



# E A R S

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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

September 2023

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be: Tuesday, October 10, 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

#### Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2023

Meeting opened at 19:03 with President Jon Pellant presiding and leading the Pledge of Allegiance with those attending. Members in attendance: Jon Pellant W1JP President, W4AII Vice President, Bob McAllister KN4RKE Treasurer, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, Jim Sanford K8ZZU, Michael Reed N3MR , Steve Malone KN4YIV, Steven Froggatt KN4NFX, , Steve Bishop KW4SAB, John Hogdon KN4PHQ, Bernie Smeltz KO4ZQL, Jon Blinco N1COC,

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Checking Account \$ 3,244.77. Petty Cash \$ 21.81, Dues & Miscellaneous \$ 32.98 As of last month. Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Motion to accept, Steve Froggett, and Second by Jon Blinco.

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

We wish to welcome Silvia Van Dyke and Randy Cruse who visited our meeting and may become Ham Radio Operators. We hope they join our organization.

**SUNSHINE:** Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, had several Sunshine recipients this past Month. Doug Vanderlaan & Vic Emelkamp had surgeries. Sunshine was dished out by Ken. We all need Sunshine!

**PUBLICITY:** Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, Director of

Publicity: Ken is the go-to EARS Member for publicity regarding EARS events, service, and information dispersal. Ken is currently in Nantucket and will return around Thanksgiving.

**EVENTS & ACTIVITY:** At this point, Events & Activities Directors are Bill Reid, Steve Bishop, Bill Dolan, Bob McAlister, Doug Vanderlaan, and Bernie Schmelz. Bill is working his way around the Western USA while his new house is finished. Upcoming activities are listed in this newsletter.

**ARES:** Hurricane season is still upon us and will threaten a real danger for another six weeks. Since we were treated to IAN's foul behavior, it is important that we all have a plan to get out of harm's way. ARES, Cert Trainees, CCFLARES all provide help when needed but we too must become conscious of our responsibilities to protect ourselves and others.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The need for changes to EARS By-laws was taken up for discussion at the direction of the officers and members in August and again this month. Further discussion this month regarding financial issues, club status, and other subjects was suggested for further action.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The new tower on Boca Grand was erected last week and we are hoping that it will provide adequate room to serve the needs of the citizens living on Boca Grand. Pictures this week in The **BOCA BEACON** Weekly Newspaper. \$1.

**REMEMBER,** next month's meeting on the 10th of October includes taking a vote regarding the abolishment of the abstention vote process. December will be the final vote. Steve Froggett 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

I had some kind of bug with my computer this week so the News is not up to its normal standards. If I ever had one. Next month will be different.

## **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.**

**September 5, 19:15 local KN4NFX Net Control, Steve in Rotonda West**

**Echo link:**

**K7WWR** Bill in St park in South Dakota. Out of town on a work assignment. Will be doing POTA on his trip

**KN4JEN** Alan traveling around, stopped in NC.

**W4AII** Jim, Manasota Key checking in on "Remote Hams", kind of like echo link but different. Recovering from cataract surgery

**KN4YIU** Shirley checking in on repeater from SGC. Had a nice Labor Day Holiday with family and friends

**KN4YIV** Steve checking in from SGC. Gave report on question of the day, a whole slew of stuff!

**KW4SAB** Steve in SGC Reported on number of tx/RX hand holds, etc! Impressive!! Attended Tuesday breakfast, had a good time.

**KN4RKE** Bob in Englewood, reported TX/RX info.

Mentioned JR and Rosie's bkfst.

