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ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

April 2021

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING:

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

CLUB NEWS

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY April 2021 Minutes:

Open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. (19:12) Led by Jon Pellant

Secretary's Report Accepted– Motion to accept by Jim Nelson,

2nd by Robert McAllister, as submitted by H. Hoffman, Secretary

Treasurer's Report – \$5,418.41 in account on April 13, Dues in the amount of \$30 deposited/Balance on March 09, \$5,325.51. Motion by Steve Churchill, 2nd by Bob McAlister to accept. Further discussion, Chamber of Commerce annual billing of \$137 due in April and insurance coverage in May.

Correspondence: - No correspondence: J Pellant & H Hoffman have keys to PO Box and will pick up mail before next meeting on 5/11/2021 unless requested earlier.

53 Members on the books, 23 paid for 2021 Dues

Members Present at Chamber of Commerce: Jon Pellant W1JP/ President, Jim Nelson W4AII /Vice President, Robert McAlister KN4RKE Treasurer, Jim Porter KA8PBA, Doug Young [KM4LKC](#), Steve Frogget KN4NFX, John Hodgdon KN4PDQ. ****
 Meeting VIA Google Meet and live at Chamber of Commerce building, with 14 members on board, thank you all.

Meeting from Home Easy Chairs

MEET Session online and/or COC live members: Jon Blincoe N0COC Trustee, Matthew Henry KE4VEM/Trustee, Doug Frasier KE5ODR, Jim Grimes KD8OC, Jon Pellant W1JP/President, Her-

man Hoffman WA9LFQ/Secretary, Kenneth Blackshaw W1NQT

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine –Victor Emmelkamp, former President of EARS has not renewed his membership due to personal issues.

ARES – (Formerly RACES) – Technician class will be delivered online and testing for licensure will follow. CARS citywide event will include 70cm/2 meters/6 meters/20 meters/40 meters. County trailer will be at event. Setup start 8 AM take down at 1 PM.

Publicity – Ken Blackshaw placed event ad for CARS (4/24) event.

DX – Band conditions are improving, marginally. Actual sunspot activity is rising substantially. Best indicator is NASA/NOAA Live Sun telescope on their websites. No band activity information but sunspots are the precursor to any improvement DX activity. Steve Churchill reports significant DX activity on 10, 40, & 17 meters, with Europe and S. America QSO's.

Training & Testing – Doug Frasier, repeated info, he indicates CERT training is near getting tested by VE's. Exam Q & A is the last step. Members of EARS All in the ham brotherhood wish candidates the best of luck & success.

Technology – Storm season has begun again. The IRLP/Echolink system may not be available during the stormy weather but I will attempt to keep users updated with K8ONV and group email announcements.

Minutes continued.....

3/24/2021

Ham-Fests – No activity announce due to COVID issues.

Repeater – K9VX on 434 Mhz. antenna may be changed from East location to West orientation when tower revamping is finished.

Extended discussion regarding transmission protocol switch to VERA or other format as updating and changes are applied to digital repeaters.

OLD BUSINESS

Due to COVID inoculations we can transition back to the Denny's Restaurant for Tuesday breakfast. As a vote there were 13 members in favor with 1 dissenting vote. Tuesday April 20th we will be meeting at Denny's again with Donna as our server.

NEW BUSINESS

EARS needs a new leader for the Summer ARRL Field Day and another person to organize a May Day Picnic. Any volunteers would be greatly appreciated. New discussion with a suggestion that the Treasurer position be changed to two years rather than one year as I is now. John Hodgen made a motion for advisory vote with Jim Nelson seconded. New discussion regarding changing our bank institution to Englewood Bank & Trust. The motion was made but tabled after review about progress being made to get our current arrangement with Bank of America significantly more functional. We are about 80% of the way to resolving the payments and access issues. The motion to move EARS banking business was made by Jon Blincoe and Seconded by Jim Nelson. The motion was tabled when Treasurer Bob McAlister indicated we nearly have our complaints with Bank of America resolved. All officers should have a debit card for emergency expenses. Efforts to resolve these issues will continue.

ADJOURNMENT called by Steve Frogget, 2cnd by Jon Blincoe.

Secretary: Herman Hoffman WA9LFG

2 Meter Chat Net:

The club conducts a two meter chat net every Tuesday evening on K8ONV, 146.865 136.5HZ tone, -600 transmit. On Tuesdays that the club holds its meeting, no net.

This is W1NQT for the EARS **K8ONV** Net. I will now take checkins.

1. k8zzu - Jim - son is n8zzu!
2. w4aii - EL - at party. Enjoyed breakfast.
3. ke5odr - Doug - Tringali vaccine site going well. Fog early.
4. nb3p - Jim - Rotonda - Got shots - Sunnybrook good spot for getting your shots. 60 cycle buzz on signal.
5. kn4rke - Bob - Enjoyed breakfast - total of 9!
6. wo0s - Chip - Also enjoying breakfast. Dog to groomer! Two weeks back to Mo. - Camping trip coming to Myakka! Parks on the Air!
7. kn4phq - John - on Lanai with the cats! - 2nd shot on Thursday - fading in and out.
8. k1lov - Steve - PC - Best wishes! 73s
9. ke4vem - Matthew - Got first shot Moderna Friday. on EL. Visited Pam - books for Sara.
10. kn4lfc - Ray - Cleared off after rainy Sunday. HF is good. on EL - Wearing the mask.
11. k2gqg - John - At breakfast -

Check for NCS next week.

