



EARS

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

December 2021

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, January 11th 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

Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
(19:09) Led by Jon Pellant, President

Secretary's Report Accepted– Motion to accept by Steve Froggatt 2nd by Jon Blincoe, accepted as submitted by R. McAlister, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Accepted – Motion by Jon Blincoe, , 2nd by Stephen Froggatt . \$5,625.41 in account on 11/1/2021 statement, Current \$5625.41, Petty Cash \$53.00. Balance 11/31/2021, \$5724.41 With Dues of \$45.00

Correspondence: - Two dues' payments and Nantucket QSL Card

Members Present: Jon Pellant W1JP/ President, Robert McAlister KN4RKE Treasurer, Jon Blincoe N0COC, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, John Hodgdon KN4PHQ, Mike Reid, N3MR, Bill Dolan, W2CWL, Pam Eggleton K1UEG, Bill Reed K7WWR, Jim Grimes, KD8OCW, Secretary Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ, Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, John Babbit K2GQG, Duwain Hunt W8JJV, Tom Chance K4XV, Doug Frazier KE5ODR, Matthew Henry KE4VEM, Jim Porter KA8PBA.

Did I miss any members or Mangle Call-Signs? ****
Meeting in person at Englewood Chamber of Commerce and on Meet video conference.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine –Steve Froggett K4VHX currently undergoing cancer treatment since a recurrence.

ARES - Tom Chance and Duwain discussed end of year shutdown of installation, repair, and planning activities for Amateur Radio Emergency Services. It has been a very active year for all involved and 2022 will produce more progress in emergency facilities and services. Our thanks to all those involved. Jon Blincoe report-

ed progress from our brothers to the North in Sarasota County regarding efforts with Mesh and several repeater turn ups. Congratulations to the Tamiami Ham Radio Club and membership.

Publicity – Ken Blackshaw will be provided Winter Field Day promotional service again this year. Thank you, Ken,

DX – Band conditions are continuing to improve. Marginally better sunspot activity is helping.

Training & Testing – Doug Frasier has a CERT Technician License Class on scheduled for January 27 -28-29 at the Charlotte County Andever Park facility on San Casa Blvd.

Technology – K8ONV renovation and upgrade will take place during 2022. Choices of replacement equipment are Broadcom, ICOM, or Kenwood. Club vote indicates overwhelming response for BroadCom due to product support, dependability, responsive customer service, and long- term product life. A UHF/Digital service is being discussed for the Charlotte County. Brief discussion regarding callsign application, FCC regulations, in a dual repeater (VHF/UHF) site situation followed.

Ham-Fests – Orlando Ham Cation is still on. TARC Club will be supplying bus transportation up there. Prepay in full or \$10 with balance in full. More details wanted, contact Tamiami Club for information and available seats. The bird will get the worm and one of the 55 seats for \$45.

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OLD BUSINESS: -Bill Reed reported on progress of Winter Field Day. If permitting is not obtained in time to hold the activity EARS at Boca Grande Lighthouse the club may use Ann Dever Park facilities instead. Island bridge charges \$6 crossing fee. QSL cards will require rubber stamp for contest activities conformance. Issue of bandpass filters, auto-logging for events. Still awaiting "bill of materials" for new repeater.

New Business: -Steve Froggett reports poor audio on Meet. He indicates perhaps a wireless microphone may help. Not using audio hub this month either.

ADJOURNMENT- called by Steve Froggatt, 2cnd by Jon Blincoe at 20:21.

January 11th 7 Pm Next Meeting at Chamber of Commerce & Meet video conference.

Bob McAlister displayed a unique circular copper antenna with matching primary.

We need presentation volunteers and content ideas for 2022. Thank you Bob McAlister for covering for me while attending my Grandson's wedding in South Carolina.

Have a great Holiday season and may the New Year be somewhat less challenging.

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!



November 30, 2021

KN4RKE net control

WB8WNF Walt Midland, MI via echo link
Snow in Michigan. Back to FL in Jan.

KE5ODR Doug in Placida. Quiet day

KN4PHQ John in Rotonda, Quiet day. Was at Den-ny's

W8JJV Duain in Murdock.