**KN4PHQ** John, late checkin on echo link from Maine! Heading to FL at end of week from the great northland. Reported on TX/RX. Hoped to be at breakfast next Tuesday

**KQ4ELK**, Kerit checked in on echolink. Things going along ok, Reported on TX/RX inventory

Net closed at 19:45 local time

**September 19, 2023 19:15 local time KN4RKE Net Control**

**AA4GH** Gus in Burnt Store on way home from 12K mike road trip! Alaska and points north. On echolink from Kingsly, GA

**W2CWL** Bill in Nakomis, on echolink. Recovering from Covid!

**K7WWR** Bill in Wyoming on echolink. Working POTA while on a consulting job

**KN4PHQ** John in Rotonda on echolink. Missed breakfast, will be there next Tuesday. Rain in Rotonda

**KN4NFX** Steve in Rotonda. All going good. Rain there

**W4RFV** Tony in Port Charlotte. Getting back on air after 30 years! 1st time on Chat Net in a long time

**KW4SAB** Steve in SGC. Four at Tuesday breakfast. Rainy in SGC

**W4AII** Jim in Manasota Key. Had breakfast Tuesday morning at J& R's.

**KE5ODR** Doug in Placida, in and out.

**KA8PBA** Jim in Englewood, no traffic

**KO4ZMQ** Chuck, 1st time on net down in Punta Gorda area

Net closed at 19:53 local time

9-26-23

1. **W4AII** net control

QUESTION- HAM BUY REGRETS?

**K7WWR-ECHOLINK. OCT 15 RETURN**

**KN4NFX ORLANDO TRIP**

**KA8PBA**

5. **KN4PHQ DMR HH**

**KW4SAB FLAGPOLE VERTICAL**

**WO4KAC KELLY SGC APPALACHIA MIDWEST**

**KN4RKE ANYTONE**

**KN4YIU CCFLARES**

10. **KN4YIV GROUND RODS FOR HF**

**W4RFV TONY GC COAX TOOLS**

12. **KQ4EQK KERMIT PROGRAMMING HT-ECHOLINK**

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### **KW4SAB License Upgrade!**

Congratulations to **Steve Bishop, KW4SAB** on his successful upgrade to **EXTRA** class. Steve self studied and **aced** the exam! Besides learning more about ham radio operation and electrical engineering theory, Steve was motivated in getting the extra bandwidth to use for DX! Great job Steve!

tative planning for Winter of 2024.

## ***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!

We are averaging 6 dedicated hams every week! Come on out and enjoy the morning!

## **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](#)

## **UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES:**

### **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. Ten-

## **K7WWR Montana and Wyoming POTA Adventure**

Our own member Bill Reed has been traveling this past 2 months, doing some work out west. He decided to run some POTA activations during his non work times. So far he has over 400



contacts! Activations so far include Fort Laramie Historical Site in Wyoming., Lewis and Clark Lake K-8174 in South Dakota, K-6114, Guernsy, WY Oregon Trail Ruts Historic Site , and Register Cliff POTA. Nicely done Bill!

## **NXDN Radio Signal Report Test for Waterfest:**

Thanks to Bernie for testing waterfest coverage with me today.

These new digital radios performed well at the critical 3 Dry Pit parking lot gates. Over 90% copy. The boardwalk, pavilion, Chadwick park wet pits and security base were previously tested successfully last year. Vendor area was also strong.

Used **Charlotte north** repeater. Laurel repeater did not seem to work. More testing there is planned. However Along Beach road was mostly unusable. other areas were unusable or spotty, such as sand areas and sidewalks other than along north beach road.

Other than weather events, Waterfest may be the next likely emergency event location along with PG airport or toxic train derailment. Therefore, it is **strongly recommended that creating a NXDN West repeater be prioritized for reliable West County ECOM coverage.** 73 Jim W4AII AEC CCFLARES

## **New Call Sign**

If you didn't get **KW4SAB** into your log book, it's too late! Steve applied for and got **KM4GX**. As noted earlier in the newsletter Steve upgraded and decided to cut out some of the extra syllables needed to use his old call Congrats on the nice 2 X 2 call!.

# 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  
lobanker@hotmail.com

Paid Dues Query F Name	L Name	Call Sign
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-

### Options

Single Membership one year \$15.00 USD

Use the BUY button above to purchase a membership on line with Paypal

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**



## Englewood Amateur Radio Sociey

First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	License Class	ARRL MBR	<input type="checkbox"/>
Address		City	Zip Code		
Local Phone	Mobile Phone	Email Address			
Secondary Address		Secondary City	ST	Zip	
Spouse					

### Please check Activity Interests:

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