



EARS
ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

October 2025

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, November 11th, 2025** at the COC in Englewood at 19:00, unless otherwise notified. Check the FB page, and groups.io for last minute updates

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**MEETING
MINUTES**

EARS Monthly Meeting October 14, 2025

Attendees: KN4RKE, N1COC, KN4PHQ, WA9LFQ, KE5ODR, KR4DGO, N9KWB, W2CWL, K8ZZU, Leslie Rankin, KE4VEM, KR4FXF (and Gary), KQ4SSQ, KN4NFX, W1NQT, KQ4PSG, KN4YIU, KN4YIV, W1JP, KM4GX

Social 7-7:15

Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance and Acknowledge New Attendees: Meeting called to order at 7:16pm

W1JP gave a presentation about the basics of antenna current, voltage, magnetic and electric fields and basic radiation patterns, followed by a demonstration of EZNEC antenna modeling software. EZNEC is available as a free download and runs on most PC's. The presentation was informative and interesting to the members.

Secretaries Report: K1BES was absent so **KN4RKE** asked for a motion that the minutes, as published in the newsletter be approved. Motion by KN4NFX second by **W2CWL**, motion approved.

Treasurers Report: KN4RKE gave the re-

port and asked for a motion to approve. Motion by **KN4RKE** second by **W1NQT**, motion approved.

DX Communications Report: KR4DGO reported that he was working Europe and South America on his end-fed antenna.

CCFLARES Updates Report: KM4GX reported that exercises will restart at the Englewood Hospital at the end of the month. The hospital will be providing a "radio room", and the club will be providing training on using the equipment. **KE5ODR** noted that ARES training will be offered November 12-14 at the Charlotte County EOC. If you are interested contact Doug

Sunshine and Media: W1NQT reported that a release was prepared for the **WaterFest** participation. He also reported the passing of **W1EKU's** XYL, and **W4AII's** XYL recent hospital stay.

Events and Activities: Comments about the recent WaterFest Event were made. It was deemed successful, with the exception of HF activity due to noise and space concerns. **KN4YIU** provided up dates for the **Fall Picnic**. The picnic will be November 8th at the Lemon Bay Environmental Park Pavillion. We will have the pavilion all day. Please let Shirley know how many will attend. XYL's, children are invited. **Election:** the current President, Vice President and Treasurer have indicated they will run for re- **SEE Page 2.....**

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. Although it's now summer, we are averaging 8 participants!



Upcoming Club Activities

N4EAR worked all states event. We want to get a worked all states certificate for the club station. Time **NOW!**

Foxhunt— October 18th. Register at Tringali at 9:00am

Waterfest, October, on Englewood Beach. Contact

W4AH or **K1BES** if you would like to participate

PICO Balloon Launch — Launch schedule for January or February 2026.

Club Picnic in early November is being planned by **KN4YIU**, Shirley Duke..

Antenna Shoot Out: December 6. Build your VHF/UHF antenna and see if it's the winner. Contact **K7WWR** for rules



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: KM4GX

Week 5 (if needed) : Open

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

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election. We need a candidate for Secretary. Also, if you would like to run for any of the positions, please let **KN4YIU** or **N3MR** know.

Old Business: Englewood HCA ---- We are tentatively installing the radios into the hospital around the week of Nov 1. Will be training all who will operate at the hospital.

Club member mentorship committee:

W2CWL, Chairman: The committee has a power point presentation to help new members. **Bill Reed** will offer training topics via Google meet.

New Business.

Need to get started with the Pico Balloon Launch in the time frame of January – February. I have been in contact with **Mark Garrett**. We have a **EARS Stem group** set up so contact **N9KWB** to volunteer to the project. **UHF/VHF Simplex Antenna Contest---** Tentative Date December 6th.

Winter Field Day. January 24th, 25th 2026 Start thinking about it. What we need:

Voice/SSB operators

CW operators

Digital/Winlink operators

Satellite operators

Media

Public Information Table persons and talk to visitors about EARS and Ham Radio

Antenna Setup and Tear down.

Contact **K7WWR** to volunteer

Adjourn: 20:45

TIME TO RENEW YOUR 2026 MEMBERSHIP!

Membership is valid from **January 1st to December 31st** each year.. If you have not renewed yet, please consider doing it early. Membership is required to vote for new club officers, and to approve the upcoming 2026 budget. These activities are just around the corner!

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

Membership renewal can be accomplished by sending the form on the LAST page to EARS, or by logging on to the clubs website, www.earsradioclub.org and using the [PAYPAL buttons on our webpage to renew your membership!](#)

Paypal or Credit Card Single Year Membership - \$25.00

[Add to Cart](#)

Family Membership - \$30.00

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EARS SHIRT AND HAT ORDER INFO:

If you want to order a new EARS hat or shirt, Place your order at: hamthreads.com
You'll need to enter the code N4EAR In the special instructions.

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. The meeting starts at 7pm.

PICO BALOON LAUNCH UPDATE:

The club is working with Charlotte County school system to establish a STEM related balloon launch. **Andrew Stancil**, Instructor from Charlotte County HS STEM program attended the last meeting to discuss his students interest in HAM radio and the PICO Balloon program. **N9KWB**, Roger Mattia and others are working out the details. The committee will NEED HELP with this project – please reach out to Roger to volunteer. We plan on launching in January or February of 2026.

EARS FALL PICNIC:

Mark your calendars for the Fall Picnic scheduled for **November 8th**, and will be set up at the **Lemon Bay Environmental Park** in Englewood. If you would like to help, or are planning on attending, please let **KN4YIU** (Shirley Duke) know. More information to come.

EARS SUPPORTS 2025 ENGLEWOOD WATERFEST:



Again this year, EARS supported Englewood's **Water Fest** Event. The Event is one of the biggest happenings in the community, and showcases the beach, restaurants, and the World Championship Outboard Motor Races. The club provided voluntary security personnel and communications support on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 10-12, 2025. Thanks to all the club members who donated their time supporting the event, and to W4AI, who marshalled the security details for our club. The club set up a booth at the event, thanks to KN4YIU, KN4YIV, K9XV, and KM4GX who supplied the tent, table, chairs, radio gear, and water. The club set up a special event station, N4W and on Saturday made a few contacts on 20 meters! Unfortunately, our tent was located very close to the public address speakers, and radio work was difficult to accomplish. The club also gave away a Bao Feng UV5R transceiver to the lucky visitor who held the winning ticket! Special thanks to **Tom Chance** and **Ron**



Farley for running HF and bringing several radios for security volunteers!



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