



**EARS**  
ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

**April 2022**

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, April 12th at the COC in Englewood, and virtually via Google Meet unless otherwise notified. Check the FB page, and groups.io for last minute updates**

#### CLUB NEWS

##### April 12 2022 Minutes...

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

**Members Present:** Jon Pellant W1JP/ President, Robert McAlister KN4RKE Treasurer, Jim Nelson W4AII VP, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, Jim Sanford K8ZZU, Doug Vanderlaan K8RFT, Jon Blincoe N0COC, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Janet Iwanski KO4MZO; Steve Bishop KO4VOG.

**VIA MEET:** Matthew Henry KE4VEM, Jim Grimes KD8OCW; **Guest:** Rick Burnach KB7RJR

14 attendees' total.

Please note: If I missed or mangled any member's names or call signs, advise me by phone or email: [WA9LFQ@yahoo.com](mailto:WA9LFQ@yahoo.com).

Secretary's Report for 3/15/22 Meeting Minutes Accepted: Motion to accept by Steve Froggatt, 2nd by Janet Iwanski, accepted as submitted by H. Hoffman Secretary

Treasurer's Report Accepted – Motion by Steve Froggatt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Blackshaw. \$3,484.04 balance total on 4/1/2022. Balance on 2/28/2022 \$3481.04 + \$3.00 petty cash. Outstanding expenses paid; K8ONV/N4EAR repeater (Broadcom), PO Box Rent receipt, expenses for Winter Field Day.

**Correspondence:** - One piece of mail this month, Dues/ Janet Iwanski our newest EARS member, Welcome!

**Sunshine**—Steve Froggatt attended our EARS meeting in person after cancer therapy, our Sunshine get-well card, from last month, turned the trick, no doubt. Victor Emelkamp, past President of EARS, and Dennis Young current member of EARS are in our prayers and thoughts as they deal with significant health issues.

**ARES** – Discussion regarding excellent coverage of Verna/Big Stick WXE repeater operated by Sarasota Club. A regional powerhouse.

**Publicity** – No new events have been scheduled. Next Field Day is Summer Field Day the last full weekend of June 2022.

**DX** – 20 Meters & 10 Meters are well and 40 Meters, modestly improving. Overall Sunspot activity is improving.

**Training & Testing** – Doug Frazier reported that 10 of 12 CERT/ARES Members recently passed FCC testing. Congratulations to all candidates.

**Technology** – Jon Pellant reports that the new Broadcom repeater RF testing has been completed for K8ONV/N4EAR. The remaining pre-install activity requires RX/TX interface programming. That programming provides specific timing instructions for ARES Nets, IRLP & Digital, and EchoLink traffic.

**Ham-Fests** – Several regional tailgates and surplus equipment get-togethers have been scheduled. Check club websites for details.

**Old Business** – New breakfast meeting place is “Junior & Rosie’s” located at 264 North Indiana Avenue, Englewood, FL 34223. Meet every Tuesday at 07:30. Bank of America has begun charging \$16/month for the club checking account since our balance has fallen below \$5,000. Discussion of moving our account to Englewood Bank & Trust does not currently charge customers based on account balances and would be happy to accommodate EARS as a customer.

**New Business** – Discussion regarding time change for Tuesday Chat Net from 19:00 to 19:30.

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## 2 Meter Chat Net:

The club conducts a two meter chat net every **Tuesday evening on K8ONV**, 146.865



136.5HZ tone, -600 transmit at 7:30 PM. On Tuesdays that the club holds its meeting, no net. **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!**

**3/15** KN4RKE as Net Control

**K2GQG** John on Echolink.

**N4LJT** Leonard

**W1NQT** Ken in Englewood

**KN4JEN** Alan in El Jobean

**KN4NFX** Steve in Rotonda

**W4SWI** Chad

**K8RFT** Doug

**KE5ODR** Doug

**KO4VOG** Steve

**KA8PBA** Jim

**KN4PHQ** John in Rotonda

**W4AII** Jim on Manasota Key

**KN4YIV** Steve in South Gulf Cove

Net closed at 7:32pm—14 checkins

**3/22** KN4NFX as Net Control

**K1LOV** Steve PC

**KN4JEN** Alan Myakka River

**W4AII** Jim Manasota Key

**W1NQT** Ken Englewood

**KN4YIV** Steve Gulf Cove

**KN4RKE** Bob Englewood

**KN4PHQ** John Rotonda West

**KO4VOG** Steve S Gulf Cove

**KA8PBA** Jim

**K1GQG** John

Net closed 7:36pm

3/29

Good evening folks - a bit thin on the net tonight, but still worthwhile. Until you key your transmitter - you don't

know if it still works! 73s - Ken

This is **W1NQT**, Net Control for the EARS K8ONV Net.

