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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

January 2024

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be: Tuesday, February 13, 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 opened at 19:03 with President Jon Pellant presiding and leading the Pledge of Allegiance with those attending.

President Jon Pellant W1JP, Kyra Pellant Visiting, Bob McAlister KN4RKE Treasurer, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, Ken Blackshaw W1NQT Sunshine, Michael Reed N3MR, Shirly Duke KN4YIU, Steve Malone KN4YIV, Steve Bishop KM4GX, Bernie Schmelz K04ZQL, Bill Reed K7WWR, Steve Frogatt KN4NFX, Bill Dolan W2CWL, Jon Blincoe N1COC, Bob Bowes KC1MAM, Dan Williams N0DRW, Jim Porter KA8PBA, Mark Thurston KB8WXI, Jim Grimes KDBOCW, Roger Mattila N9KWB, Doc O'Conner K8DO, Charlotte O'Conner, 22 Members in Attendance, And, a great Christmas was had by all!

TREASURERS REPORT: For the Month of December: Checking Account balance \$ 3,758.19, Petty Cash \$ 33.31, Dues & Miscellaneous \$ 128.00 as of last month. Motion made to accept

Treasurers Report with Motion to accept, Steve Bishop and Second by Bill Doland.

SECRETARIES REPORT: December 12, 2023, monthly meeting minutes were recorded by Herman Hoffman and placed into the November Monthly EARS Newsletter by Bob McAlister. Motion to accept Minutes as published was made by Bob McAlister and 2nd by Steve Frogatt

COMMUNICATIONS: Three items (2 Handwritten Dues & 1 advertisement).

SUNSHINE: Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, provided Sunshine for Victor Emelkamp, a past President of EARS, this past Month as he is recovering at home from surgery. Thank you, Ken.

PUBLICITY: Ken, is, also, the Director of Publicity. Ken is the go-to EARS Member for publicity regarding EARS events, service, and information dispersal. He will be covering FOX Hunt activities on Jan. 14, 2024.

The Boca Grande Island GMRS project is closer to completion, guided by Engineers Jon Pellant and Jon Blincoe. Testing and implementation of the system by demonstrating the system has excellent results and coverage. The communications that Ham Clubs and individual Hams usually build interface with Public Service Providers, providing another way to connect to emergency communications sources, that saves lives and suffering.

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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

Week 5 (if needed) : Open

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

January 16, 2024 CHAT NET

KN4RKE Net control. Net opened at 19:15 local time. New Year Resolutions are now busted?

W4AII Jim in Manasota Key: short in and out; watching basketball game. Good feedback on Fox-hunt Saturday

KN4NFX: Steve in Rotonda West. No resolutions made this year. Helping his neighbors get through some difficult times. Pet sitting tonight

KN4YIU Shirley in SGC. No resolutions this year. Quiet rainy day in SGC

KN4YIV Steve in SGC. No resolutions this year. Working on a nice step attenuator to use at next foxhunt. Very small circuit board, so using NASA certified training to get the board populated!

WO4KAC Kelly in SGC. No resolutions. Also a NASA certified solderer!

KC1MAM Bob in Port Charlotte Busted one of 7 resolutions. Went North and ended up shoveling some snow! Also purchased a foxhunt doppler direction finder box for next foxhunt!

KA8PBA Jim in Englewood No traffic. Brought a cubical quad to the foxhunt. Found the fox!

Net closed at 19:35 local time

and experience is a project worthy of pride and satisfaction. A job well done.

EVENTS & ACTIVITY: Events & Activities Directors are Bill Reid, Steve Bishop, and Bernie Schmelz. They and other members have been working on the FOX Hunt Field activity that took place January 14. This FOX Hunt is the first of a regular activity. Winter Field Day 2024 will be January 27 & 28. The bus will be running from the Venice Coast Guard Facility to Orlando for the 2nd largest Hamfest in America. There have been suggestions, by Bob McAlister, that there may be a Chili Cook Off contest. That suggests that Ham Radio is very good at providing fodder for many interests. After nearly 60 years of Ham Radio, I have found that there has always been interest in many activities. If you wish to help, have an interesting discussion with the Event & Activities members.

HAMFESTS: Please see latest listing of ARRL support of Hamfest's. Within the next three months there perhaps will be a Southwest Florida Hamfest, Desoto County Hamfest, and Florida State Convention. There may be announcements of others. Stay tuned in.

ARES: Most activities related to Ares & Flares usually stop until mid-January. Activity will start again soon. Contact CERT & Flares members for the 2024 Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS: Your choice of President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary was made this past January 9th. Don't complain if you didn't vote, your votes & ideas here at EARS are important to West Charlotte County and our Club:



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Looking at this installation and viewing the product Jon & Jon have delivered using their skills, talent,



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. 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

Antenna Shoot-Out and Chill Cook-Off

March 9th, 2024 at Ann Deever Park from 11am to 3 pm. RSVP to K7WWR/KM4GX/KN4RKE by 2/29/2024. We need to know how many are coming and if they are bringing a chili for the Cook-off. Homebrew and commercial antennas will be tested to find the best. XYL's and family/friends are welcome and invited.

