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INGLEWOOD MATURE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

July 2024

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be: Tuesday, July 9, 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

Minutes – July 9, 2024

Members in attendance:
KN4YIU Shirley Duke,
KN4YIV Steve Malone,
KQ4PSK Clive Towndrow, W1NQT Ken Blackshaw, **KN4NFX Steve Froggett, KA8PBA Jim Porter,** **WO4KAC Kelly Combs, W4AII Jim Nelson,** **K2SDA David Lynch, K1BES Bernie Schmelz,** **K7WWR Bill Reed, KN4RKE Bob McAlister,** **N1COC Jon Blincoe, N3NMR Mike Reid,** **N9KWB Roger Mattila, WA9LFQ Herman Hoffman,** **W2CWL Bill Dolan**
 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 Mike Reid. Vote – all in favor

The Treasurer's report was posted in the newsletter. Motion to accept as posted by Jon Blincoe, seconded by Mike Reid, Vote – all in favor.

Bill Reed introduced the speaker for the evening – Tom Chance K9XV EC/AUXCOMM for Charlotte County ARES who provided updates on CCFLARES, the current status of CC Repeaters, expansion of NXDN Radio, NI4CE expansion/repeater addition. Tom also discussed preparedness issues and the “hardening” of various repeater sites, the establishment of fibre connection at all the repeater sites and the integration of communication modes with Charlotte County EOC. Tom stressed the importance of having all HAM operators “on the ground” during events and the critical value of the reports received by CCFLARES volunteers at the EOC regarding event impacts.

Tom's remarks were well received and generated many questions and a lot of discussion.
 New Business – Bob McAlister reminded everyone that there will be a scavenger hunt on August 3rd.

Next Month (August 13) our featured speaker will be Paul Toth NB9X of the SKYWARN Liaison with the NWS. All members and guests are encouraged to attend.

There being no further business, Steve Froggett made the motion to adjourn at 2034 hours.

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

August 17-18—Lighthouse Lightship weekend at Boca Grande Lighthouse.

September—Next EARS Foxhunt

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! The speaker for the August meeting will be Paul Toth **NB9X** , who will discuss **SKYWARN** Thanks in advance!

August 3rd Foxhunt:



The fourth EARS foxhunt was conducted on August 3. Fox Hunters gathered at Tringali Park at 9:00am for a 9:30 start.

Despite the threat of Tropical storm Debby, the weather turned out great and all the entrants eventually found the "fox". Participants were briefed on safety, and fox hunting "tips". A map which covered the "fox" location was provided. The fox was turned on at 9:36 am, and in a virtual tie, teams consisting of



KE4VEM, Sarah, KN4BAR, W4RFV,

KN4BAR, Paul and his XYL Patty, and W4RFV, Tony, with KE4VEM, Matthew

and his daughter Sarah located the fox at 10:18 am. Very impressive!

In all, 10 operators/team helpers participated in the hunt": KN4RKE, KM4GX, K7WWR, W4RFV, KN4YIU, KN4YIV, KE4VEM and daughter Sarah, and KN4BAR with XYL Patty. The club is planning a late September Fox Hunt with a "scavenger" format. More details to come!

EARS July DX Contest Update:

Contest logs have been submitted and will be counted this month. Certificates to the category winners are planned to be presented in the September meeting. Thanks to all who participated!

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.

Simplex Emergency Network:

Tuesday evening on August 6, EARS kicked-off the beginning of a simplex emergency communications network. The net work will eventually cover VHF and HF frequencies. The network initially started with 144.2 Mhz. . Initially K7WWr, KM4GX, W4FRV, KN4YIV, KN4YIU, N3MR, W4AII, W2CWL, W1JP, KN4RKE, and KA8PBA. Initially a direct and relay path was established between all the participants.

The network is being built to provide back up communications in case of repeater failure or other disruptive forces. It will also be used as an alternative to repeater use, if so desired. If you are interested in finding out more, contact any club officer. More information will be published in future newsletter articles.

ECHOLINK Update:

After much troubleshooting and adjustment, the **N4EAR** echolink node is back in service. Thanks to all for the time and efforts to make the restoral. The Echolink Committee has been meeting and will be providing recommendations regarding future echolink operations. Their recommendations will be voted on for approval at a future club meeting



Skywarn

The National Weather Service (NWS) is tasked with the difficult job of warning the public of dangerous weather. Many tools are used to accomplish this. Among them are doppler radar, satellites, lightning detection networks, and surface observations. While these are all useful, they have limitations. Based on current knowledge and technology, it is impossible for the NWS to detect every severe weather event and provide early warning, although our ability has vastly improved over the past 10 to 15 years.

To try and fill the gaps between the technology and to provide better warnings, the NWS uses trained volunteers who agree to become the "eyes and ears" of the NWS. Weather spotters provide real-time observations of severe weather events, such as tornadoes, damaging winds, hail, flooding, and winter weather. These reports assist NWS meteorologist in making warning decisions. Spotters help the NWS fulfill its mission of protecting life and property, and also help in providing the citizens of their communities with life saving information!

SKYWARN is not an exclusive club. While people involved in public service and who have good communication capabilities (radio, etc.) are encouraged to become spotters, everyone can benefit. Some examples include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers, and amateur radio operators. People who are involved with hospitals, schools, churches and nursing homes, who have a responsibility for others, are also encouraged to attend.

