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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

February 2023

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at the COC in Englewood at 19:00, and virtually via Google Meet unless otherwise notified. Check the FB page , and groups.io for last minute updates**

CLUB NEWS



MEETING MINUTES

Minutes February 14, 2023

Meeting opened at 19:08 with Jim Nelson, Vice President presiding and attending members delivering the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance: Jim Nelson W4AII Vice President, Bob McAllister KN4RKE Treasurer, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, , Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Steve Malone KN4YIV, Shirly Duke KN4YIU, Mark Thurston KB8WXI, Bill Reed K7WWR, Doug Frazier KE5ODR, Michael Reed N3MR, Doug Vandelaan K8RFT, Joan Adamy KC4WJ, Bernie Schmelz KOLZQL, Jim Grimes KD8OCW, Steve Bishop KW4SAB, Ken Blackshaw W1NQT Director of Publicity & Sunshine Distribution

TREASURERS REPORT: Ending Balance: 1/31/2023: \$3464.00, Petty Cash: \$48.00 50/50 \$41.00 Total \$3553.07 Motion to accept Treasurers Report by Steve Froggatt & 2nd by Doug Frasier

NOTE: Dues were due by 12/31/2022. Suggestions for activities to replenish the checking account are welcome..

SECRETARIES REPORT: January 2023, monthly meeting minutes were recorded by Ken Blackshaw and placed into the January Monthly EARS News Letter by Bob McAllister. I express gratitude to both Ken & Bob for the January report. Treasurer, Herman Hoffman accepted and 2nd by Steve Froggatt.

SUNSHINE: Sunshine was sent to Steve Churchill who spent some time in the Englewood Hospital. Steve is now out and is home.

PUBLICITY: Winter Field Day was submitted to Sun News weekly & daily by Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT, EARS Publicity Director. Ken will did canvas other potential periodical publications as well. Thank You Ken! The Winter Field Day on January 28th & 29th at the Ann & Chuck Dever, Charlotte County Park on San Casa Dr. Englewood was enormous success with well over 100 contact submissions, thanks to Bill Reed and operation folks and member support.

DX: Band activity is gaining control as the Sunspot cycle continues to assist propagation on the longer wavelengths. It has been a long time since 40 & 80-meter communications has yielded contact around the world as it is now. With various particles getting belched toward Earth, bands above 20 Meters are making DX fun again. Summer ducting is also influencing VHF bands with surprisingly long range. Discussion ensued regarding particle distribution & ducting on the UHF Bands. Jim Nelson has been able to use FT8 to continue his goal of a "Worked all Countries Certificate". Perhaps applause to ensure Jim's completion? With good DX performance, Winter Field Day, enjoyed a great contact performance.

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HAM FEST: announcement of a transportation bus for the Orlando event in February. Several members. Took the Sarasota Club bus to attend the event last year and again this year. A BIG THANK YOU, for Steve Bishop for providing rides for club members.

ARES and Training /Testing: Doug Frazier reported significant interest in CERT training courses. Doug has done an exceptionally excellent job getting the CERT training program established. Significant success has been made getting new members for Charlotte County Cert & new members for Ham Clubs. Thank you, Doug, for your persistence and ambition. Interested parties can get more information on the appropriate Charlotte County Web Page for new class launch dates.

TECHNOLOGY: Considerable discussion of antennas took place regarding Winter Field Day. Dave Reed discussed his 6 Meter J-Pole Antenna at the November meeting and Doug Frasier & Jim Nelson discussed the use of a 5/8 Wave-length 2 Meter antenna in an HOA environment.

OLD BUSSINESS:

Officers Election took place on January 9, 2023, at our EARS Meeting. The slate of victims was the same as 2022 and they won, therefore they will. will have another year added to their sentences.

Jon Pellant, President W1JP

Jim Nelson, Vice President W4AII

Robert McAlister, Treasurer KN4RKE

Herman Hoffman, Secretary WA9LFQ

Anybody who wishes to be an officer please advise any present officers ASAP so that your names get on the ballots for 2024. New Business: Discussion regarding the purchase of 20 & 40 Meter Bandpass Filters by Bill Reed and club membership voted unanimously to purchase the filters.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Nelson and seconded by Steve Froggatt at 20:59. See You March 13, 2023, 19:00.

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 **7:30 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 rotation is:

Week 1: KN4NFX

Week 2: Club meeting, net not held

Week 3: KN4RKE

Week 4: W4AII/KW4SAB

Week 5 (if needed) : Open

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

2/21/2023 **KN4RKE** net control

Early Birds:

W4AII Jim, Manasota Key. Thursday CCFLARES

KN4NFX Steve Rotonda West.

