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INGLEWOOD AMATUER RADIO SOCIETY

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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

February 2025

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, March 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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ENGLEWOOD AMATUER RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

The meeting came was called to order at 1915 hours.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: K1BES – Bernie Schmelz, KN4RKE – Bob McAlister, N3MR – Mike Reid, W2CWL – Bill Dolan, K2GQQ – John S Babbitt, WA9LFB – Herman Hoffman, KD8OCW – Jim Grimes, KE5ODR – Doug Frazier, W1NQT – Ken Blackshaw, KG4PSG Clive Towndrow, W4All – 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, N3GCA – Paul Apollonia, KB8WXI – Mark Thurston, N1COC – John Blincoe, KN4PHQ – John Hodgedon, KQ4YMQ – Bill Hopewell.

Guests in attendance: KA9SZX – Mark Garrett, KQ4DGX – Larry VanSice, KQ4FUN – Scott VanSice.

Guests and NEW MEMBERS Larry VanSice and Scott VanSice were welcomed to the club.

Steve Bishop and Bill Reed made a presentation on JS8, JS8 Call and the use of the Net Time App. JS8 is a "keyboard to keyboard" application. Bill connected with a friend of his in Wyoming and each demonstrated how JS8 functions and transmitted/received messages between stations. Many members asked questions regarding the use of the mode and also the ease of use of the App.

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

Treasurer's report – Bob McAlister presented the Budget for 2025 and detailed several changes regarding expenditures.

After discussion and adding an item for renewing N4EAR fees for \$35, the budget passed. The monthly Treasury report was published in the last newsletter.

DX Reports – Bill Reed, Jim Nelson and Steve Bishop talked about recent DX comms.

CCFLARES – Steve Bishop reported that SSFLARES assisted the DeSoto and Sarasota Counties Ag Group with an exercise. CC Flares is assisting the DeSoto group in getting set up and establishment of comm protocols. This group is mobilized during storm events to gather and provide a safe environment for farm animals – so their mission is quite unique.

Sunshine – Ken Blackshaw reported on activities for the month and the use of the new email address for sunshine: sunshine@ears.groups.io

Events – Bob McAlister reported that there will be a "foxhunt" Saturday, March 22. An email was send via groups.io and another will be sent the week before the foxhunt.

Bill Reed discussed "ALL STATES CONTEST" as outlined in the agenda. Members had several questions and seemed enthusiastic to participate.

WINTER FIELD DAY will be only one day and will also include a Fox Hunt.

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. Members approved giving new member/licensees an HT radio.

Also, it has been proposed to have a Membership Committee who would work to maintain interest of new members in the Club – Bill Dolan will Chair and Jim Nelson will provide help/training to new licensees on the use of equipment.

Activities Committee –

The club will sponsor a "day of Sporting Clays" at the Sarasota sporting clays range. More info will follow.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 11 AT 1900.

The meeting adjourned at 2030.

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 Spinnaker. Hope to see you there at 7:00 am or so Tuesdays

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—March 15 9am
registration at Tringali Park

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. The meeting agenda has been adjusted to have social time and presentations first, 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

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.

his is w1nqt - Ken - Net Control for the EARS Net. Question of the week. What is your most memorable hamfest? Melbourne 2002 or 3 with Ken, W4JQT, John, W1JF, and Frank, W4VV.

I will now take Echolink check-ins first. Echolink only - Net Control acknowledges (call sign).....(Repeat as needed)

1. w4rv - Tony - GC - Never been to a hamfest but -
2. k7wwr - Bill - 22 at WFD! Add Matthew Henry.
3. kn4phq - John - Hamcations and the tailgate people.
4. kn4nfx - Steve - Has done Hamvention but it's too far - Hamcation does it - seminars. No cancer!!
5. wo4kac - Kelly - SGC - Audio a little weak. Fort Myers and one in NC.
6. w2cwl - Bill - Hamvention, Dayton - flew there. Bought stuff. Babbit's pictures of FD
7. km4gx - Steve SGC - J&R's bkf - 17 of us. Next week at J&R East. FD report. Vendors at Hamcation. Newest stuff.
8. kn4rke - Bob - Englewood - Hamcation first time. Likes the bus. New stuff - old stuff. Winter FD - Saran-wrapped!
9. w4aii - Jim - 17th at breakfast. Enjoyed FD.
10. ka9szx - Mark in El Jobean - Hamvention - early, in the 80s. Evening festivities with local club in Dayton. Peoria Superfest!
11. kc1iwf - Allan in Venice - 1st and only - in Maine - tailgates. Satellite tracking. Winter FD. Earthquake in Maine!
12. k3cf - Cliff - SGC - Tentec Argonaut?? - Crane-like.
13. wn4yiu and v - Steve and Shirley

Simplex Emergency Network:

If you have not participated in the simplex net, and are interested in being added to the list, please let a club officer know. We are developing an alternative/back up to the club repeater for emergency and non emergency communications. A spreadsheet to note point-to-point capabilities and relay stations is developing.

The Editor is always looking for articles and pictures for future newsletter printings. Send pictures of your

Ham Radio Nametags!

Hey ham folks – I stopped by Walmart on the way back from breakfast this morning and the check-out lady spotted my EARS nametag. ‘Are you a ham radio operator?’ she asks, and when I said ‘Yes,’ she said, ‘My Dad was a ham. His callsign was W6KSG.’ ‘Oh – you are from California!’ I said – and she lit up like a lightbulb and we had a nice little ham radio chat.

She told me how excited he was to have talked to someone in Russia. I commented, ‘From California that was quite an achievement, having to transmit over the north pole.’ She told me she regretted not trying to get his callsign since she could see someone else had it now.

Then it was time for me to say 73’s to her.

W1NQT

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

Many 2024 members have not renewed yet!

We want you as a member!!

Membership renewal can be accomplished by sending the form on the LAST 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!

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](#)

Or you can download the “printable” form on our website.

Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer, lobanker@hotmail.com.

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 or text to 505-220-6256.

Thanks very much!
Michael Reid
N3MR

Englewood Amateur Radio Society
Treasurer Report



	Beginning Balance					
	Expenses		Income			
February 2025						
1/26/2025	\$85.58	check	1011	\$0.00	VHF Radios for club awards	Reed
2/19/2025	\$0.00	Check	9720	\$25.00	2025 dues Charles Lane	Lane
2/26/2025	\$192.00	credit card		\$0.00	2025 post office box rental	McAlister
2/26/2025	\$137.00	credit card		\$0.00	COC 2025 Dues	McAlister
	\$0.00	Cash		\$25.00	2026 dues(paid ahead)	Hopewell
2/11/2025	\$0.00	Check	1151	\$25.00	2025 dues	Garrett
2/11/2025	\$0.00	check	8735	\$30.00	2025 Family dues (KQ4DGX and KQ4F	Sice
2/11/2025	\$0.00	check	920	\$25.00	2025 dues	Hodgdon
2/11/2025	\$0.00	Cash		\$5.00	Club shirt purchase (old style)	Babbitt
2/11/2025	\$0.00	Cash		\$60.00	50/50 Feb 2025 (Frazier donated winn	Duke
2/10/2025	\$414.99	Check	1013	\$0.00	reimbursed for echo link node purcha	McAlister
2/8/2025	\$61.25	debit card		\$0.00	sunbiz.org annual report	McAlister
Sum	\$890.82			\$195.00	Balance	4110.75

Petty Cash

\$111.50	\$68.19	Balance	\$43.31
Amount Received	Amount Paid		

Robert W McAlister

Robert McAlister, Treasurer
Wednesday, March 5, 2025



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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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