



# E A R S

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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

August 2023

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, September 12th, 2023 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 for August 8, 2023  
 Meeting opened at 18:59 with Vice President Jim Nelson presiding and leading the Pledge of Allegiance

with those attending.

Members in attendance: Jon Pellatt W1JP President, Jim Nelson W4AII Vice President, Bob McAllister KN4RKE Treasurer, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, Shirley Duke KN4YIW, Steve Malone KN4YIV, Michael Reid N3MR, [Bill Reed](#) K7WWR, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Steve Bishop KW4SAB, Jon Blinco N1COC, Charles Lane KD8KII

#### TREASURERS REPORT: Checking Account \$

3,339.92 Petty Cash \$ 29.70, Dues & Miscellaneous \$ 63.73 Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Motion to accept, Steve Froggett, and Second by Michael Reid.

**SECRETARIES REPORT:** July 11, 2023, monthly meeting minutes were recorded by Herman Hoffman and placed into the June Monthly EARS Newsletter by Bob McAllister. Motion to accept Minutes as published was made by Steve Froggatt and 2nd by Mike Reid.

**SUNSHINE:** Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, had nary a Sunshine recipient this past Month. Everybody is doing fine and is healthy. That due to not knowing if anybody needed a booster shot of sunshine.

**PUBLICITY:** Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, Director of Publicity: Ken is the go-to EARS Member for publicity regarding EARS events, service, and information dispersal. He has placed Summer Field Day on the shelf for 2023 and is working with the Event & Activity Committee for Lighthouse Field Day at the Boca Grand Light-

house on the Southern tip of the island. Bridge fare is \$6.00 even if you put 18 Hams in a Volkswagen Sedan.

**EVENTS & ACTIVITY:** At this point, Events & Activities Directors are Bill Reid, Steve Bishop, and Bernie Schmelz. They and other members are working on a the Light House edition of 'Light House Field Day.' August 19 & 20. Since Hurricane ANI made a mess of the Boca Grand Light House and severely damaged it. We will set up in the park facilities, not the lower lighthouse area. Bathrooms still work great.

**HAMFESTS:** Attalla, Hamfest in Alabama is set for September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Steve Froggatt is going to the Hamfest and Hams that enjoy shopping Ham gear and travel. Information & details regarding this Hamfest is covered fully at website: Gadsdenradio.org Perhaps a local EARS Hamfest could provide some EARS financial support. Do you have some equipment available that is no longer used, needed or antique, or perhaps you need to buy some?

**ARES:** Hurricane season is upon us again. Since we were treated to ANI's foul behavior, it is important that we think of our Charlotte County Flares, SARS members and participate in practices, activities as a dress rehearsal for Hurricanes that make an appearance in SW Florida. ANI hit us right on the nose on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Hams and the public need to understand what the real purpose of Ham Radio has always been for civilian well-being. That is, sharing information with the authorities who have the responsibility of Charlotte County, and who interface and provide support via ARES and CC Flares with training and resource access. The Hawaii disaster this past week indicates there were not enough Ham Radio Operators to assist.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

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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/KW4SAB**

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

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

EARS 2 meter chat net for July 25th 2023. Steve

**KW4SAB** Net control

1. **W2CWL**, Bill via EchoLink. Nice breakfast great to see the guys. Still working on the rebuild of his home in Placida. Has an end fed wire antenna up and it is working well, making some DX contacts with it.

2. **KN4PHQ**, John via EchoLink from York Maine.

Says hi to everyone. Has a portable jpole antenna and a 20 Amp/hr LifePo battery to power his radios.

3. **KN4NFX**, Steve in Rotonda. Has purchased an extra HT radio, upgraded his generator and added a new weather monitoring station at his home.

4. **W4AII**, Jim in Manasota Key. Has a new Crane emergency radio and an EFRW antenna. Reminder on the **CCFLARES** WinLink drill on Thursday the 27th at Englewood Hospital.

5. **KN4YIV**, Steve in SGC. Has a new Nano VNA antenna analyzer and is having fun planning for his new HF station. Shopping for the new transceiver and supporting equipment.

6. **KN4YIU**, Shirley in SGC. They have just installed a new weather monitoring station at their home.

7. **WO4KAC**, Kelly in SGC. Has been very busy building his new ham shack with new radios and equipment including battery and solar power backup.

8. **KQ4ELQ**, Kermit in Warm Mineral Springs. Studying for his general license and planning for his HF equipment in the near future. He has 2 HT radios and spare batteries.

