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INGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

October 2023

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be: Tuesday, November 14th, 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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ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RA- DIO SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes for October 10` , 2023. Meeting opened at 19:07 with President Jon Pellant presiding and leading the Pledge of Allegiance with those attending.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Tony Leveron **W4RFV**, Kelly Combes **N04ZQL**, and Brett Boone **KJ7BQQ**

Existing Members in attendance: Jon Pellant **W1JP** President, Jim Nelson **W4AII** Vice President, Bob McAllister **KN4RKE** Treasurer, Herman Hoffman **WA9LFQ** Secretary, Jon Blinco **N1CO**, Michael Reed **N3MR**, Shirly Duke **KN4YIU**, Steve Malone **KN4YIV**, Steve Bishop **KM4GX**, John Hogdon **KN4PHQ**, Bill Dollar **W2CW**, Bernie Schmalz **KO4ZQL**, Jim Porter **KA8PBA**,

TREASURERS REPORT: No change from last month (September) Checking Account balance \$ 3,244.7. Petty Cash \$ 21.81, Dues & Miscellaneous \$ 32.98 as of last month. Motion made to accept Treasurers Report with Motion to accept, Steve Malone and Second by Jon Blinco

SECRETARIES REPORT: September 10, 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 Bishop and 2nd by Mike Reid.

We also wish to welcome Sylvia Van Dyke and Randy Cruse who visited our meeting, in August, and may become Ham Radio Operators. We hope they join our organization. It is our goal to create a supportive & friendly environment and then work them to death.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE NEXT THREE MEETINGS REPRESENT VOTING FOR OFFICERS AND EARS BYLAW ADJUSTMENTS.
 PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PAGES AT BACK OF NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION**

SUNSHINE: Ken Blackshaw **W1NQT**, had several Sunshine opportunities again this past Month. Vic Emelkamp and Doug Vanderlane each had surgery over the past two months. Ken pondered the need for another dose of sunshine due to not knowing if anybody needed a second set of booster shots for sunshine & prayed questioning divine guidance. Ken then provided those inoculations of his own accord this past month. Thank you, Ken.

PUBLICITY: Ken Blackshaw **W1NQT**, Director of Publicity: Ken is the go-to EARS Member for publicity regarding EARS events, service, and information dispersal. He found out that the GMRS project engineers on

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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/KM4GX

Week 5 (if needed) : Open

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

10/17/2023: KN4RKE net control

KN4YIV and **KN4YIU** mobile near the Twisted Fork on 776

W1NQT on echolink from Nantucket. Back to FLA in December!

W2CWL on echolink. Fighting the good fight to get hurricane house restoral work done!

WO4KAC Kelly in SGC in/out

KM4GX Steve in SGC. Enjoyed breakfast and helping **KN4YIV** set up transceiver today

KN4NFX Steve in Rotonda was in and out!

W4AII Jim in Manasota Key reminded us that Waterfest support was still open for help. Visited **K4VHK** recovering in hospital.

WB1FLD David in Englewood recovering from knee surgery, out and about today. Still has some ham gear available for sale.

W4RFV new member Tony in GC

KD8KII Charley checked in from Englewood

KQ4ELK Kermit checked in

Net closed at 19:45 local time



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Boca Grand Island are EARS Engineers too. EARS supporters are using their skills, talent, and experience to install island wide reliable emergency communications in place and sucker punch the next

destructive weather event. Thank you to the two Jon's for efforts resulting in community communications excellence.

EVENTS & ACTIVITY: Events & Activities Directors are Bill Reid, Steve Bishop, and Bernie Schmalz. They and other members are working on Winter Field Day. Radio Fox Hunt, AM Radio, and FT8 Digital contesting all possible activities. Bernie Schmaltz & Jim Nelson are deeply involved in the **Waterfest** activity, which will take place November 17th, 18th, and 19th. EARS will have a Booth explaining Ham Radio and if you wish to help out please contact **Jim Nelson** for more information.

HAMFESTS: None close of us that can be driven to in an electric car and one charge of new electronics.

ARES: Hurricane season is still upon us . 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 28th, 2022, Hams and the public need to understand what the real purpose of Ham Radio has always been for civilian wellbeing. 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 two weeks past indicates there were not enough Ham Radio Operators to assist. Perhaps that was true in the Middle East as well.

OLD BUSINESS: Jim Nelson is working feverishly on **Waterfest** communications requirements, please help as your schedule allows. Shifts are still available. We are having an EARS booth at Waterfest this year.

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

Steve Bishop moved to close the October 10th, 2023, meeting. Bob McAlister seconded the motion to adjourn.