K8RFT Doug, Englewood Getting rigs going

KD8KII Charles, Englewood

W4SWI Chad Port Charlotte

7:30 Check ins

K8ZZU Jim Englewood on echo link enjoyed Tuesday breakfast

KN4PHQ John in Rotonda A/C delaying flag-pole antenna. Great breakfast

KW4SAB Steve in SGC planning on CCFlares Thursday Great breakfast

K7WWR Bill in Englewood. Busy week and travel coming up

KN4YIV Steve in SGC busy with IAN repairs!

W1NQT Ken in Englewood Great breakfast Net closed at 1951 local time. 12 operators!

Breakfast at Junior and Rosie's continues to be a popular event. We meet at 07:30 for good food, good price, and good fellowship, every Tuesday morning. If 07:30 is too late for your busy day, a few meet at 07:00! Come on down for a good Tuesday morning start! We had 18 or 19 last week



Fun and fellowship at Junior and Rosie's



this happening at 9 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

Here you see Jim Porter, callsign **KA8PBA** at the microphone while Steve Bishop, **KW4SAB**, and Jim Nelson, **W4AII** explain the communications exercise to Mark, the Security Director for the Hospital.

Submitted by **W1NQT, Ken Blackshaw**

W4AII DX 100 Accomplishment!

Congrats to Jim Nelson, W4AII for his recent QRZ DX 100 Award. Accomplished with determination and creativity! Living in an “antenna restricted” community, Jim worked hard to get his signal into the air and around the world.

“All FT8 QSOs over only 8 months. Need only 2 more countries for my ARRL DXCC too. After working 117 countries of CW DX QSLs almost 60 years, I have now Finally recovered from my parents throwing out my “old postcards” that were intended to be submitted after I left for college in 1965. Now I can relax and focus on CCFLARES, starting on my amateur extra license, getting my CW speed back up, etc.”

Congrats Jim!

CCFLARES Communications Exercise

The Englewood Amateur Radio Society (EARS) takes part in the monthly Charlotte County Emergency Communications Drills, activating radio communications from Englewood Hospital at 700 Medical Boulevard. They set up a portable station at the Northeast Corner of the Hospital property and communicate with Charlotte County locations including the Emergency Operations Center at the Airport in Punta Gorda. You can come and see

Member DIRECTORY

If you are not on this list, I don't have you marked for 2023. Please contact me if I've made an error.
 Thanks, Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer
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KE4VEM	Henry	Matthew
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W1NQT	Blackshaw	Ken
W1JP	Pellant	Jon
N1COC	Blincoe	Jonathan
KN4PHQ	Hodgdon	John
KN4RKE	McAlister	Robert
KE5ODR	Frazier	Doug
WA9LFQ	Hoffman	Herman
KD8OCW	Grimes	Jim
KC4WJ	Adamy	JoAnn
KB8WXI	Thurston	Mark
KA8PBA	Porter	Jim
K8ZZU	Sanford	Jim
K8RFT	Vanderlaan	Doug
K4KUO	Silverberg	Berrnie
K4JWE	Meckenberg	Jerry
KN4NFX	Froggatt	Steve
N3MR	Reid	Michael
K8DO	O'Connor	Doc
KD8KII	Lane	Charles
KB3FUH	Bertancourt	Brendon
KN4YIU	Duke	Shirley
KN4YIV	Malone	Steve
KW4SAB	Bishop	Steve
N4LJT	Trudeau	Leonard
W4AII	Nelson	Jim
KOCIE	Kaukis	Karl
W8JJV	Hunt	Duwain
W2CWL	Dolan	Bill
KB1HNE	Wilson	Jay
KF4KDI	Henry	Michael
KC3F	Evans	Cliff
KM4LKC	Young	Douglas and Jayne
WB8WNF	Kline	Walt
KO4ZQL	Schmelz	Bernard
K7WWR	Reed	Bill

[Groups.io Website](#)

If you are not getting the EARS groups.io emails, please contact one of the club officers. Groups.io is used to send emails concerning club activities and other supportive functions. If you don't get the messages you are missing out on club information! Get more information at main@ears.groups.io/Home or main+subscribe@ears.groups.io

It's time to renew your EARS Membership dues for 2023!

At the end of this newsletter is a dues renewal form, which you can use (bring to meeting or mail to PO Box) to renew for 2023. Or you can download a "fillable pdf form off the webpage! Additionally, you can now use a **credit card** or **Paypal** by going to the club webpage www.earsradioclub.org and clicking on the "buy now" button on the membership page.

Please take a few moments to **renew for 2023**.

Options



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

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!



Englewood Amateur Radio Sociey

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| <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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