9. **K1LOV**, Steve in Port Charlotte. Has been busy repairing his home from hurricane damage. Just put his antenna mast up from last year. Purchased a new HT radio.

10. **KN4JEN**, Allen via EchoLink from North Carolina. Checked in to say hi. He is planning to upgrade and/or purchase some new HF equipment in the near future.

**August 15 2023** Net control **KN4RKE**

**WB8WNF** Walt in Michigan on echolink! 71 degrees high

**WN4NFX** Steve in Rotonda. No traffic. Heading to Huntsville for the Hamfest at end of week!

**K7WWR** Bill in Englewood. Will be at Boca Grande Lighthouse Saturday for LH LS Weekend Event.

**KW4SAB** Steve in SGC. Enjoyed EARS breakfast. Will attend LH LS weekend at Boca Grande

**AA4GH** Gus on echolink from Seward Alaska! Lives in Punta Gorda

**KN4YIU** Shirley in SGC. Will be attending Boca event

**KN4YIV** Steve in SGC. Will be at Boca. Participated in CARS VHF/UHF test exercise

**W4AII** Jim in Manasota Key. Will be at Boca/ Enjoyed EARS breakfast. Participated in EARS July DX contest

**KD8KII** Charlie in Englewood! New to the chat net

EARS 2 meter chat net for **Aug 22nd 2023**. Steve

**KW4SAB** Net control

Echo link:

**AA4GH** Gus in Alaska QTH is Punta Gorda

**KN4JEN** Alan in NC traveling hi 90's next few days Roofing project on Myakka is being worked. Traveling till then Takes mobile rigs on trips

**W2CWL** Nakomis working on house! Making progress/ Takes Baofang on trips! Good breakfast

**KN4NFX** Steve back from hamfest Small size compared to some others! Didn't buy anything though. Always bring an HT while traveling. Used once in Titusville!

**W4AII** Jim Manasota Key Takes HT while traveling. W1NQT may be on Echo link

**KN4RKE Bob Englewood** Breakfast was good, six operators. Has fun at Boca Grande. Take HT to travel with

**K7WWR** Bill on HT in Englewood. Scratchy signal! Had manager from Holiday Park with him to witness ham net operation.

**W1NQT Ken on echolink up in Nantucket! 67 degrees. Did work LHLS weekend.**

**Last call at 19:47 local time**

# **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. Thanks to Jon Blincoe, **N1COC**, for arriving early and setting up the tables for our group!

## **Upcoming Club Activities**

### **2023 Waterfest in Englewood**

If you would like to volunteer for this year's waterfest please click on below link. **EARS typically provides our members as trained radio operators for the security team.** If you want to Volunteer as a radio operator, sign up for the **security** team. If you signup for at least 2 Security shifts then you get a free lunch as well as free admission and a Security Shirt, plus we have a good time! If your desired shift is full, just sign up for any open **Security** shift and we will finalize the radio operator schedule closer to the event. Contact **W4All** for additional info.

[Ambassador Opportunities - Englewood Beach Waterfest](#)

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

More details as we get closer to 2024

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

Planned for sometime after WFD but before all the snowbirds go home for summer! The Activities Committee is working on the "details, rules and regulations" now.

### **EARS Foxhunt**

Initial planning is beginning for a 2 meter Foxhunt. Tentative planning for Winter of 2024.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** Further discussion this month regarding financial, club status, and other subjects was discussed.

Lighthouse weekend activities are fast closing in on us, therefore final arrangements were made at the August meeting. This was our chance to fine tune the details. We will set up at the South end of the island at the roofed open guest building. Bathroom facilities are just available there, despite ANI. Parking is at the location of the Old Light House outside of the fence. So, go, attend & Ham appropriately? August 19 and perhaps the 20<sup>th</sup>. Bring beverages, Sun sustenance gear, and food. Some discussion in the group took place when John Blincoe talked about the possibility of getting a Ham shack-room at the Tringalley County facility. It's great to think we might have a single location. Thank you, Jon, for your efforts on behalf of the EARS Club.

**REMEMBER**, next month's meeting on the 12th of September includes taking a vote regarding the abolishment of the abstention vote process. December will be the final vote.

**Steve Froggatt** moved to close the July 9th, 2023, meeting.

**Bob McAlister** seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting closed at 20:04 Hrs. There was no after meeting training activity this month.

