



EARS

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

August 2021

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING:
The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, September 14th 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

Meeting Minutes from August 10th

The Club Opened Englewood Amateur Radio Society meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at (19:06) by Jon Pellant, President.

Reports: The Secretary's report from the June 8, 2021, meeting, were submitted by Secretary Hoffman to members by email. Motion to accept same by Steve Froggatt, 2nd by Jon Blincoe. Minutes accepted as presented in Meetings notes & minutes email.

Treasurer's Balance Report as of July 13, 2021, Submitted by Bob McAlister \$5,766.41 and \$ 53.00 Petty Cash, Total \$5,819.41 Two dues' payments in today's mail to be deposited \$30.00

Correspondence: - Two dues checks & Huntsville AL ARC Hamfest. **Members Present via Meet & COC:** Jon Pellant W1JP/ President, Jim Nelson W4AII /Vice President, Robert McAlister KN4RKE/ Treasurer,

H. Hoffman WA9LFQ/Secretary, Jon Blincoe N0COC, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Pam Eggleton K1UEG, , Michael Reid N3MR, Karl Kaukis, Jim Grimes KD8OCW, Jim Porter K8PBA, John Hodgens. KN4PHQ, John Babbitt K2GQG. Collaborators all, with EARS in the Ham Radio Fraternity.

Missed members or Mangled Call-Signs? Contact WA9LFQ. **** Meeting with 9 members present at Englewood Chamber of Commerce, 4 on Meet. 13 total participants on board, thank you all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine – None to report this past month. If you know of any club members that are ailing, please contact an officer with mailing information.

ARES – (Formerly RACES) – ARES alert for possible activity during Fred's conceivable graduation to a damaging storm this weekend, July 13th, 14th, and 15th. Pam Eggleton discussed Light House Weekend; There is some confusion due to Fort Meyers Ham Clubs possible activity. EARS has been granted permission to operate, pending insurance and detail submissions. The Park authorities have waived the fee for this year.

Publicity – No activity

DX – Band conditions were dismal this past month w/Cycle #25 Sunspot activity is resting. Based on total average count for the July period flux period was 68-74..

Training & Testing – Six (6) New candidates passed Technician's exam with CERT Training. Also, members, Jim Nelson (W4AII) and Steve Churchill (N9USZ) had family members who crossed the border into ham hood. Congratulations are in order for Steve's (nephew) (KD9SSU) and Jim's (grandson)(K04SGB). More chips off the old blocks? Please see presentation synopsis for that we are doing.

Technology – Various projects under County control are progressing. Funding for the shared facility located at the El Jobean/776/Fair Activity Park/Base Ball Park radio facility were discussed. Club members and EARS will benefit greatly from the upgrade since the current outdated K8ONV system is now operating with equipment manufactured in the early 1980's. Police LMR equipment barely fully solid state with quartz crystals for frequency control.

Future discussion with the membership will take place. SEE OLD BUSINESS TARC will be expanding its Arden Net capabilities to the Southern area of Sarasota County.

Ham-Fests – Huntsville Alabama Amateur Radio Club hosting August 21st & 22nd event. See website for details. www.hamfest.org

OLD BUSINESS: Current proposal for K8ONV at the Ballfield location calls for redirecting the antenna to a more southern coverage pattern, rack-mounted repeater assembly, combiner duplexer, and other upgrades. County will pay for 1/2 of the estimated cost of \$4,000 cost if donations and EARS participate.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion followed regarding logging software. Presentation after the meeting will be Bob McAlister efforts to mesh a fundamental member data base program that he programmed with MS Access to track EARS membership, financial resources, member information, and logging for EARS club events. The Comcast facility located in South Charlotte County may become another possible ham repeater site if it is upgraded with new CCFLARS/ARES improvements. Discussion followed that it would be appropriate to change the El Jobean repeater call sign to the EARS Club familiar Call of N4EAR, reserving the K8ONV for other activities and purposes.