The meeting closed at 20:04 Hrs. There was a brief Train Me session after the close of the meeting.

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

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. Jim will also be looking for Ham Operators to staff an informational table at the event

Contact W4AII for additional info.

[Ambassador Opportunities - Englewood Beach Waterfest](#)

Vote on By-laws to change Dues

Please note that there will be a vote at the November 2023 meeting to increase annual dues. More information is provided at the end of the newsletter on the proposed change. By Laws are posted on the webpage at:

<http://earsradioclub.org/index.html>
(Link on Main page)

Renew your dues now to ensure a lower rate for 2024!

Appointment of Nominating Committee:

At the November meeting the President will appoint a Nominating Committee who will provide a list of candidates at the December meeting.

Annual Membership Meeting

The January meeting is designated as the "Annual Membership Meeting". In January the Officers and Trustees will be elected. If you are a member in Good Standing please be there to elect the new club leaders. **"In good standing" means your dues are current so please check this newsletter closely to see how to renew (by paypal or mail) so you will be current in 2024.**

Although there will be a slate developed by the Nominating Committee, nominations from the floor will be accepted at the January meeting.

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.

November/December Club Picnic

If there is interest we may have a picnic! Please email me if you might like to attend! (lobanker@hotmail.com)

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!

Member DIRECTORY

This is the list I have of members in good standing through 12/31/2023. There are a few who have paid 2024 and further dues. Thanks, Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer lobanker@hotmail.com. Check the list (call signs in alphabetical order)

Paid Dues Query Expires Date	Call Sign
12/31/2023	KOCIE
12/31/2023	K1LOV
12/31/2024	K2GQG
12/31/2023	K4JWE
12/31/2023	K4KUO
12/31/2023	K7WWR
12/31/2023	K8DO
12/31/2023	K8RFT
12/31/2023	K8ZZU
12/31/2023	KA8PBA
12/31/2023	KB1HNE
12/31/2023	KB3FUH
12/31/2023	KB8WXI
12/31/2023	KC1MAM
12/31/2023	KC3F
12/31/2023	KC4WJ
12/31/2024	KD2AQR
12/31/2023	KD8KII
12/31/2023	KD8OCW
12/31/2023	KE4VEM
12/31/2023	KE5ODR
12/31/2023	KF4KDI
12/31/2024	KJ7BQQ
12/31/2023	KM4GX
12/31/2023	KM4LKC

If you renew before the November meeting vote on dues increase, you will get the lower dues rate! Use snail mail or button on website

<http://earsradioclub.org/Membership2.html>

Options

Single Membership one year \$15.00 USD



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

Paid Dues Query Expires Date	Call Sign
12/31/2023	KM4UGR/KQ4DHN
12/31/2029	KN4ITK
12/31/2023	KN4LFC
12/31/2023	KN4NFX
12/31/2023	KN4PHQ
12/31/2023	KN4RKE
12/31/2023	KN4YIU
12/31/2023	KN4YIV
12/31/2023	KO4ZQL
12/31/2024	KQ4ELK
12/31/2023	N1COC
12/31/2024	N1RUZ
12/31/2023	N3MR
12/31/2023	N4LJT
12/31/2023	N9USZ
12/31/2023	NB3P
12/31/2024	Not yet licensed
12/31/2023	W1JP
12/31/2050	W1NPR
12/31/2023	W1NQT
12/31/2023	W2CWL
12/31/2023	W2YJ
12/31/2023	W4AII
12/31/2024	W4RFV
12/31/2023	W8JJV
12/31/2023	WA9LFQ
12/31/2024	WB1FLD
12/31/2023	WB8WNF
12/31/2024	WO4KAC

Please note that most of the dues on the list expire 12/31/2023. To be in Good Standing for the upcoming election please renew before **1/9/2024**. You may renew by mail (application at end of newsletter) or you may renew by using the Paypal button on our webpage.

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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

I hereby propose that the by-laws of EARS, **Section 3 Dues** be amended as follows:

"Membership dues for an individual shall be \$25.00 per year. An immediate relative of a full dues paying member, living at the same address, may become a member with full rights, except the right to individual notices and mailings, upon payment of dues of \$5.00 per year. Dues for the current year shall be \$12.50 if the application is filed after July first."

I also propose the membership be advised of this proposal by email (groups.io and Treasurer/Secretary email list), EARS Facebook Page, and voted on during the November 2023 meeting

Submitted by Robert McAlister KN4RKE

Date of submittal 10/22/2023



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:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contesting | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RFI/TVI | <input type="checkbox"/> Packet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VE Testing | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <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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