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INGLEWOOD MATURE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

February 2024

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be: Tuesday, March 12, 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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Attendees:

Bernie Schmelz KO4QL, Bill Reed K7WWR, Jon Blincoe N1COC, Roger Mattila N9KWB, Jim Nelson W4AII, Walt Kline WB8WNF, John Babbitt K2GQG, Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, John Hodgdon KN4PHQ, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ, Charlotte O'Connor WD8RIM, Dennis O'Connor K8DO, Jim Porter KA8PBA, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Shirley Duke KN4YIU, Steve Malone KN4YIV, Jim Sanford K8ZZU, Jim Grimes KD8OCW, Steve Bishop KM4GX, Bob McAlister KN4RKE

The meeting was called to order at 1905 hours by President Bill Reed, who offered the Pledge of Alliance.

President Bill Reed welcomed everyone to the meeting; there were no guests this evening. Herman Hoffman has previously offered his resignation due to personal reasons, which was accepted by the officers. President Bill Reed offered his thanks to Herman for his long service and dedication to the club. As there now exists a

vacancy for Secretary, President Bill Reed nominated Bernie Schmelz as Secretary – Vote 17 YES, 0 No.

The Previous minutes were included in the Newsletter and were offered as the Secretary's report. There was no further discussion of the secretary's report. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by Steve Froggatt, second by Herman Hoffman – vote: all in favor.

Treasurers Report - Treasurer Bob McAlister reviewed the last month's expenses and income. Also reviewed was the proposed 2024 budget, which totaled \$1600.00 based on previous income/expenses.

There was discussion regarding 50/50 income which was \$312.00. The proposed 2024 amount was increased to match the 2023 50/50 actual amount. Motion was made to accept the proposed 2024 budget by Jim Grimes, seconded by Ken Blackshaw. Vote: all in favor.

DX Comms DX – Communications for the month were very good. Jim Nelson reported that he is up to 34 DX's; Steve Bishop had a good DX in Luxembourg, and Bill Reed reported a DX from China – BX5AA. ARRL DX Phone contest will be held March 2-3; go to <https://contests.arrl.org/> for more info.

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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: W1NQT

Week 4: W4AII/KM4GX

Week 5 (if needed) : Open

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



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CCFLARES - Jim Porter and Steve Bishop provided an update for CCFLARES activities. Most notable is that CCFLARES is now set up as a 501C3 organization (federal non-profit) which allows deductability of donations, but more importantly it can now accept donations and grants from governmental sources such as any county, or state and federal government.

Sunshine – Ken Blackshaw reported on sunshine activities. A “thinking of you” card was sent to Jon Pellatt.

Hamcation – Shirley Duke reported that Hamcation was a lot of fun. All the major manufacturers were there and were happy to answer questions, offer tips and tricks. Also all the large vendors were there. Beyond “shopping”, there were many seminars and learning opportunities.

There was a lot of discussion on how to attract more people in to the club including the ARRIS program, applying for grants (must be 501C3 to receive grants), work with the schools to maybe set up radio clubs? – Charlotte O’Connor suggested that school activities

would probably have to be after school

Old Business – Bill Reed talked about Winter Field Day – ill will submit the logs to ARRL and report verified results; Bob McAlister talked about the Foxhunt and the next one to be held on February 24th. Bernie Schmelz will work on getting name tags for those members that don’t have one or need a replacement. The club pays for your first badge. Email Bernie with your name/call sign exactly as you would like it.

New Business – President Bill Reed suggested that the meetings be restructured as follows: 15 minutes social time, 15 minutes presentation and 30 minutes for business meeting. The chili cookoff has been removed from the list of activities because of low response, however it is being replaced with an additional Foxhunt on February 24th at Ann Dever Park from 1-3 PM. There was discussion regarding “Club Owned” equipment, purchase of more/new equipment? Also there was discussion regarding the Echo Link Repeater which had been off-line, however it is back up and running – more discussion needs to be held on this regarding where it will be housed and any associated costs.

NEXT MEETING – MARCH 12, 2024 AT 1900. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING ROOM.

There being no further discussion, President Bill Reed adjourned the meeting at 2010 hours.