If you are just curious about severe weather and want to learn more, a spotter class may be for you. The class is a great educational experience for everyone. You do not have to be a storm spotter. You can attend the class to learn how to better protect yourself and those you are responsible for.

Member DIRECTORY

This is the list I have of members in good standing through 12/31/2024. Thanks, Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer, lobanker@hotmail.com.

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!

| Paid Dues Que- | F Name | L Name | Call Sign |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| 12/31/2024 | JoAnn | Adamy | KC4WJ |
| 12/31/2025 | John | Babbitt | K2GQG |
| 12/31/2024 | Sue | Babbitt | KD2AQR |
| 12/31/2024 | Brendon | Bertancourt | KB3FUH |
| 12/31/2024 | Steve | Bishop | KM4GX |
| 12/31/2024 | Ken | Blackshaw | W1NQT |
| 12/31/2024 | Jonathan | Blincoe | N1COC |
| 12/31/2024 | Brett | Boone | KJ7BQQ |
| 12/31/2024 | David | Bourque | WB1FLD |
| 12/31/2024 | Joyce | Bourque | N1RUZ |
| 12/31/2025 | Kelly | Combes | WO4KAC |
| 12/31/2050 | Freeman | Crosby | W1NPR |
| 12/31/2024 | Bill | Dolan | W2CWL |
| 12/31/2024 | Shirley | Duke | KN4YIU |
| 12/31/2050 | Vic | Emmelkamp | K4VHX |
| 12/31/2024 | Cliff | Evans | KC3F |
| 12/31/2024 | Doug | Frazier | KE5ODR |
| 12/31/2024 | Steve | Froggatt | KN4NFX |
| 12/31/2024 | Jim | Grimes | KD8OCW |
| 12/31/2024 | August (Gus) | Hawkins | AA4 |
| 12/31/2024 | Matthew | Henry | KE4VEM |

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

[Add to Cart](#)

| Paid Dues Query Expires Date | F Name | L Name | Call Sign |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|------------------|
| 12/31/2024 | Michael | Henry | KF4KDI |
| 12/31/2024 | John | Hodgdon | KN4PHQ |
| 12/31/2024 | Herman | Hoffman | WA9LFQ |
| 12/31/2024 | Stephen | Johnson | K1LOV |
| 12/31/2024 | Karl | Kaukis | KOCIE |
| 12/31/2024 | Walt | Kline | WB8WNF |
| 12/31/2024 | Charles | Lane | KD8KII |
| 12/31/2024 | Tony | Levenson | W4RFV |
| 12/31/2024 | David | Lynch | K2SDA |
| 12/31/2024 | Steve | Malone | KN4YIV |
| 12/31/2024 | Roger | Mattila | N9KWB |
| 12/31/2024 | Robert | McAlister | KN4RKE |
| 12/31/2024 | John (Bernadette) | McEnerney | KQ4ELH |
| 12/31/2024 | Jerry | Meckenberg | K4JWE |
| 12/31/2029 | Luis | Napoles | KN4ITK |
| 12/31/2024 | Jim | Nelson | W4AII |
| 12/31/2025 | Kermit | Noles | KQ4ELK |
| 12/31/2024 | Geoff & Fran | Norton | KM4UGR/KQ4DHN |
| 12/31/2024 | Charlotte | O Conner | WD8RIM |
| 12/31/2024 | Doc | O'Connor | K8DO |
| 12/31/2024 | Jon | Pellant | W1JP |
| 12/31/2026 | Kyra | Pellant | |
| 12/31/2024 | Jim | Porter | KA8PBA |
| 12/31/2024 | Bill | Reed | K7WWR |
| 12/31/2024 | Michael | Reid | N3MR |
| 12/31/2024 | Jim | Sanford | K8ZZU |
| 12/31/2024 | Bernard | Schmelz | K1BES |
| 12/31/2024 | James & Mary | Stillwagon | Not yet licensed |
| 12/31/2024 | Mark | Thurston | KB8WXI |
| 12/31/2024 | Clive | Towndrow | |
| 12/31/2024 | Daniel | Williams | N0DRW |
| 12/31/2024 | Douglas & Jayne | Young | KM4LKC |

Please advise me of any corrections or new additions

Englewood Amateur Radio Society

Treasurer Report



| | Begining Balance | | 4298.55 | |
|------------------|------------------|--------|---------|-------------------------|
| | Expenses | | Income | |
| July 2024 | | | | |
| 7/9/2024 | \$0.00 | Cash | \$30.00 | July 50 50 |
| 6/23/2024 | \$1.54 | Paypal | \$0.00 | Dues expense Paypal fee |
| 6/23/2024 | \$0.00 | Paypal | \$30.00 | Club dues for 2024 |
| Sum | \$1.54 | | \$60.00 | |
| | | | | Balance 4357.01 |

Petty Cash

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

Robert W M McAlister

Robert McAlister, Treasurer

Tuesday, August 6, 2024



Englewood Amateur Radio Sociey

ARRL
MBR

First Name

Last Name

Call Sign

License Class

Address

City

Zip Code

Local Phone

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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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