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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

August 2022

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, Sept 13th at the COC in Englewood at 19:00, and virtually via Google Meet unless otherwise notified. Check the FB page , and groups.io for last minute updates**

CLUB NEWS



Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. (19:03)
 Led by Jon Pellant, President

Members Present: Jon Pellant President W1JP, Robert McAlister KN4RKE Treasurer, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, Steve Malone KN4YIV, Shirley Duke KN4YIV, Bill Dolan W2CWL, Jon Blincoe N1COC, Jim Porter KA8PBA, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Jim Nelson W4AI

VIA MEET: No local MEET due to Post summer solstice break)

Guests: Unfortunately, NONE – But all are welcome. 10 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.

Secretary's Report for 6/14/22 Meeting Minutes Accepted: Motion to accept by Steve Froggatt, 2nd by Jon Blincoe, accepted as submitted by H. Hoffman Secretary, in July Monthly Newsletter

Treasurer's Report Accepted. \$3,338.38 on hand. EB&T + \$3.00 Petty, Cash balance total on 7/1/2022, \$3,341.39

All funds have now been moved to Englewood Bank & Trust. Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Steve Froggatt, 2nd by Shirley Duke.

Correspondence: -Two items, Huntsville, Alabama Hamfest August 20 notification, Final Statement EB&T (Englewood Bank, & Trust), and Tamiami Hamfest on December 9th & 10th.

Sunshine –Ken Blackshaw sent a condolence card & Jim Nelson took Victor Emmelkamp to Lunch. Victor, past President of EARS and longtime member lost his soulmate and wife in June.

Publicity – Summer Lighthouse (an International non-ARRL event) will be celebrated on August 20th 2022, at the far South Boca Grande Island Lighthouse. Remember Bridge Fee is \$6.00 and parking is \$ 2.50 at the lighthouse area. Bring food & beverages you enjoy, beach clothing, accoutrements, and ham rigs as needed. Please contact members or Bill Dolan for more information and any needs we may have that you can fill. The final formal event net discussion will be Tuesday night's talk net at 19:15 on K8ONV/N4EAR Repeater and Echolink service.

We encourage all members to take as many pictures as your skill level allows so that Ken Blackshaw can publicize them from his summer nest on Nantucket. This is our last planned event of 2022. Next event will be Winter Field Day.

Minutes continued.....

DX – 20 Meters & 10 Meters are functioning better and 40 Meters, is improving with Morning activity nearly predictable without referencing condition reports. Overall Sunspot activity is slowly developing into a robust cycle.

Training & Testing – Contact Doug Fraser for further information or refer to information on the Charlotte County Website for CERT Training. Jim Nelson has nearly achieved FT8

Technology – Jim Nelson has nearly achieved FT8 Hall of Fame status while pursuing a “Worked all Countries Grid Locations”. Jim has worked hard to get this far along in his pursuit since he began his FT8 venture in February.

N4EAR install awaiting rack installation at the County Baseball Stadium site. The power supply has shipped and is installed. The power supply had a problem with crashing when the transmitter was engaged. BroadCom, the supplier of the unit, shipped a replacement power supply. N4EAR will have separate rack space. Tom Chance, Charlotte County Ham Radio contact, is preparing the new repeater for installation.

Ham-Fests – Huntsville, Alabama, Tampa Bay, FL, Sarasota, Tamiami, Fl Check club websites for details.

Old Business –Please see Publicity information on page 2 for Lighthouse info.

New Business – Discussion regarding Tuesday Net start time is 19:15 since the only Digital Net begins at 20:00 hr. on Tamiami Big Stik.

ADJOURNMENT- called by Bill Dolan 19:56:28, 2cnd by Bob McAlister. Further discussions were held at “The End Zone”.

September 13, 2022, 19:00 -- Next Meeting at Chamber of Commerce. Englewood, FL

**EARS HOPES ALL MEMBERS & FAMILIES
HAVE SAFE JOURNEYS THIS SUMMER.
PLEASE BE CAREFUL.**

Join us on EchoLink

With our Hurricane Season upon us, lightning events, and prolonged outages, costly damage that these lightning storms can inflict is very frustrating and easily life-threatening. So, in the interest of not getting frustrated, I will be disconnecting the Echolink reflector when lightning hits come within six miles of my location. To support that practice I have installed sensor apparatus that monitors direction, range, intensity, and the number of lightning events taking place. There may be some Echolink service disruption as a result.

2 Meter Chat Net:

The club conducts a two meter chat net every **Tuesday evening on N4EAR, 146.865 136.5HZ tone, -600 transmit.at 7:30 PM.** On Tuesdays that the club holds its meeting, no net. If you are using echo link to check in, temporarily use the **K8ONV** node. We are in progeess of changing the node to **N4EAR**



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!