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

There will be another Foxhunt in April. Additional activities are being planned and will be announced in the next newsletter, on the Facebook page, and via the groups.io email system

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!

EARS Net Log—Steve Bishop

Net Control Log for EARS 2 meter chat net 02/27/24.
Steve B. KM4GX net control.

1. AA4GH, Gus in Burnt Store Marina via EchoLink. Has operated ham radio from Canada and is taking a trip to Europe this year and will try and operate from some of the Countries there.
2. KN4NFX, Steve in Rotonda. Getting better after another illness. He has not operated ham radio from a foreign Country. Wanted to know how the recent fox hunt went.
3. KQ4ELK, Kermit in Warm Mineral Springs. Has never been out of the Country. Has been having some issues getting his DMR hot spot working. Made his first DX contact on 10 meters into Canada.
4. W4RFV, Tony in Gulf Cove. Has never operated ham radio outside of the US. However he did visit a club station in Yugoslavia years ago.
5. KN4PHQ, John in Rotonda. Enjoyed breakfast this am, it was a large group.. He did place a call using military equipment from Vietnam back to the States.
6. KN4YIV, Steve in SGC. Never operated ham radio outside the US. In the future if they travel to another Country, they may try to use amateur radio there.
7. KN4YIU, Shirley in SGC. Same as Steve
8. WO4KAC, Kelly in SGC. In & Out to say hi.
9. W2CWL, Bill in Placida. Great breakfast at Jr. & Rosie's, big group. He is busy getting settled in his house after more than a year rebuilding after hurricane Ian. Getting close to having his HF station up and running. He has operated ham radio in multiple Countries over the years.
10. W4AII, Jim in Manasota Key. In& out watching the Indiana Basketball game.
11. KN4RKE, Bob in Englewood. Visited an amateur radio station in Denmark, but did not operate.Great breakfast with the group. Announced the next fox hunt coming up in April.
12. KD8KII, Charlie. Stopped in to say hi. Has not operated ham radio in a foreign country.
13. KA8PBA, Jim in Englewood. Has never worked a ham station outside the US.

Member DIRECTORY

This is the list I have of members in good standing through 1/1/2024. There are a few who

have paid 2025 and further dues.

Thanks, Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer

lobanker@hotmail.com. Check the list (last names in alphabetical order

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
Joyce	Bourque	N1RUZ
David	Bourque	WB1FLD
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	AA4
Matthew	Henry	KE4VEM
Michael	Henry	KF4KDI
John	Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
Herman	Hoffman	WA9LFQ
Stephen	Johnson	K1LOV
Walt	Kline	WB8WNF
Charles	Lane	KD8KII
Tony	Levenson	W4RFV

Paid Dues Query F Name	L Name	Call Sign
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
Charlotte	O Conner	WD8RIM
Doc	O'Connor	K8DO
Kyra	Pellant	

Paid Dues Query F Name	L Name	Call Sign
Jon	Pellant	W1JP
Jim	Porter	KA8PBA
Bill	Reed	K7WWR
Michael	Reid	N3MR
Jim	Sanford	K8ZZU
Bernard	Schmelz	KO4ZQL
James & Mary	Stillwagon	Not yet licensed
Mark	Thurston	KB8WXI
Daniel	Williams	N0DRW
Douglas & Jayne	Young	KM4LKC



FOXHUNT

Ten members of the EARS ham radio club gathered together Saturday, February 24 th , at the Ann and Chuck Dever Park in Charlotte County to



“fox hunting”. Instead of a real live fox, the members used radios and directional antennas to find a hidden transmitter. From noon to 2:00pm two “hunts” were conducted. Both times the ham radio operators found the transmitter hidden in the park trails. Attending the event were: W2CWL, KE5ODR, K7WWR, KN4YIV, KN4YIU, KM4GX, K8ZZU, KE4VEM, KA8PBA and KN4RKE. Another event is being planned for April.

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

FLAGPOLE ANTENNA AND POWER AMPLIFIER



Brand new (never installed) Flagpole antenna (multi band and often used in HOA environments) and Power Amplifier (7 HAM BANDS) available! If interested contact **KM4GX** (steven.bishop256@gmail.com)



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Call Sign

License Class

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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:

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