

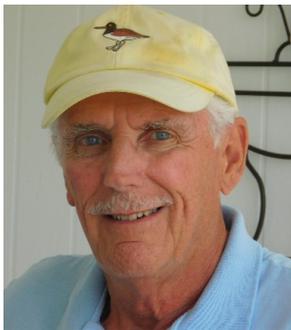
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November 14th, 2017

ARY'S REPORT



Ken Blackshaw W1NQT

EARS Meeting Minutes - October 17, 2017

7:28 PM Pam Eggleton called to order the meeting of the Englewood Amateur Radio Society at the Englewood Area Chamber of Commerce building and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:29 PM The Secretary's Report was accepted unanimously as printed in the newsletter.

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7:30 PM Correspondence. Matthew Henry provided Pam Eggleton with the QSL cards received from the International Lighthouse Weekend event. Some included SASE for returning our Boca Grande Lighthouse QSL cards. Pam had already sent some of our QSL cards to other lighthouses and clubs but had not sent them to every contact logged. The junk mail was circular-filed.

7:31 PM Sunshine. Fred Gruell and Vic Emmelkamp had hip operations. Ken Blackshaw's wife had a knee operation recently. JR House is now in an Alzheimer's Facility. Marcia Fowler fell while in Jacksonville during Hurricane Irma.

7:33 PM ARES/RACES. Joe, the leader of practices is having hip surgery. Roger is not back yet. As a review of Hurricane Irma operations, Jon Pellant made several suggestions: in addition to having Go-Kits prepared, computers require frequent updates and should be updated before storms; radios should have interchangeable microphones/components rather than different equipment for digital and analog; and, standards should be in place for both equipment and operating procedures, including use of the standard phonetic alphabet. Charlotte County needs more available shelters, rather than just the two for the entire county at Kingsway and Liberty schools. Dual band antenna's needed at sites. Emergency power availability and outlets should be identified in advance of their need. Conversation pointed to regular practice and plans for emergency events and then not following the plan when actually needed. A guest / new member mention that CERT had praise for the ham radio operators at Liberty Elementary and was impressed that the operator kept communications going even after the power went out. Pam Eggleton was curious as to why no telephone call down was activated to tap into the pool of available ham operators. Jim said there was a review meeting at Perkins; Angelo was sent to fix up Liberty. A drill is planned for Thursday.

7:52 PM Publicity. Jim said he was holding off on advertising our club with WENG while the meeting times and dates are in a state of flux. Jim informed the club the tower at WENG has an antenna

and feedline available; radio and duplexer were removed. Vic let us know the 146.700 machine is no longer in storage awaiting a home; radio was trashed and tuning cans are in Iowa now. Jim Nelson would like to see us have an IRLP/EchoLink repeater. Jon Pellant says grants, etc. may be available but first we need to define the club's goals and mission and how to best implement it for the Englewood ham community. Sarasota link for HAM-WAN is another option in discussion. Other publicity issues included "Jamboree on the Air" and the club's seemingly waning interest in participating in events in conjunction with snowbird membership.

8:08 PM Testing. Testing information is published in the newsletter. Jon Pellant is a Volunteer Examiner (VE) with the ARRL VEC. Frank Blake is a VE with the Laurel VEC.

8:12 PM DX. Ray Magsby usually gives the DX report. No DX report given.

8:13 PM Hamfests. Vic says to look for hamfests in November-December.

Old Business. International Lighthouse Weekend went great. It was a lot of fun.

New Business / Announcements.

George Graham passed away. A memorial is Saturday 12 PM - 2 PM at the Englewood Elks.

Frank Blake says he could not find us for Field Day. He stated the newsletter had only vague directions that were not helpful to someone new. He also said the meeting was not clearly advertised on the club website; he said it looked like a dead club on the website - no repeaters, etc. Frank suggests EARS take advantage of an offer for a free repeater site and put a repeater up before that option vanishes. Frank is willing to help with tuning duplexer, etc. and willing to loan a repeater.

Mike Daly is returning tomorrow. Jim heard Dave is in town but not here at the meeting tonight.

Next meetings are November 14 at 7 PM and December 12 at 7 PM.

8:35 PM Adjourned.

8:35 PM Program. International Lighthouse weekend video by Jim Porter and Hurricane Irma PowerPoint presentation by Pam Eggleton. Thanks to both.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Henry KE4VEM,
Acting Secretary



Interested in becoming an EARS member?

An application is located on the last page.

Next Meeting

7:00PM

Tuesday November 14th

Englewood Chamber of Commerce

601 South Indiana Ave

Englewood

TREASURER'S REPORT



Treasurer Mike K4MWD

Date ↓	Description	Type ▼	Status ▼	Amount	Available Balance
Amount included in Available Balance					
 11/07/2017	Check 1053: Tom Hawes FD repay			-62.75	5,623.35

Activity

Checks: WA3PRC \$62.75 field day reimbursement

Income Dues and new memberships cash on hand
\$80.50

Bank Balance: \$ 5623.35

Respectfully submitted
Mike Daly K4MWD
Treasurer

LOCAL

W4VV Frank celebrates 90th birthday at Tuesday breakfast.



Sorry for the late newsletter, guess my mind isn't working due to the snow here.

Mike