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INGLEWOOD MATURE RADIO SOCIETY

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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

April 2024

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be: Tuesday, May 14, 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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Members convened at 1900 hours. Members in attendance

Secretary Bernie Schmelz offered a "Silent Key" call to our good friend and member Bob Bowes who passed overnight on April 6th. 2024.

Members reconvened at 1920. Bill Reed offered the Pledge of Allegiance, and opened the meeting.

Bill offered a discussion and demonstration of Ham Radio Deluxe. Bill demonstrated most of the features of HRD and how he utilizes the software program. The program is used mostly for HF DX control and has a logging feature that can be integrated with the QRZ database. Members asked many questions and the demonstration was well received.

The SECRETARY'S REPORT was published in the newsletter. No changes and corrections were noted. Steve Froggatt made the motion to accept the report as published, Second by Ken Blackshaw. Vote: All in favor.

The TREASURER'S REPORT was published in the newsletter. No changes or corrections were noted. Jim Sanford made the motion to accept the report as published. Second by Steve Froggatt. Vote: All in Favor.

DX Reports

Jim Nelson reports that he has approximately 68 contacts now with 40 confirmed.

Steve Bishop stated that there was a DX contest over the past month. He has added 8/9 new countries including China and Philippines.

Bill Reed said that he has added Taiwan and Thailand.

CCFLARES Updates

Jim Nelson and Bernie Schmelz offered updates. The next major drill will be on Friday April 26th in conjunction with Charlotte County's last Hurricane Drill prior to the beginning of Hurricane Season on June 1.

New equipment has been deployed at Fawcett Hospital and also both Shorepoint Hospitals.

An additional NXDN repeater was deployed for coverage in the eastern part of Charlotte County (Babcock Ranch area). NXDN radios will be updated at the CCFLARES meeting on April 15th.

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| N1COE | JON BLINCOE |
| N9KBW | ROGER MATTILA |
| KD8KII | CHARLIE LANE |
| WA9LFQ | HERMAN HOFFMAN |
| WO0S | CHIP ESTABROOKS |
| W2CWL | BILL DONLAN |
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| KN4NFX | STEVE FROGGATT |
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| W1NQT | KEN BLACKSHAW |
| W4RFW | TONY LEVENSON |
| KD8OCW | JIM GRIMES |
| K8ZZU | JIM SANFORD |
| KM4GX | STEVVE BISHOP |
| KO4ZQL | BERNIE SCHMELZ |
| KN4RKE | BOB MCALISTER |
| K7WWR | BILL REED |
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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: W1NQT

Week 4: W4AII/KM4GX/AA4GH

Week 5 (if needed) : Open

Substitute: KN4RKE

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

Tuesday, 4/23/2024

Net Control AA4GH, Gus

Log ins:

W4AII, Jim, W2CWL, Bill, W1NQT, Ken, W8JJV, Duwain, KN4NFX, Steve, W4RFV, Tony, KN4RKE, Bob, K7WWR, Bill, KM4GX, Steve, KN4PHQ, John, WO4KAC, Kelly, KC1IWF, Allan



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Sunshine

Ken Blackshaw reported on sunshine activities.

Activities

Bill Reed reported the following guest speakers for July and August

Tom Chance of CCFLARES

Paul Toth will discuss NXDN initiative

Tom and Paul will get together to finalize the particular meeting they will speak at.

Old Business

Steve Bishop indicated that shirts and hats have been ordered and should be arriving very soon.

There being no other business, **Jon Blincoe** moved that the meeting adjourn at 2011 hours.

Treasurer Report For April 2024

Starting Balance **\$3440.43**

Expenses:

Paypal Fee **\$ 1.99**

Incomes:

Shirt/Hat Sales: **\$243.83**

50/50 and dues **154.75**

Paypal xfr (Shirts), **98.90**

Paypal xfr (Shirts), **58.90**

Total **\$556.38**

Balance 4/30/2024

\$3994.82

Petty Cash **\$33.31**

New Club Hats and Shirts Available

EARS Club shirts and hats are now available online! The shirts have been updated to a "breathable fabric" nicely suited to our Florida weather and the hats are available with a nice EARS logo and call sign/name option!