I will now take check-ins.

1. w4aii - Jim quick announcement - breakfast -

2. nb3p - Jim -

3. kn4nfx - Steve - antennas - for ten or six

4. kn4yiv - Steve - So. Gulf Cove - alligators mating

5. n4ljt - Leonard - So. Gulf Cove - Just got extra class!

6. kn4jen - Alan - Myakka River - good medical news - heading north soon to W NC.

7. wb8wnf - Walt - Englewood -

8. w4swi - Chad

9. kn4phq - John - poolside -

10. k1lov - Steve - Charlotte

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at [earsradioclub.org](http://earsradioclub.org) or on QRZ.com under N4EAR, or on Facebook groups as earsradioclub.

Net control W1NQT is now closing the EARS Net at 7:19 pm and returning this repeater to normal amateur use.

## **4/5 Net Log**

This is W1NQT, Net Control for the EARS K8ONV Net. I will now take check-ins. First Check-in please come now.

1. kn4rke - Bob - heard kn4nfx Steve? Golf!
2. n4ljt - Leonard - So. Gulf Cove - at breakfast
3. kn4jen - Alan - El Jobean - Myakka River! - Sunshine net! Leaving Monday - north! WCF Exercise Saturday.
4. ke5odr - Doug - Placida - tech class this am. 12 Students.
5. w4aii - Jim - Manasota Key - 15 for breakfast! DX afterwards. FT8 news - 20 countries! SET Saturday. WX4E.
6. wb8wnf - Walt - Englewood - Indian Mound after breakfast. Airboat Road from Arcadia!
7. ko4vog - Steve - St. Gulf Cove - Back home.
8. kn4phq - John - Rotonda W - Herman's car horn.
9. k2gqg - John - Weather chain broke - 30 degrees this morning and the warm wx got lost.

Then do a '73's round for those remaining.

(Finally) Last call for any final check-ins to the EARS Net?

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Net control W1NQT is now closing the EARS Net at 7:26 pm and returning this repeater to normal amateur use.

## ***ATTENTION!!!!***

**TUESDAY 2 METER CHAT NET WILL BE AT 7:30 pm INSTEAD OF 7:00 PM. STARTING 4/19/2022**

### Mini Field Day 3/15

Several hams gathered at the William Coy Preserve (Grove City) after breakfast run battery operations.

Thanks to Bill **K7WWR**, and Bill **W2CWL** for organizing the event. In attendance were

John **KN\$PHQ**, Mike,

**N3MR**, Doug, **K8RFT**, Cliff, **KC3F**, Angelo (Cliff's grandson), John, **K2GQG**.

**The Bill's plan to have a mini field day as often as they can on Tuesdays after breakfast. If you are interested in participating let them know**

### Mini Field Day 3/22



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This change allows Net registrants time to eat dinner. Many folks do not get to their QTH due to evening drive time or other restraints.

Also, a brief discussion regarding the sale of club field day and emergency mobile gasoline-powered generator trailer combo was tabled until the May club meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**- called by Steve Froggatt, 2cnd by Jon Blincoe at 20:03.

**May 9, 2022 19:00** -- Next Meeting at Chamber of Commerce & Meet video conference.

**EARS WISHES ALL WINTER MEMBERS A SAFE JOURNEY HOME!**

**With the upcoming Hurricane Season, lightning events, and prolonged outage damage those lightning storms can inflict I will be disconnecting the Echolink reflector when lightning hits come within six miles of my location. I have installed sensor apparatus that monitors direction, range, intensity, and the number of events taking place.**

### NEW CLUB MEMBER

Janet Iwanski **KO4MZO**, and new ham radio operator, our newest EARS member. Welcome! Janet visited the club two months ago and recently passed the FCC exam to receive her first ham license!



