODR – Doug Frazier, W1NQT – Ken Blackshaw, KG4PSG Clive Towndrow W4AII – Jim Nelson, KN4NFX – Steve Froggatt, KE4VEM – Matt Henry, Sarah Henry, K7WWR – Bill Reed, KM4GX – Steve Bishop, KN4YIU – Shirley Duke, KN4YIV – Steve Malone, W4RFV – Tony Levenson.

**Guests in attendance:** KA9SZX – Mark Garrett, Donna Matlery.

The first order of business for the meeting is the election of officers. The Election Committee consisting of Shirley Duke and Mike Reid presented a slate of candidates consisting of: Bill Reed – for President, Steve Bishop – for Vice-President, Bernie Schmelz – for Secretary, Bob McAlister – for Treasurer. As Trustees the following were nominated – Matt Henry and Herman Hoffman. Immediate Past-President – Jon Pellatt. Result of the Election was: Bill Reed – President, Steve Bishop – Vice-President, Bernie Schmelz – Secretary, Bob McAlister – Treasurer. As Trustees – Matt Henry and Herman Hoffman. Immediate Past-President – Jon Pellatt.

**Secretary's report** – Motion to accept as published – Steve Froggatt, seconded by Steve Malone. Vote – all in favor.

**Treasurer's report** - Motion to accept as published – Mike Reid, seconded by Joh Babbitt. Vote- all in favor.

DX Reports – Tony Levenson – contact in Namibia on 20m; Steve Bishop – lots of activity on 12m, propagation has been exceedingly good.

**CCFLARES** – Steve Bishop and Bernie Schmelz reported that Tom Chance acquired a batch of used NXDN radios that are available for purchase by EARS members. They have

been tested and will be programmed with the latest code plug. Also, the next CCFLARES meeting will be on the third Monday of the month at Perkins in Port Charlotte. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Sunshine** – Ken Blackshaw reported that “sunshine” has been sent to John Hodgdon, Jim Porter and Bill Dolan.

**Events** – Bob McAlister reported that there will be a “foxhunt/walkabout” during winter field day.

Winter Field Day will be on January 25<sup>th</sup> at Ann Deaver Park. Included will be a chili cookoff as well as lots of DXing. Set up will be at 0900, field day begins at 1100.

**Old Business** – Echo Link – The officers continue to move forward with the plans to co-locate the Echo Link node at the repeater site utilized by CCFLARES and the County. New Business – The Board has proposed that new licensee members will be awarded a new HT Radio. This encourages new licensees to continue their HAM Radio hobby and get them going immediately as soon as they are licensed.

Also, an additional award category – Member of the Year. This award recognizes a club member that has provided extensive support to the club by volunteering, taking on additional tasks, and providing continual support to the Club and its members.

This year’s nominee has volunteered for countless tasks, given countless hours to the club and never says no when asked to take on an additional task. This year’s Member of the Year is **SHIRLEY DUKE**.

**Activities Committee** – Club members attended a morning at the range. Also, there is a social breakfast at Junior and Rosie’s each Tuesday at 0700. Junior and Rosie’s has opened a new location in East Englewood which is larger and gives an opportunity for member to al sit together rather than at several tables. Several members have proposed that the Club give the new location a try. After much discussion it was agreed that the new location will be given a try during February and will be discussed at the next meeting.

It has been proposed that if any club member knows of someone in need of “sunshine” they can send an email to [sunshine@ears.groups.io](mailto:sunshine@ears.groups.io). This is a confidential email and all suggestions/notifications will remain private.

HAMCATION is on February 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. TARC will have a bus going. Contact TARC through its web site.

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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. Eleven Club members at the last breakfast.

**NOTICE:** *The club voted to meet at Junior and Rosies new restaurant, formerly "Charlie's Good Times". on the 776 Access Road just out of town near Winchester. Hope to see you there at 7:00 am or so Tuesday February 4th.*

### **Upcoming Club Activities**

**February-** N4EAR worked all states event  
We want to get a worked all states certificate for the club station.  
Time **TBD**  
Foxhunt—TBD

### **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!

### **Sunshine Email Established:**

The club has established a groups.io address for any Sunshine suggestions. Simply send an email

to: [sunshine@ears.groups.io](mailto:sunshine@ears.groups.io)

The info you send will reach W1NQT and KN4RKE to be followed up on.



