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INGLEWOOD MATURE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

September 2024

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING:The next meeting will be: Tuesday, November 12th, 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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The September Meeting

Minutes will be published in the next edition of the newsletter. Because of the possible impact of **Hurricane Milton**, the scheduled meeting for October has been **CANCELLED**

The next scheduled Club meeting is November 12th. Please take care and prepare for Hurricane Milton. Monitor the club repeater and the club simplex network on 144.2 Mhz for reports and communications from members if we lose public communications systems..

Annual Englewood Beach Waterfest Event Cancelled:

Due to the damage done by our recent hurricanes, the November **OPA World Championship Race** (Waterfest Event) has been cancelled. The Event is a major sports-tourism event for Charlotte County. The event board of directors cited unsafe shoaling of the race , storm damages to the beach and businesses on the key closed due to heavy storm damages. Although the race

activities are cancelled, the November 15th Block Party, on Dearborn Street is still a “go”. This free event will feature display of power boats from local area racing teams, and live music and food from the local area.

Election of Club Officers:

The Club Officers for 2025 will be elected at the Annual Meeting, January 2025. If you are interested in running for an Officer position, please contact **N3MR**, Mike Reid. Mike is heading up the nomination committee. Mike will report the Nominating Committee results at the December meeting. To vote in the election, a member must be current in club dues, so please renew before the January meeting.

TIME TO RENEW CLUB DUES:

It's getting close to the end of the year, and that means it's time to renew your club dues. Page four of this newsletters contains detailed renewal information/options. Remember, if you want to vote at the Annual Meeting, you have to be current in your dues! You can pay cash at a meeting, mail a check to our PO BOX, or use the Paypal button on our webpage. You do not need to have a Paypal account to pay, just a credit card.

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. Eleven Club members at the last breakfast.

Upcoming Club Activities

November—Nominations for Club Officers
Foxhunt, date/time TBD.

December—Nominations presented for
Election of Club Officers

January - Annual Meeting, election of Officers. Winter Field Day 1/24 - 25 2025

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!

October Foxhunt San Domingo Park, South

Gulf Cove Results:

Registration for the Foxhunt began at 9:00am at Tringali Park. Participants included: Team #1 of W4RFV (Tony) and KE4VEM (Matthew); Team #2 of K7WWR (Bill) and KM4GX (Steve); and Team #3, WO4KAC (Kelly)

The fox was turned on at 10:30am and the teams started the hunt! 35 minutes later, Team 2 found



the fox, located in San Domingo Park! This beat the previous record of 38 minutes.

Steve and Bill used a commercial VHF/UHF yagi array to take 3 bearings and home in on the location., for the winning time!

Eleven minutes later,
the Team of Tony
and Matthew pulled
into the park for sec-
ond place!. The team



used a homebrew “tape measure” yagi to home in on the fox! Although they were a close sec-
ond place this time, they won the previous fox-
hunt (Tied with KN4BAR, Paul, president of
TARC) at Englewood Sports Complex!



Third place went to WO4KAC,
Kelly. Kelly was using a
“homebrew” tape measure yagi.
The next fox hunt will be sched-
uled in November. We invite all to
participate. If you have never done a fox hunt,
don’t worry! We encourage folks to team up to
get some experience!

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.

8/20/2024 = KN4RKE Net Control

Question for the net, what modes have you worked?

W2CW - Bill in Placida - CW SSB FM AM

KO4KAC - Kelly in SGC— FM, Digital

W4RFV - Tony GC All of them!

KN4NFX - Steve in Rotonda FM some digital

KM4GX Steve in SGC - SSB FM some Digital Starting JS8

KN4 YIU/YIV Steve and Shirley is SGC FM Winlink SSB

W\$AII Jim on Manasota Key SSB CW FM AM Digital

W1NQT Ken in Englewood, RTTY (Uncle George) and SSB FM AM CW etc

K4GEO George in Port Charlotte FM SSB CW

Simplex Emergency Network:

The club exercised the Simplex Network this past month. If you have not participated, 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 club is developing a spreadsheet to note point to point capabilities and relay stations.

ECHOLINK Update:

The current location/node for the N4EAR Echolink service is operational! Thanks to WA9LFQ and W4AII for their persistent work in restoring and maintaining the system. Work continues with the Echolink committee to purchase and install a new link with a target of November, The new system will be located at the club repeater site, and will eliminate the local RF connection to the repeater. Since the repeater site is "hardened", the echo link telephone connection to the repeater should be more reliable during storms.



The Editor is always looking for any articles and pictures for future newsletter printings.

Send pictures of your shack, antenna farms and equipment!

**Member
DIRECTORY**

This is the list I have of members in good standing through 12/31/2024. Thanks,

Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer, lobanker@hotmail.com.

| Paid Dues Query F Name | L Name | Call Sign |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| JoAnn | Adamy | KC4WJ |
| Paul | Apollonia | N3GCA |
| 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 |

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 and using the **Paypal** option. You don't need a paypal account to join! Go to the club website to renew via paypal

Paypal or Credit Card Single Year Membership - \$25.00

[Add to Cart](#)

Family Membership - \$30.00

[Add to Cart](#)

| Paid Dues Query F Name | L Name | Call Sign |
|------------------------|------------|------------------|
| John | Hodgdon | KN4PHQ |
| Herman | Hoffman | WA9LFQ |
| Stephen | Johnson | K1LOV |
| Karl | Kaukis | KOCIE |
| 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 |
| Kyra | Pellant | |
| Jon | Pellant | W1JP |
| 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 | |
| Larry | Van Sice | KQ4DGX |
| Scott | Van Sice | KQ4FUN |
| Daniel | Williams | N0DRW |
| Douglas & Jayne | Young | KM4LKC |

Please advise me of any corrections or new additions

Englewood Amateur Radio Society

Treasurer Report



| | Begining Balance | | 4214.01 | |
|-----------------------|------------------|-------|----------------|----------------------------|
| | Expenses | | Income | |
| September 2024 | | | | |
| 9/10/2024 | \$0.00 | Cash | \$31.00 | Sept meeting 50 50 drawing |
| 9/10/2024 | \$0.00 | check | 186 | \$30.00 K3CF 2025 dues |
| Sum | \$0.00 | | \$61.00 | Balance 4275.01 |

Petty Cash

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|---------|----------------|
| \$101.50 | \$68.19 | Balance | \$33.31 |
| Amount Received | Amount Paid | | |

Robert W M McAlister

Robert McAlister, Treasurer

Tuesday, October 1, 2024



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

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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:

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