Tuesday morning breakfast at **Junior and Rosie's** continues to be a popular spot to be at 7:30 am. We are holding our own with a special row of tables to seat the crowd of 10 or so Ham's that show up for the great food at great prices and ham radio discussions! Rosie has even added an “EARS omlette “ to make us all feel welcome!



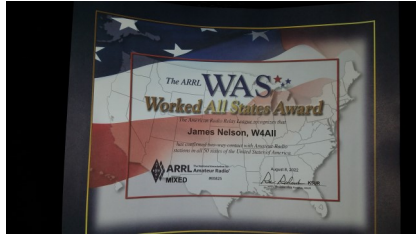
Next meeting August 2nd at 7:00pm at the Englewood Chamber of Commerce. 2 Meter Chat Net every Tuesday (except meeting night) at 7:30pm on N4EAR (formerly K8ONV) repeater

ARRL Awards

Just when you think the bands are dead, **W4AII**, club vice president Jim Nelson earns two **ARRL Awards**, Jim finally recaptured his youth by getting his **WAS** and **WAC** awards for the second time. The first ones were using CW in 1965, mostly on 15 meters. He got these new awards in just 3 months of ft8 operation, mostly on 17 meters, in



a small restricted condo. He had to use a southeast(!) facing 24 foot end fed random wire antenna strung along his balcony wall. He also has almost 70 DX countries so far towards his DXCC. His old 125 countries worked QSL cards from 1965 intended for his DXCC application were accidentally trashed when he left for college! With these awards in the bag, Jim is now working on **DX-100**, and I'm sure he will achieve it soon. Jim thanks the more than 10 EARS club members who selflessly helped him with ft8 on his icom 7100 and the antenna.



If you haven't had any experience with FT-8, talk to Jim and find out how challenging and fun FT-9 can be!

2022 International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend:

This past August 20/21, the EARS club participated in the annual event by setting up equipment at the Boca Grande lighthouse. The planning for the event was handled by W2CWL and KW4SAB. Set up commenced at about 8:00 at the lighthouse, and preliminarily a 100 watt Alinco transceiver was set up into an end fed half-wave antenna. Supporting the endeavor was W1JP, Jon Blinco, Jim Porter, Steve and Shirley, Herman, and Chip. Steve Froggart brought ice cream. W2CWL fired up the grill and hot dogs were cooked.



The bands were pretty spotty. 20 and 18mtrs were tried, and strong signals were reduced to

noise level at the drop of a hat. Nantucket, W1NQT was heard but no QSL and several Michigan light houses contacted. A lot of POTA were heard, but confirmed QSL's were tough. WX was good. Both Saturday and Sunday were manned. 15 contacts were made. The general conclusion was a good time was had and a lot of fellowship was conducted. EARS multi year streak of activating lighthouse US00004 was continued!

It's time to renew your EARS Membership dues for 2022/2023!

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 2022/2023. Or you can now use a credit card or Paypal by going to the webpage www.earsradioclub.org and clicking on the "buy now" button on the membership page.

Take a moment and renew for "22" or :23"

Ft. Laramie POTA

Our club member Bill Reid, **K7WWR**, temporarily out of town on a project reports on his recent POTA adventure: "Greetings from **Wyoming**. I finally got time to set up the OCFD from Park K-6114 which is Oregon Trail Ruts and is a National Historic Site. I ran my usual rig of batteries and the FT-897D.

I operated from 1600 to 1800 UTC and had 59 QSO's from all over the US and 2 Countries. It was a fun adventure and one I think we should seriously consider doing as a Club. We could have several operators running for an 8 hour day and I am sure we could log 200 calls in a day. I had sixty in less than 2 hours so this seems reachable.

I plan to operate next Saturday Morning from the Historic Fort Laramie Wyoming Site to see how that goes. Park number K-0817.

I had pile ups which was fun and am looking forward to hearing from some of you while I am operating. I had several from Florida and they were 55-59. However the band was good all the way from Vt, Canada, Mexico, Washington State California, Texas. It didn't matter. Even had a guy locally from 2 miles away ground planeing me and hurt my ears, Ha Ha.

A lady came up to me and asked if I was doing Ham Radio as she, her husband and sons are hams from Colorado. She took pictures and said her dad would be jealous of me operating in a park. Yesterday I operated from the Campground I am in and had RW1F, Several from Germany, Italy and Croatia. Band was noisy but the signals were strong. If I have time I am going to try to operate from Register Cliff Historic Site which is where the settlers carved their names and dates in a sandstone cliff. Most of the names are still visible today."

Member DIRECTORY

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
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John	Babbitt	K2GQG
Sue	Babbitt	KD2AQR
Steve	Bishop	KW4SAB
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	W8J JV
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
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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 | [Home](#) or main+subscribe@ears.groups.io

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

Great breakfast Specials at the best prices in Englewood!





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Yearly Membership Dues \$15

Family Membership Dues \$18.50

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