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INGLEWOOD MATURE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

August 2024

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be: Tuesday, September 10, 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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Minutes – August 13, 2024

Members in attendance: K7WWR
 Bill Reed, WO4KAC Kelly Combes, Joan Conway,
 KM4GX Steve Bishop, K9XV Tom Chance, W2CWL
 Bill Dolan, W1NQT Ken Blackshaw, WA9LFQ Herman
 Hoffman, N3MR Michael Reid, KO4QWS Paul Buchanan,
 N1COC Jon Blincoe, KA8PBA Jim Porter, KN4YIU
 Shirley Duke, KN4YIV Steve Malone, W4AII Jim Nelson,
 W1JP Jon Pellatt, KN4RKE Bob McCalister,
 K1BES Bernie Schmelz, KD8KII Charlie Lane.

Members gathered at 1900 hours. President Bill Reed called the meeting to order at 1915 hours and offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Secretaries' report was posted in the newsletter. Motion to accept as posted by Jon Blincoe, second by Shirley Duke. Vote – all in favor.

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Bill Reed introduced the speaker for the evening – Paul Toth, who is the NXDN Liaison to the NWS and also

WCF NXDN Coordinator. Paul discussed SKYWARN and the importance of spotters in our communities, and even more importantly that spotters are also HAM Radio Operators. He stated that spotters are the “eyes and ears” for NWS Ruskin and also that it maintains its own radio call WX4TBW and operates on HF, VHF, UHF, and NXDN.

Paul discussed what needs to be reported and the quality of reports that is needed, and more specifically if any of the following occur: HAIL, RAIN>2"/HR, FLODDING. Paul also discussed how NXDN is changing the quality of reporting including the introduction of the Weather msg” feature.

Also Paul told members that a new NI4CE repeater has been added in Eastern Charlotte County which will reach as far south as Lee County and ties back to the rest of the NI4CE network. The frequency for the new repeater is 443.600 with a PL100.NXDN discussion included the ability to send data via the 1250 TG.

Finally, Paul stated that NWS had finally replaced Dan Noah after his retirement, and that Jen Hubbard will now be the TBW Skywarn coordinator. Paul’s remarks were well received and generated many questions and a lot of discussion.

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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.

Upcoming Club Activities

September—Next EARS Foxhunt
January - 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!

Lighthouse/Lightship Radio Weekend. August 17th at Boca Grande:

At about 8:30am on Saturday, EARS operators started showing up for the annual International Lighthouse/

Lightship Radio Weekend. The EARS club has participated in this



great event for many years! The club always sets up at

the Gasparilla Island Lighthouse (Boca Grande). This year the event was staged more like a POTA event rather than the normal all out field day style preparations done in the past. Attending the event this year were KN4YIU and KN\$YIV, Steve and Shirley who provided a great canopy to keep us all out of the sun and an HF station, W2CWL Bill, W1NQT Ken.



And KN4RKE Bob who set up another HF station. Although we were apprehensive about potential storm conditions, the weather turned out to be beautiful, and 20 and 10 meters were active with ham radio CQ's! Using SSB and CW, club members contacted several stations across the country using the N4EAR club call. W1NQT, our longtime member who "used" to live on Nantucket actually contacted his old ham radio club who were out participating in the event as we were! Several of our club members who normally come out to the ILHLS event were out of town. Next year we hope to deploy a more robust event.

We did get some good exposure as several "beachcombers" came by and chatted with us as we operated the radios.

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Old Business – Previously a proposal had been presented to the membership regarding ECHO LINK and the cost of new equipment. Bill Reed said that he had discussed the possible co-locating the node with the EARS repeater and that CCFLARES could share a data link. Equipment costs include new ECHO link hardware as well as a new data modem to connect to the internet. Cost is expected to be @ \$1000. Members voted in favor to authorize the expenditure for new equipment and the modem.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2040 hours.

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

This is w1nqt - Ken - Net Control for the EARS Net. I will now take check-ins. Echolink only - First Check-in please come now. Mention breakfast. Have you traveled anywhere this summer and where?

1. AA4GS/VO1 on Echolink (not on repeater)
2. W4AII - Jim - Airport in Tampa and Punta Gorda for lunch. Thanks to Bob RKE - 40 meter vertical. Endzone noon Wednesday!
3. kn4nfx - Steve - Rotonda W - all the way to Chicago-land! and Cheddar land - largest music festival. Medical in Sarasota.
4. w4rfv - Tony Gulf Cove - Nice audio. No travel. Melbourne, FL!
5. km4GX - Steve - SGC - Thursday morning 830, monthly CCFLARES exercise at hospital. Been to Chicago and Perry, GA

6. w2cwl - Bill - Placida - Gone nowhere - well - St. Pete. Settings from Tony on FTDX-10. Then to Hialeah.
7. kn4rke - Bob - Sorry, very noisy and almost no copy

(After all initial checkins, Run down full list of check-ins so people can comment. After the first run-thru, see if there are additional checkins.

Then do a '73's round for those remaining.

(Finally) Last call for any final check-ins to the EARS Net?

Ears Radio Club meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, and also simultaneously on-line with Google Meet. Contact a member for the online web link. Our weekly Tuesday 7:30 AM social breakfast is at Junior & Rosie's Restaurant in Englewood. We can be found online at earsradioclub.org or on QRZ.com under N4EAR, or on Facebook groups as earsradioclub.

Simplex Emergency Network:

A test of the proposed 2 meter simplex network was conducted with very promising results. Nine stations participated and contact documentation was taken. Participating were K7WWR, KM4GX, W4AII, W1JP, N3MR, KA8PBA, W4RFV, W2CWL, KN4YIU, and KN4YIV. Relay stations were identified for those stations that had poor contact with other group participants. If you are interested in becoming a member of the simplex net, please contact K7WWR for more information. The network plans on holding scheduled tests. Which will be advertised to our membership through the newsletter and groups.i.o. If you are not a member of groups.i.o contact W4AII,

ECHOLINK Update:

At the July meeting the club voted to approve moving the echolink node to the repeater site, thus removing the rf transmitter portion of the echolink node. Money was approved to buy the necessary equipment, and Internet Connectivity fees. More to come.

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	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

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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

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Treasurer Report



	Begining Balance		4357.01		
	Expenses		Income		
August 2024					
8/15/2024	\$200.00	electronic	\$0.00	liability insurance	8/14/2024 thru 8/13/2025
8/13/2024	\$0.00	Check	8728	\$30.00	KQ4DGX and KQ4FUN 2024/25 dues
8/13/2024	\$0.00	Cash		\$27.00	August Mtg 50 50 pot split
Sum	\$200.00			\$57.00	Balance 4214.01

Petty Cash

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that appears to read "Robert W M McAlister".

Robert McAlister, Treasurer

Wednesday, September 4, 2024



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VE Testing

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Bring form and Check to Meeting, or mail form and check to:

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