### **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.

### **Simplex Emergency Network:**

If you have not participated n the smplex net, and are interested in being added to the list, please let a club officer know. We are hoping to have an alternative/back up to the club repeater for emergency and non emergency communications. The frequency used is 144.200 Mhz. (Simplex). The frequency may change n the near future. The club is developing a spreadsheet to note point-to-point capabilities and relay stations.

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The Editor is always looking for articles and pictures for future newsletter printings. Send pictures of your shack, antenna farms and equipment!

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There has been a request to re-instate a Club Directory. Members agreed to go ahead. Doug Frazier volunteered to put the information together and submit it to the Board for review.

Shirley Duke has information on Club Shirts and will re-post the information. Members can order directly form the supplier.

The meeting adjourned at 2050.

**Member  
DIRECTORY**

This is the list I have of members in good standing through 12/31/2025. Thanks,

Newsletter Paid Dues Query F Name	L Name	Call Sign
Paul	Apollonia	N3GCA
John	Babbitt	K2GQG
Brendon	Bertancourt	KB3FUH
Steve	Bishop	KM4GX
Ken	Blackshaw	W1NQT
Joyce	Bourque	N1RUZ
David	Bourque	WB1FLD
Steven	Churchill	N9USZ
Kelly	Combes	WO4KAC
Freeman	Crosby	W1NPR
Bill	Dolan	W2CWL
Shirley	Duke	KN4YIU
Vic	Emmelkamp	K4VHX
Cliff	Evans	KC3F
Sarah	Evans	KB3OWW
Doug	Frazier	KE5ODR
Jim	Grimes	KD8OCW
Matthew	Henry	KE4VEM
Michael	Henry	KF4KDI
Herman	Hoffman	WA9LFQ
William	Hopewell	KQ4YMQ
Allan	Huston	KC1IWF
Karl	Kaukis	KOCIE
Tony	Levenson	W4RFV
Steve	Malone	KN4YIV
Donna	Matherly	None yet
Roger	Mattila	N9KWB
Robert	McAlister	KN4RKE
Luis	Napoles	KN4ITK
Jim	Nelson	W4AII
Kermit	Noles	KQ4ELK
Kyra	Pellant	
Jim	Sanford	K8ZZU
Bernard	Schmelz	K1BES
Scott	Van Sice	KQ4FUN
Larry	Van Sice	KQ4DGX
Mark	Willoughby	W1EKU
Douglas & Jayne	Young	KM4LKC

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! Go to the club website to renew via paypal

**Please advise me of any corrections or new additions**

Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer, [lobanker@hotmail.com](mailto:lobanker@hotmail.com).

**Use 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**

## **December 14 Foxhunt Results:**

Seven foxhunt enthusiasts registered for the foxhunt event. The fox was turned on at 9:30am and the participants started taking their bearings at Tringali Park. Twenty-six minutes later the team of Tony Leverson and Matthew Henry showed up at the island across the street from the Rotonda Hills Golf Course! A new record for the quickest time! After an additional twenty minutes, Bill Reed nabbed second place. Coming in third was the Steve Bishop and Ed Godievsky team, with fourth place going to Kelly Combes and Bill Hopewell.



## Encounter with the Past

So – I’m driving along on South McCall Tuesday and notice what looked like a ham plate on the car in the right lane and did a double-take! W1JF!! That’s my SK friend, John Fogle’s call sign. I’m thinking, could his widow still be alive? I think John passed in 2004. He kept that Connecticut callsign down here.

Later I dug in my old EARS Directories and find him in 2002, but not in 2005.

This is the entry from the 2002 directory

John Fogle-**W1JF**

Wife: Nancy ---

Cape Haze, Fl 33946

697-7946, Rptr. Dial-233 -

[w1jf@ewol.com](mailto:w1jf@ewol.com)

Brought back memories – back then we all had **EWOL** (Englewood On-Line) e-mails.

What the heck – I tried that 697 number and eventually a lady picked up and said ‘Hello’ in a guarded voice. Nancy?? I said – and then Yeeessss?? Came back – Who is this? She eventually remembered who the hell I was. She is still here – still with license plate that John had – that I saw on McCall yesterday! Glad she picked up the phone from a strange 941 number.

We had a good chat. She also remembered Dr. John Combs, **K9JPC**, later **W4VMD**, another name the old club members would latch onto. He was a veterinary doctor. Lost him in 2010.