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!



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The election results were as follows:

Bill Reed K7WWR, had 20 Votes for President

Steve Bishop KM4GX, had 20 Votes for Vice President

Robert McAlister KN4RKE, had 20 Votes for Treasurer

Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ had 20 Votes for Secretary

NEW BUSINESS: I have inherited a few more responsibilities at home over the past months. While I understand the deep grief other club members may enjoy, I need to throttle back a bit. Therefore, I will no longer be the Secretary effective upon completion of this set of notes. I enjoy EARS a great deal and have not met a single person in our group that I wouldn't take a cruise with.

In any case Bernie Schmelz will take over my responsibility and I will play around with electronics again.

I stand ready to support EARS including helping the officers and filling in if/when needed. Despite my state of mind, I feel I gained far more from the experience of EARS over the last 8 years than I imagined I would when I joined EARS in 2017.

Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ

Steve Malone moved to close the January 9, 2024, meeting. Bill Dolan seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting closed at 19:54 Hrs.

Member DIRECTORY

This is the list I have of members in good standing through 12/31/2024. There are a few who have paid past 2024 and further dues.
 Thanks, Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer
 lobanker@hotmail.com. Check the list (last name s in alphabetical order

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
David	Bourque	WB1FLD
Joyce	Bourque	N1RUZ
Bob	Bowes	KC1MAM
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	
Michael	Henry	KF4KDI
Matthew	Henry	KE4VEM
John	Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
Herman	Hoffman	WA9LFQ
Stephen	Johnson	K1LOV
Walt	Kline	WB8WNF
Charles	Lane	KD8KII
Tony	Levenson	W4RFV
David	Lynch	K2SDA
Steve	Malone	KN4YIV

Paid Dues Query F	L Name	Call Sign
Roger	Mattila	N9KWB
Robert	McAlister	KN4RKE
John (Bernadette)	McEnerney	KQ4ELH
Jerry	Meckenberg	K4JWE
Luis	Napoles	KN4ITK
Jim	Nelson	W4AII
Kermit	Noles	KQ4ELK
Doc	O'Connor	K8DO
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
Douglas & Jayne	Young	KM4LKC

It's time to renew your EARS Membership dues for 2024!

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 2024. 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 2024**

Paypal or Credit Card Single Year Membership - \$25.00

[Add to Cart](#)

Family Membership - \$30.00

[Add to Cart](#)

If you would like to Donate to the EARS club, click the **Donate** button below. All Donations are welcome

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N4NUM For Sale Equipment List



Transceivers

Yaesu FT-857D Mobile HF/VHF/UHF transceiver with separation kit \$800
Yaesu FT-847 HF/VHF/UHF transceiver includes one of the two mic's below \$800

Yaesu MH-31B8 Microphone \$25
Yaesu MH-36D8 Microphone \$20
Yaesu FC-20 Antenna Tuner \$200

Antenna Tuners

MFJ MFJ-941E Antenna Tuner \$200
MFJ MFJ-921 Antenna Tuner \$125

SWR/Power Meters

Micronta, unknown model, label not readable, SWR/Power Meter \$??? BRO
Micronta 21-524 Field Strength SWR Tester \$10

Antenna & Related

Larsen Electronics AD-2/70, 144/440 Antenna Duplexer \$15

CushCraft CS50 6m mag mount \$25

Diamond CR320A UHF connector, Tri-band 144/222/440 \$40 BRO

T2X Rotor and Control Box, was service by Rotor Dr. 8/83. Not in service past 15 years. BRO

RF Inquiry CF5KV 5KW HF Common Mode Filter \$175

Misc.

2x, Heil Pro Set Headphones \$100 each

West Mountain Radio Rig Blaster \$50

If you are interested in any of this equipment, please contact club member **David Bourque** at wb1fld@gmail.com

FLAGPOLE ANTENNA AND POWER AMPLIFIER



Brand new (never installed) Flagpole antenna (multi band and often used in HOA environments) and Power Amplifier (7 HAM BANDS) available! If interested contact **KM4GX** (steven.bishop256@gmail.com)

For Sale Equipment List

SK Equipment—Contact Steve Bishop KM4GX for details:

TRAM D201A \$2500.00

ICOM 781 \$2500.00

Texas star DX16000 Amp \$1000.00

ICOM 746 \$750.00

Yaesu FT450 \$500.00

Yaesu FT920 \$600.00

Palstar AT2K \$350.00

Texas star 350HDV \$350.00

ICOM 751A \$350.00

Astatic 10D \$300.00

MFJ989D Versatuner \$250.00

ICOM SP-20 Speaker \$200.00

AKG R144 Microphone \$125.00

12V power supply \$125.00

Yaseu YD148 \$75.00

Dynamic MH31B8 \$50.00

(2) PCX5T \$50.00 each

(2) D104 Eagle Head \$50.00 each

Miscellaneous cables & connectors



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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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