KI1OV Steve in Port Charlotte

Net closed at 7:13pm local time

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N4EAR 2021 Summer Field Day Results posted in the December

QST! If you get QST, take a look at page 67!

The results of our Summer Field Day Adventure shows a total of 422 points! Not the highest score, but respectable for the shortened conditions we faced due to weather at Ann Deaver Park on San Casa Blvd.! If you don't get QST the results are online at field-day.arrl.org



2021 is coming to a close soon! How time flies by!! **Please start thinking about renewing your membership for 2022.** Same low rate of \$15.00 for single, and \$18.50 for family. NEW this

year is the option to renew/join over the Internet! You may use Paypal or your credit card! Use the Paypal button on the earsradioclub.org membership page

Winter Field Day January 29, 30, 2022

Bill Reed, K7WWR has agreed to chair the Winter Field Day Committee! If you have any internet control

st in participating, please contact Bill, through the

EARS groups.io message system . You may remember we did last year's Winter Field Day on Jon Pellant's (W1JP), lot in Englewood, and had a great time! Bill has a lot of ideas about the upcoming event but is open to ideas and suggestions. Bill also has an interest in a "special event", either a POTA (Parks on the Air) or IOTA (Islands on the Air) event either in conjunction with Winter Field Day, or perhaps as a separate event. If you don't have Ears.groups.io, Bill's email address is: wwr1953@gmail.com





The club meets every Tuesday morning at **Denny's Restaurant** at 7:30am. **Denny's** is located in Englewood just east of the 776 and Placida Rd intersection. With the start of "the Season" we

are getting more and more people at the breakfast even. This past Tuesday we had 10 people! A lot of fellowship and ham radio chatting was accomplished! If you have an open spot on your Tuesday activity list, please join us at Denny's.



HamCation 2022 & ARRL National Convention

Come to the world's second largest hamfest, where we pride ourselves on delivering a high-quality event to our attendees. Join us **February 11-13, 2022** in beautiful Orlando, Florida for HamCation 2022 and the ARRL National Convention.

[Hamcation website](#)

If you are interested in going but concerned about driving, the TARC radio club is chartering a bus to go up Saturday morning and come back Saturday evening. Cost of \$40.00 and seats are limited to the first 55 who sign up. The bus will leave the TARC club meeting place, Coast Guard Training Facility near the Venice Airport near Sharkies at 6:00 am. Contact Frank Wroblewski, W2XYZ, for information. I went in 2019 and it's a great way to experience the Ham Fest! Tickets for the Ham Fest are \$20 "at the door" or \$20.00 if paid on the website. They will mail you a ticket back in a week or less. If you buy it ahead of time you will save 30 minutes waiting in line!

2 Meter Chat Net continued from page 2...

12/7/2021 KN4NFX net control

WINQT - Ken. Welcome back!
W8JJV - Duain in and out. Dues in mail!
K7WWR—Bill in Englewood
W2CWL—Bill in Placida
KN4RKE—Bob in Foxwood
W4SWI—Chad in Murdock
KA8PBA—Jim
K4GDM—Gary in Deep Creek
WA9LFQ—Herman In Gulf Cove
N4TDT—Randy in Sarasota
KO4QCQ—Alan in Arcadia!
 Net closed at 7:29pm local time

12/21/2021 W4AI Net Control

(Day of the "big wind storm" in Charlotte/Sarasota Counties. 70 mph gusts)
N4TDT—Randy, south Sarasota
KN4NFX—Steve in Rotonda West
KN4RKE—Bob in Foxwood
K1LOV— Steve in Port Charlotte
W4SWI—Chad in Port Charlotte in and out
KN4PHQ— John in Rotonda West
WB8WNF—Walt in Midland MI (on echo link)
KA8PBA—Jim
K2GQG—John in Englewood (welcome back!)

Net closed at 7:33pm local time

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) and clicking on the "buy now"

Options

Single Membership one year \$15.00 USD

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

button on the membership page.
 Take a moment and renew for "22"



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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