In 2011 the Club started listing Silent Keys in the directory. Here are the entries from that year, perhaps to jog some memories. Perhaps the list would be too long now.

## **Silent Keys**

John Combs **W4DVM**, Donald DiBello **KF4WJW**, John Fogle **W1JF**, Jim Halliday **NX2II**,

Selwin Kerrigan **WB1CYM**, Frank Kouri **K4KF**, Gabriel Meckenberg **K2GQU**,

Warren Nottingham **W4NEL**, James O'Rourk **N1KKE**,

Bruce Robideau **K2OY**,

Mary Ryden **K8ONV**, Ken Ryden **K8ONG**, Frank Schwab **W8OK**, Ron G. Snowdon **KE4JWB**,

Al Stevens **KA9KAZ**, Vince Thereau **KG4IAV**, Joseph

Ventura **KB4OCM**, Larry Yacobelli **W4ERN**

William Williams - **KA1LHO**

There are a lot of former officers on that list, and, certainly – Mary Ryden, whose callsign was used for our repeater until recently.

And last but not least – here is the current holder of John’s old callsign. **W1JF USA**, **Alan R Beckwith**, 4 Larkspur Lane, Medfield, MA 02052

73s – Ken, **W1NQT**

## Ham Radio Equipment for Sale:

Item 1. Ameritron AL-82 linear amplifier.  
Asking \$2,000 (they’re \$4,000 new)



Item 2. Ameritron ARB-704 Amplifier-to-Transceiver Interface (there are three of these and one cable)

Asking \$60 each (They’re asking \$100 on Ebay)



Item 3. MFJ 989D Versatuner V

Asking \$200 (they’re asking \$300 on Ebay)



Item 4. Eico 723 60 watt CW transmitter with 8 crystals (7.010, 7.020, 7.025, 7.030, 7.035, 7.110, 7.160, 7.172)

Asking \$120 (they’re asking \$175 on Ebay and crystals are between \$15 and \$20 but these are included with the transmitter)



Item 5. Drake TR4C transceiver w/MS-4 speaker cabinet, power supply and Power Supply rebuild kit.

Asking \$375 (I’ve seen two on Ebay, one asking \$400 and one asking \$600)

Anyone interested can email N#MR (Mike Reid) at [mreid@unm.edu](mailto:mreid@unm.edu) or text to 505-220-6256.

Thanks very much!  
Michael Reid  
N3MR

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## Treasurer Report



	Begining Balance				
	Expenses		Income		
<b>December 2024</b>					
12/10/2024	\$140.00	check	1010	\$0.00	Christmas Dinners Englewood Methodist Church
11/26/2024	\$139.98	Check	1009	\$0.00	2 Thanksgiving Dinners Publix
12/10/2024	\$0.00	Check		\$30.00	2025 dues K7WWR
12/10/2024	\$0.00	Check		\$25.00	N3MR 2025 dues
12/10/2024	\$0.00	Cash		\$25.00	KB8WXI 2025 dues
12/10/2024	\$0.00	Cash		\$25.00	2025 dues Steve Froggate
12/10/2024	\$0.00	Cash		\$25.00	2025 dues Clive Towndrow
12/12/2024	\$60.00	Debit Card		\$0.00	\$50 tuned cavity tuning and \$10 petty cash
11/12/2024	\$69.51	check	1008	\$0.00	Domain Fees
Sum	<b>\$409.49</b>			<b>\$130.00</b>	
					Balance <b>4253.52</b>

### Petty Cash

\$111.50	\$68.19	Balance
Amount Received	Amount Paid	<b>\$43.31</b>

*Robert W. McAlister*

Robert McAlister, Treasurer

Tuesday, January 7, 2025



## Englewood Amateur Radio Sociey

ARRL  
MBR

First Name

Last Name

Call Sign

License Class

Address

City

Zip Code

Local Phone

Mobile Phone

Email Address

Secondary Address

Secondary City

ST

Zip

Spouse

### Please check Activity Interests:

Field Day

Technical

Contesting

Computers

RFI/TVI

Packet

VE Testing

Publicity

Training

Special Events

Yearly Membership Dues \$25

Family Membership Dues \$30

Bring form and Check to Meeting, or mail form and check to:

E.A.R.S.  
P.O. Box 572  
Englewood, FL. 34295