Sharing Sunshine  
**WA9LFQ**



### **First Annual EARS DX Contest Results:**

**CQ DX** The contest ran from July 1st to the 31st. Although there were six categories for competition only six logs were submitted for judging. The judging was completed on August 17th and two winners were determined:

**K8RFT** in the high power digital category, and **K7WWR** in the high power phone category. Framed certificates will be presented at the September club meeting. Thanks to **K8RFT (232)**, **WB1FLD (197)**, and **W4AII (193)** for the digital mode entries, and **K7WWR (189)**, **KW4SAB (166)**, and **KN4RKE (17)** for the phone category entries. The competition was close, The Activities Committee would like to run another competition and welcomes your constructive comments in making the event something more members would participate in.

# Member DIRECTORY

If you are not on this list, I  
don't have you marked for  
2023. Please contact me if I've made an error.  
Thanks, Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer  
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JoAnn	Adamy	KC4WJ
John	Babbitt	K2GQG
Sue	Babbitt	KD2AQR
Brendon	Bertancourt	KB3FUH
Steve	Bishop	KW4SAB
Ken	Blackshaw	W1NQT
Jonathan	Blincoe	N1COC
Joyce	Bourque	N1RUZ
David	Bourque	WB1FLD
Bob	Bowes	KC1MAM
Steven	Churchill	N9USZ
Kelly	Combes	WO4KAC
Freeman	Crosby	W1NPR
Bill	Dolan	W2CWL
Shirley	Duke	KN4YIU
Cliff	Evans	KC3F
Doug	Frazier	KE5ODR
Steve	Froggatt	KN4NFX
Jim	Grimes	KD8OCW
Matthew	Henry	KE4VEM
Michael	Henry	KF4KDI
John	Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
Herman	Hoffman	WA9LFQ
Duwain	Hunt	W8JJV
Stephen	Johnson	K1LOV
Karl	Kaukis	KOCIE
Walt	Kline	WB8WNF
George	Krickovich	W2YJ
Ray & Patricia	LaBrie	KN4LFC
Charles	Lane	KD8KII
Steve	Malone	KN4YIV
Robert	McAlister	KN4RKE
Jerry	Meckenberg	K4JWE
Luis	Napoles	KN4ITK
Jim	Nelson	W4AII
Fran	Norton	
Doc	O'Connor	K8DO
Jon	Pellant	W1JP
Jim	Porter	KA8PBA
Bill	Reed	K7WWR
Michael	Reid	N3MR
Jim	Reske	NB3P
Jim	Sanford	K8ZZU
Bernard	Schmelz	KO4ZQL
Bernnie	Silverberg	K4KUO
James & Mary	Stillwagon	Not yet licensed
Mark	Thurston	KB8WXI
Leonard	Trudeau	N4LJT
Doug	Vanderlaan	K8RFT
Jay	Wilson	KB1HNE
Douglas & Jayne	Young	KM4LKC

## Groups.io Website

If you are not getting the EARS groups.io emails, please contact one of the club officers. Groups.io is used to send emails concerning club activities and other supportive functions. If you don't get the messages you are missing out on club information! Get more information at [main@ears.groups.io/Home](mailto:main@ears.groups.io/Home) or [main+subscribe@ears.groups.io](mailto:main+subscribe@ears.groups.io)

## 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 op-

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eration, please contact a club officer to schedule a time to share your info with the club members! Thanks in advance!

## Equipment for Sale:

If you have any equipment for sale, drop me an email with picture, price, contact info, and any other details you might want stated. **KN4RKE**

## Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend, 2023



The International Lighthouse/Lightship weekend this year was August 19 and 20; This event has been an on going tradition for the EARS Club for many years. This year the event was attended by **W1JP**, **N1COC**, **W4AII**, **K7WWR**, **KW4SAB**, **KN4YIU**, **KN4YIV**, and **KN4RKE**. In no time at all, two transmitting stations were set up using vertical antennas. Two canopy shelters and fans were set up, (thanks to **KW4SAB** and **KN4YIV**) and the event was powered by a small gasoline generator (**K7WWR**) and very nice battery pack/solar panel combo (**KW4SAB**). With all the sunshine, we had plenty of power to run the rigs and the fans to supplement the gulf breezes!

**KN4YIV** and **KN4YIU** brought a great assortment of foodstuffs , water and snacks that kept us energized during the day.

According to the ILHLS website, 409 lighthouses were registered this year! So we were all excited to contact as many as we could!



Even though we only had two stations operating, on 20/15/10 meters, every one who wanted to had time behind the microphone to try and contact all those International locations.! Although the two vertical antennas were only 50 feet apart stub filters were installed on each station and interference was squelched down

significantly/



In between times at the operating positions, we had a great time socializing and talking ham radio with our fellow club members, and with several non members and beach visitors out enjoying the day.





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Yearly Membership Dues \$15

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

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