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Closed net at 7:24 pm and the repeater is back to its normal open operation.

April 6 2021 2mtr Chat Net

KN4RKE opened net at 7:00pm

Log ins included:

KH2OP—charley, St. Louis via Echo Link

W4AII—Jim

W8JJV—Dwayne

K8ZZU Jim Cape Haze

KN4NFX—Steve Rotonda west

K2GQG—John via Echo Link

KM4LKC Doug Dinner time!

KN4PHQ—John Rotonda West

K0CIE Karl Gulf Cove Recent move

KE5ODR Doug Placida—Winlink Training CCFLARES

WB8WNF Walt Englewood

K1UGE Pam

Net closed at 7:29 PM local time

CARS EMCOMM EVENT

The Event took place as scheduled on the 24th, and for the most part was a success! Some minor issues were identified and solutions proposed. In response to an after event questionnaire, the following was noted:

Good turnout. Good location near County buildings. simplex range test data will be Useful; it was the first such Englewood test that I know of. We had maximum ranges of about 12 LOS miles South (UHF), 9.9 miles East (UHF), but only 8.4 miles North and on VHF, not UHF. Why North range had issues is TBD!.

-Take stronger guy **anchors!**

Label coax rolls and other common items with tags like white viny tape and markers to prevent break-down ownership confusion. Fun and Use-



ful event! Overall successful tests on V/UHF. 40/6M voice and digital was ready, worked, and tested, but we had some issues (TBD?) connecting to the other sites, especially Babcock.

- What time did you begin setting up your station? 8:30 AM
- Were you able to set up on time and be operational by 10:00 am? YES
- Did you have enough operators? YES
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- Did you log every contact? YES

2 MTR CHAT NET 5/4

This is W1NQT for the EARS K8ONV Net. I will now take checkins.

1. k1lov - Steve - PC - Best wishes - hot and humid! May 4 (Star wars Day)and 5 Cinco!!
2. kn4rke - Bob - Week in TN and in Atlanta, missed breakfast.
3. kn4jen - Allen - mobile remote head IC-208. Banks of the Myakka.
4. k8rft - Doug - Tricky programming HT. And FT8.
5. w4aia - Jim - Next week meeting! QRP interest.
6. ke5odr - Doug - Yardwork - Placida, nice sunset.
7. kn4nfx - Steve - Rotonda W - Not an earlybird! Lovebugs.
8. kn4phq - John - 73s to all and CU at the meeting
9. k2gqg - John - Ham radio camping weekend. Digital intro-

- Did you have any equipment failures? **V/UHF Vertical blew down! Had to clean a coax roll PL259 center conductor! One coax roll was misplaced in break-down(!).**

- Create **log forms** for recording operations, especially on fast paced V/UHF.

So maybe limit to fewer digital modes and/or extend stop time, perhaps to 2 PM for comfortable serial timing; many of us only had time to do or watch either one or the other of the operations, but not both, before time ran out.

-Wind blew l, og pads around, so use **Clip boards** instead for logs and notes.



It's Time to Renew Your EARS 2021 Dues!

The last sheet of this newsletter is a membership form. Dues are \$15.00 per year, single member and \$18.50 for a family membership. Please take time to submit your dues as soon as you can. Thank you!

duction - monsoon up there.

10. k1ueg - Pam - Antenna in the tree. Meeting is Google meets in the weekly notice. SK equipment.

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CURRENT EARS MEMBERSHIP LIST

If your call sign is not on this list, you are not yet a paid up member of EARS for 2021!

K1UGE
K2GQG
K4KUO
KC3F
KC4WJ
KD2AQR
KD8OCW
KE4VEM
KF4KDI
KD4EDG
KM4LKC
KN4ITK
KN4LFC
KN4PHQ
KN4RKE
N1TKN
NB3P
W1JP
W1NPR
W1NQT
W2YJ
W4AII
W4VV
W8JJV
WA9LFQ

If you are not on the list, please consider re-newing your membership for 2021! The more Amateur Radio Operators we have, the better the club will be.

If you have paid and I missed your call, please let me know

KN4RKE, Treasurer.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

CUT OFF FOR EARS SUBMISSIONS: 18TH of each month Please, no articles of a political, religious, controversial or argumentative nature. The Club reserves the right to accept, edit, or reject any submission.. **Bob McAlister KN4RKE** Phone: 941-416-2516 (cell) 941-474-4190 (Home) E-Mail: **bob.mcalister@outlook.com** Please use the email shown..



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Yearly Membership Dues \$15

Family Membership Dues \$18.50

Bring form and Check to Meeting, or mail form and check to:

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