Adjournment: Called by Jon Blincoe, 2nd by Steve Froggatt at 20:11, August 10, 2021. The next meeting is September 14th, 7 Pm at Chamber of Commerce and on NEET. **ALL interested persons are welcome!**

IMPORTANT K8ONV OPERATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Due to Government interventions, the introduction of Hurricane Season, and Summer has occurred. Therefore, ECHOLINK service, may be interrupted by storms, internet outages, power interruptions, and unforeseen events.

EARS After Meeting Show & Tell

Bob McAlister KN4RKE, provided a demonstration/ demonstration regarding his Club data management

software utilizing the Microsoft Access Application. Access is part of the current Microsoft Office Tools package.

His Application ties the member database to a, still in development, automatic logging application that is straight forward and may even be automatically linked to an HF Radio for contesting. Very talented & ambitious. Tnx, Jim, for your efforts on the behalf of EARS.

73, be safe, and careful everybody! **WA9LFQ**



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.

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!

August 3 Steve KN4NFX et Control

- Call Handle QTH Comments
- KE5ODR Doug Placida 1.78" of rain
- KN4RKE Bob Englewood Good breakfast at Denny's with 5 hams
- K2GQG John Canisteo, NY return south mid Nov. - watching the deer in yard
- K0NLF NormBurnt Store Aisles
- KN4OXO Jeff North Port Having a cold one
- K1UEG Pam Port Charlotte short on time
- WA9LFQHerman Gulf Cove The dog likes the several inches of rain
- W4SWI Chad Port Charlotte Power outage
- W4All Jim Manasota Key Lighthouse weekend info
- KA8PBA Jim Englewood
- K0CIECarl Port Charlotte EARS new member
- N4ZM Nancy Sarasota 1st time on NET
- KB3JLW George Auburndale

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Station	QSO Date	QTH	Op Name	Note
1KN4PHQ	7/27/2021	Maine: Echo link 1	John	shoulder healing slowly, finally a break in the wx there
1KA8PBA	7/27/2021	Echolink 1	Jim	just back from rv'ing getting ready to hit the road again
1KN4NFX	7/27/2021	Echo link... 1Rotonda West	Steve	worn out from 9 wk old puppy sitting
1W4AII	7/27/2021	Manasota Key 1	Jim	lots going on with club/ breakfast/etc working cross band
1W4SWI	7/27/2021	Murdock 1	Chad	hand held in shack. Battery/ power supply. Good signal
1K1LOV	7/27/2021	PC 1	Steve	grass cutting, slow day
1WA9LFQ	7/27/2021	Gulf Cove 1	Herman	walking dog, handheld dodging rain
1KB3YXS	7/27/2021	Englewood 1	Paul	
1K2GQG	7/27/2021	Echolink 1	John Babbit	Up state NY. Finally a break in WX there

Welcome New Members!

At the August 10th meeting, two “new” (to the area) Hams joined EARS! **Mike Reid, N3MR** is an extra class ham and is settling in and beginning to assemble his shack. **Karl Kaukis, K0CIE**, also an extra class amateur operator is looking to join the 2 meter and HF ham bands shortly!



International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend

An annual amateur radio event - ILLW

This August 21st, the Club will be setting up a station at the **Boca Grande Lighthouse** (ILLW # USA0004) for the 2021 Event. The Event is not a contest, but is a fun opportunity to set up a station in a field day atmosphere and make contacts all across the Globe. Complete information about the Event and its history can be found at: [ILLW.net - Home](http://ILLW.net) We will start arriving at the lighthouse at about 9:30 am or so to set up. The event starts at 2 pm local time. If you come, be aware that there is a bridge fee to get to the park (\$6.00) and a \$3.00 park parking fee.



The club has participated in the event over the years and all report a great time. Two HF stations and a 2 meter station to use for club repeater communications will be set up. For any additional information contact the

club officers..

The lighthouse is located in the Gasparilla State Park in Boca Grande, FL. Address is : **880 Belcher Rd, Boca Grande, FL 33921**
Hope to see you there!



The club continues to meet every Tuesday morning at 7:30 AM at Denny's Restaurant near the intersection of Placida Road and Rte 776 . There are usually 4 or 5 members present to talk about Ham Radio and any other fun topics! The food and company are great, not to mention the good service by Donna!





Englewood Amateur Radio Society

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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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