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INGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

October 2024

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be: Tuesday, December 10th, 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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MEETING MINUTES ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Minutes – September 10, 2024

Members in attendance: N1CO

Jon Blincoe, N3MR Michael Reid, WA9LFQ Herman Hoffman, W2CWL Bill Dolan, K2SDA David Lynch, K7WWR Bill Reed, W1NQT Ken Blackshaw, KQ4PSG Clive Towndrow, KD8KII Charles Lane, KM4GX Steve Bishop, W4RFV Tony Levenson, KN4YIU Shirley Duke, KN4YIV Steve Malone, KN4NFX Steve Froggatt, N9KWB Roger Mattila, W1JP Jon Pellant, W4AII Jim Nelson, WO4KAC Kelly Combes, KN4RKE Bob McAlister, K1BES Bernie Schmelz.

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

The Treasurer's report was posted in the newsletter. Motion to accept as posted by Steve Froggatt, seconded by Kelly Combes, Vote – all in favor.

Bob McAlister made a presentation on how to use a NANO VNA and its many uses including antenna tuning, resonance, channel tuning, noise tracing and many other uses. NANO VNA's have been around for many years and many members have one, but not everyone uses them to the maximum extent. Bob's presentation was extremely useful. Members asked many questions and found the presentation very informative.

DX – Comms – Members reported lots of contacts, of particular interest was Venezuela and Tonga.

DX Summit will be next month. Bill Reed encouraged new licensees to use 10M band since it usually has a lot of action and if fully available for Tech operators.

Last month's DX contest awards were presented, Bill Reed and Jim Sanford having recorded the most contacts

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2015 hours.

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. Eleven Club members at the last breakfast.

Upcoming Club Activities

December—Nominations presented for
Election of Club Officers
Foxhunt 1st or 2nd Sat. TBD
January - Annual Meeting, elect 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!

ECHOLINK Update:

Work continues with the Echolink committee to purchase and install a new link node and associated equipment. with a target of December/January. 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 and power should be more reliable during storms.

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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 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.

Simplex Emergency Network:

If you have not participated n the smplex net, 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 frequency may change n the near future. The club is developing a spreadsheet to note point-to-point capabilities and relay stations.

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The Editor is always looking for 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

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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

Englewood Amateur Radio Society

Treasurer Report



	Beginning Balance	4275.01	
	Expenses	Income	
October 2024			
10/30/2024	\$0.00	\$0.00	No transactions in October
Sum	\$0.00	\$0.00	Balance 4275.01

Petty Cash

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

Robert W M McAlister

Robert McAlister, Treasurer

Sunday, November 3, 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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