To order a shirt or hat, go to
<https://www.hamthreads.com/>

And enter the code
N4EAR



Many thanks to KN4YIU and KM4GX for doing the legwork in setting up the online vendor!



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. Thanks to Jon Blincoe, N1COC, for

arriving early and setting up the tables for our group. Although many of our "snow bird" breakfast participants have gone north, we are still averaging about 10 members per breakfast!

Upcoming Club Activities

Boca Grande POTA

May 14th after the social breakfast starting at 9 am to 2 pm. Will set up at the Boca Lighthouse. Contact K7WWR (Bill) or KM4GX (Steve) for further details!

Foxhunt

Saturday noon to 4pm on May 18th (Saturday), The foxhunt will start at noon at the Tringali Library. Ground rules and a map will be provided to help participants find the fox! Unlike our 2 earlier foxhunts, this fox will be hidden within a few miles of the library (and southward). It's recommended you have a directional antenna, a compass (or phone app) to find a directional bearing and a partner to help you navigate. A partner is not required but would be helpful. Any questions contact KN4RKE (Bob) at lobanker@hotmail.com

Summer Field Day

This year the club will be operating at least 3 stations at the South Gulf Cove clubhouse, It's

air-conditioned and there are restrooms! Begins Saturday June 22nd at 13:00. Come earlier if you can help with station setup. It's your chance to work HF stations from around the world. It's estimated 35,000 hams will be on the air! It will also be a time for fellowship with your EARS club members. For more information contact any club officer.

July DX Contest

The club is sponsoring a DX contest for the whole month of July. Rules will be the same as last year, with a few twists and turns! This year there will be a Technician class only category, This will be a chance for our Techs to compete among themselves for top dog Dxer! Final rules will be distributed at the June meeting and published on groups.io

Lighthouse Lightship Radio Weekend

The club has reserved the Boca Grande Lighthouse location to set up stations for the LH/LS Weekend event. It is held the last full weekend in August. More details to come

There will be other potential activities like POTA, shooting/marksmanship, and maybe a picnic. As details are figured out watch the groups io , Facebook, and the newsletter for updates

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 on Rte 776. The meeting starts at 7pm. The format of the meeting has changed. First 15 minutes for socializing, next 20 minutes for a presentation/speaker and the remaining time for club business. If you have knowledge/experience/ or information about ham radio software, or tips about ham radio operation, or any other ham related skills, 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 12/31/2024. Thanks,

Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer, lobanker@hotmail.com.

| Paid Dues Query F | L Name | Call Sign |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|
| JoAnn | Adamy | KC4WJ |
| John | Babbitt | K2GQG |
| Sue | Babbitt | KD2AQR |
| Brendon | Bertancourt | KB3FUH |
| Steve | Bishop | KM4GX |
| Ken | Blackshaw | W1NQT |
| Jonathan | Blincoe | N1COC |
| Brett | Boone | KJ7BQQ |
| Joyce | Bourque | N1RUZ |
| David | Bourque | WB1FLD |
| 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 |
| John | Hodgdon | KN4PHQ |
| Herman | Hoffman | WA9LFQ |
| Stephen | Johnson | K1LOV |
| Karl | Kaukis | KOCIE |

Membership renew 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!

| Paid Dues Query F | L Name | Call Sign |
|-------------------|------------|------------------|
| 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 |
| 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 | KO4ZQL |
| James & Mary | Stillwagon | Not yet licensed |
| Mark | Thurston | KB8WXI |
| Daniel | Williams | N0DRW |
| Douglas & Jayne | Young | KM4LKC |

Please advise me of any corrections or new additions





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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Englewood, FL. 34295