



EARS

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

January 2021

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, February 9th 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 January Minutes:

Open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. (19:06)
Led by Jon Pellant.

Secretary's Report Accepted– Motion to accept by Steve Frogget

2nd by Doug Frasier, as submitted by H. Hoffman, Secretary

Treasurer's Report Accepted – Motion by John Babbit, 2nd by Doug Frasier. \$5,307.01 in account on December 14, Dues deposit/Balance on Jan. 09 \$5,325.51.

Correspondence: - One dues payment 12/29/2020 to PO Box, as of 1/12/2020. H Hoffman, Secretary, however, will pick up mail pick again before next meeting on 2/08/2021 unless requested.

2021 Dues due

Members Present: Jon Pellant W1JP/ President, Jim Nelson W4AII /Vice President, Robert McAlister KN4RKE Treasurer, Jon Blincoe N0COC, Matthew Henry KE4VEM/Trustee, Doug Frasier KE5ODR, Jim Grimes KD8OCW, Jim Porter KA8PBA, Doug Young KM4LKC, Steve Frogget KN4NFX, Kenneth Blackshaw W1NQT, John Hodgdon KN4PDQ, Duwain Hunt W8JJV, and Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ, Did I miss any members or Mangle Call-Signs? **** Meeting VIA Google Meet with 14 members on board, thank you all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine – Pam Eggleton a bit under the weather and we wish her a speedy recovery.

ARES – (Formerly RACES) – Duwain Hunt reports RMS is working at COC site & now functions well.

Goal of locating an RMS at the Stadium Site is advancing.

Publicity – Winter Field Day planned for Jan 30 & 31st at Jon Pellant property located at corner of Artist and Elm (440 Elm?)

DX – Band conditions are improving, marginally. Actual activity is rising.

Training & Testing – Doug Frasier indicates CERT training is near getting tested by EARS VE's soon. Exam Q & A is last step.

Technology – New EARS Website is now operational and looking great. Thanks to the efforts of Bob McAllister, who is this year's Treasurer and Web Master.

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

Repeater – Possible activity for a repeater site at the tower located at Home Depot and McCall Rd.



EARS Winter Field Day photos in this month's newsletter!

OLD BUSINESS

HF Winter Field Day is January 30th, 2021. Discussed, planning session after this meeting.

Feb 8th, 2021 Meeting will continue online and perhaps live at COC.

January Minutes Continued....

NEW BUSINESS

Hand Off to new officer slate.

Implement Zell or PayPal for dues and transactions this year.

ADJOURNMENT called by Steve Frogget, 2nd by Matthew Henry at 20:22

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.

January 5th 2021 Chat Net

Hello All - Big net tonight with some DX and worrisome Covid indo. Stay safe out there. Here it all is! 73's - Ken

1. w4aai - Jim - company, medical, Zoom class, meeting next week - FD coming on the 30th.
2. k1lov - Steve - Port Charlotte - ISS repeater back on!
3. kn4rke - Bob - Englewood - Breakfast with three others this morning at Maria's.
4. k3cf - Cliff, So. Gulf Gove - near old FD site. Only 73.
5. ke5odr - Doug, Placida - Recovered covid - gave plasma today.
6. kn4lfc - Ray - St. Aug - houseful of Covid there. Lost taste and smell - coming back. Coffee???
7. k1ueg - Pam - 73 to all
8. kd4wym - Scott - Arcadia, had Covid, recovering. May have caught from the ATM!
9. kh2op - Charlie - Mo. - 46 degrees in St. L -
10. km4lkc - Doug - E Charlotte - avoided Covid so far. Winter FD coming up.
11. kn4jen - Allen - Myakka River - 1st time on the net! Sunshine net!

Check for NCS next week.

Hi Ham Friends - Here are my notes from tonight's (January 19)very interesting net. 73's - Ken

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

1. kn4rke - Bob - six at breakfast. Needs to meet with Pam.
2. k1ueg - Pam - Saw folks at Maria's.
3. kn4lfc - Ray - Saw a Painted Bunting. Multi-band dipole.
4. w4aai - Jim - trying to get vaccine tomorrow. FD lot is on the NW intersection of Artist and Elm.
5. k8zzu - Jim - glad to be back hoping for breakfast.
6. kn4nfx - Steve - Rotonda - Has Vaccine appt.

Check for NCS next week.

EARS meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at Englewood Chamber of Commerce, or virtually on N4EAR.

EARS members and friends meet every week on Tuesdays at 8 AM at Maria's on Indiana Ave in Englewood.

Information on EARS can be found at QRZ.com at N4EAR, or on website earsradioclub.org, or ears.group.io.

Closed net at 7:21 pm and the repeater is back to its normal open operation.

EARS Winter Field Day—January 30/31

Many thanks to Jon ,Jon , Herman, Doug, Jim (s), and the other 20 or so members who came out to support the Winter Field Day activity”



The event was hosted on W1JP's property at the corner of Artist Ave and Elm Street in Englewood. A perfect location to set up shelters, antennae, and power generators! Rigs

were set up for HF , VHF, and UHF use. The event “officially” started out at 9:00am Saturday morning, although the Jon's spent many hours working to prepare the grounds for the Club's use. Thanks to you guys! Jim brought coffee and doughnuts/bagels to get everyone started. Tables, tents, and canopies were set up to



provide operating positions and spots to sit down and socialize.

Herman brought over two generators which worked perfectly, and mostly quietly over the day, and there were battery

back ups available to use after dark.





Three antennas were set up, a 5 band hex beam, a long end-fed wire, and a VHF UHF combo vertical. The Hex beam was primarily used on 20 meters, with good

success! The band was fairly active. I was really impressed at how easy it was to get the Hex beam set up and running.

The SWR was down in the 1:1.2 range even though the antenna was near some tall trees and only about 12 feet off the ground. The picture to the right is Jon working 20 meters using the Hex beam.



The end-fed long wire antenna was set up to work 40 meters Jon B set up the 135 ft (or so) long wire between two sturdy Eucalyptus Robustus trees on the property and promptly began making contacts into the late evening hours!



UHF/VHF was covered, although I don't think any Field Day contacts were officially logged during the day.

Although we were a half mile or so "off the beaten path, we did get some interest from the community, with the potential of a few learning to become new amateur radio operators!

There were hot dogs, chips, cold drinks, coffee and other snacks available, some really nice places to sit and visit, so I thought the event was a great success.



Day a fun event.



Again, I would like to thank Jon for letting the club use his property, and both Jon's for the work they put into clearing spots to make the Winter Field



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 you're your dues as soon as you can. Thank you!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

CUT OFF FOR EARS SUBMISSIONS: 25th of each month (except Dec, which is 20th) 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

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