After breakfast at Junior and Rosie's, five club members met at Ann and Chuck Deever park to set up a field day operation. In attendance were

**K7WWR**, **W2CWL**, **K2GQG**, **KN4PHQ**, and

**KN4RKE**. Two stations were set up to run 40, 20, 154, and 10 meters. Much to our surprise, there were openings on all the bands, and several DX stations were QSO'd. If you are interested in this type of club activity, please contact the Bill's (**K7WWR** and **W2CWL**) to get information about the next time and location!

### Tuesday Breakfast

**3/22**—Nine for breakfast at Junior and Rosie's. It seems that this will be the new home for the Tuesday breakfast. The club will vote at the next meeting, but it appears the food and service are up to snuff!

Meets every Tuesday morning for breakfast at 7:30am. This past **Tuesday 4/5** we met at **Junior and Rosie's** in



Englewood, and had **14** people! We're trying to set a new record! But there is room for more!! A lot of fellowship and ham radio chatting was accomplished! The food was good, service prompt, and

the prices were right!



## It's time to renew your EARS Membership dues for 2022!

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 2022. Or you can now use a credit card or Paypal by going to the webpage [www.earsradioclub.org](http://www.earsradioclub.org) and clicking on the "buy now" button on the membership page.

### Options

Single Membership one year \$15.00 USD

Buy Now



Use the BUY button above to purchase a membership on line with Paypal

Take a moment and renew for "22"



If you are not on this list, I don't have you marked for 2022. Please contact me if I've made an error. Thanks, Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer

### F Name L Name Call Sign

John	Babbitt	K2GQG
Sue	Babbitt	KD2AQR
Steve	Bishop	KO4VOG
Ken	Blackshaw	W1NQT
Jon	Blincoe	N1COC
David	Bourque	WB1FLD
Joyce	Bourque	N1RUZ
Tom	Chance	K9XV
Steve	Churchill	N9USZ
Freeman	Crosby	W1NPR
Bill	Dolan	W2CWL
Shirley	Duke	KN4YIU
Cliff	Evans	KC3F
Doug	Frazier	KE5ODR
Steve	Froggatt	KN4NFX
Jim	Grimes	KD8OCW
Michael	Henry	KF4KDI
Matthew	Henry	KE4VEM
John	Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
Herman	Hoffman	WA9LFQ
Duwain	Hunt	W8JJV
Janet	Iwanski	KO4MZO
Stephen	Johnson	K1LOV
Karl	Kaukis	K0CIE
Walt	Kline	WB8WNF

Ray	LaBrie	KN4LFC
Steve	Malone	KN4YIV
Robert	McAlister	KN4RKE
Luis	Napoles	KN4ITK
Jim	Nelson	W4AII
Jon	Pellant	W1JP
Jim	Porter	KA8PBA
Bill	Reed	K7WWR
Michael	Reid	N3MR
Jim	Reske	NB3P
Jim	Sanford	K8ZZU
Bernie	Silverberg	K4KUO
Leonard	Trudeau	N4LJT
Doug	Vanderlaan	K8RFT
Jay	Wilson	KB1HNE
Doug/	JayneYoung	KM4LKC

### Groups.io Website

If you are not getting the EARS groups.io emails, please contact one of the club officers. Groups.io is used to send emails concerning club activities and other supportive functions. If you don't get the messages you are missing out on club information! Get more information at [main@ears.groups.io](mailto:main@ears.groups.io) | [Home](http://Home) or [main+subscribe@ears.groups.io](mailto:main+subscribe@ears.groups.io)

### Tranceiver for sale!

**K8RFT** (Doug V) is assisting another ham operator sell some amateur radio gear. Amongst



the items is a "new" in old box Alinco HF transceiver. It is in mint condition, only being tested and then put back in the box. Along with the transceiver (which can be used mobile or as a base station) is a power supply. And the price is a bargain. This transceiver is solid state and in perfect condition. It would make a great first transceiver or a great backup rig at the price Doug is asking. For more info, contact Doug at [K8RFTradio@gmail.com](mailto:K8RFTradio@gmail.com)

*Join us Tuesdays at Junior and Rosie's 7:30am in Englewood!*



Breakfast at Rosies 3/29



### Englewood Amateur Radio Society

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| <input type="checkbox"/> RFI/TVI    | <input type="checkbox"/> Packet         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VE Testing | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Training   | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |

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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