



**EARS**  
ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

**February 2022**

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, March 8th 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

##### *Feb 8th meeting minutes.....*

Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
 (19:02) Led by Jon Pellant, President

**Members Present:** Jon Pellant W1JP/ President, Robert McAlister KN4RKE Treasurer, Jim Nelson W4AII VP, Jon Blincoe N0COC, , Jim Sanford K8ZZU, Doug Vanderlaan K8RFT, John Hodgdon KN4PHQ, Mike Reid N3MR, Bill Dolan W2CWL, Jim Grimes KD8OCW, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, John Babbit K2GQG, Doug Frazier KE5ODR, Jim Porter KA8PBA, Bill Reed K7WWR, Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, Steve Bishop KO4YOG, Dennis Young KB1DRM, Walt Kline WB8WNF Walt Kline, VIA MEET: Jim Reske NB3P Matthew Henry KE4VEM, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX.

**Guests:** Shirley Duke KN4YIU, Steve Malone NN4YIY, Allan Whitman KN4JEN, Charlotte O'Connor WD8RIM, Don & Cindy Hoffman. 24 attendee's total.

Secretary's Report for 1/11/22 Meeting Minutes Accepted: Motion to accept by Jim Grimes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Frasier, accepted as submitted by H. Hoffman Secretary

Treasurer's Report Accepted – Motion by Ken Blackshaw, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Dolan. \$5,840.38 12/31/21, balance total on 2/1/2022 \$6033.69 + \$50.00 petty cash. Outstanding expenses; K8ONV/N4EAR repeater, PO Box Rent. Expenses for Winter Field Day.

**Correspondence:** - Three pieces of mail, dues payment & P.O. Box Rent due.

**Sunshine**– Ken Blackshaw circulated get well card for Steve Froggett. Ken also had a Birthday card Jon Pellant, crossing into the maturity circle.

**ARES** – Doug Frasier delivered open invitation to CCFLARES Emergency Coms & Services meetings with free pie at Perkins. Contact Doug for details.

**Publicity** – Ken Blackshaw provided Winter Field Day promotional service again this year in Sunday Sun News. Thank you, Ken.

**DX** – Reports of 40 Meters opening-up and significant solar activity by Jon Pellant.

**Training & Testing** –CERT and other training activity will be delayed due to COVID.

**Ham-Fests** – Orlando HamCation attendance was good and the TARC Club supplied bus transportation from Venice CGS & Sarasota. Several EARS members took advantage of that service. Peace River Hamfest is next up. Punta Gorda & Parks on The Air later in 2022.

**Old Business** – During December 2021 meeting it was unanimously decided that Broadcom product would be used when the current K8ONV repeater equipment is replaced, and parts of the device have already arrived and are awaiting testing and closer examination. During the interim of examination & installation by Jon Pellant the K8ONV Call Sign will be replaced with the N4EAR Club Call Sign and he will become the trustee of record during that installation and testing of the new repeater. The K8ONV call sign will be retained for repeater and club purposes. Winter Field Day was a success (97 contacts for Sunday only). More final details next month.

**New Business** -- None

**ADJOURNMENT**- called by Steve Froggatt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jon Blincoe at 20:06.

March 8<sup>th</sup> 7 Pm Next Meeting at Chamber of Commerce & Meet video conference.

**Have a great February/March and enjoy hamming it up!**

## 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!**



### ***FEB 1 7pm Chat Net—KN4NFX (Steve) Net Control***

Call Handle QTH Comments

K7WWR Bill Englewood Frozen plants from the cold

KN4PHQ John Rotonda West Cold car wasn't working right

KO4VOG Steve South Gulf Cove Back in town - new ham - on lanai on mobile

W4AII Jim Manasota Key 11 @ breakfast - WFD winter field day

KN4JEN Allan El JoBean Arcadia hamfest

W1NQT Ken Englewood Nantucket didn't flood as reported

KN4LFC Ray St. Augustine on echo link - even colder there

KN4YIV Steve South Gulf Cove running antenna feeds through new hurricane windows

KN4RKE Bob Englewood Good time at WFD - @Denny's breakfast

N9QKX Dave Port Charlotte new to club

KE5ODR Doug Placida in and out

K2GQG John Englewood Denny's breakfast - WFD contacted home club

K8RFT Doug Englewood WFD winter field day

N4LJT Len South Gulf Cove 36 hours at CARS WFD

## Winter Field Day January 29, 30, 2022



Saturday, turned out to be too windy to set up on Boca Grande, Lighthouse, so after a cup of coffee and a

doughnut, we all agreed to postpone setup until Sunday. Although it was still a bit windy, we regrouped and set up two stations, one on 40M, and one on 20M. We also had satellite coverage! Although we were only on the air Sunday morning until 2pm in the afternoon, we were blessed with some good operators! In all we made 94 contacts. 19 states, DC, PR and Canada! Besides coffee and doughnuts, we grilled up hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch! Thanks to the two Bills (K7WWR and W2CWL) for organizing the event and



doing the logistics of locating the space for WFD operations. Thanks to Herman WA9LFQ for lugging all the generators, etc, to make the event a go! And thanks to the operators who patiently worked and logged the stations and helped with setup and take down. (W4AII, N3MR, K8RFT, KE5ODR, W1NQT, KN4RKE, K8ZZU, K2GQG, et. al.)

### ***Tuesday Breakfast at Denny's***

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. This past



Tuesday we had 12 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! If you have an open spot on your Tuesday calendar, please join us at Denny's.



### ***Welcome New Members***

Welcome new members Steve Malone KN4YIV, Shirley Duke, KN4YIU, and Steve Bishop, KO4VOG

## 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.

Take a moment and renew for "22"

Paid Dues Query L Name	Call Sign
Crosby	W1NPR
Napoles	KN4ITK
Frazier	KE5ODR
Nelson	W4AII
Blackshaw	W1NQT
Pellant	W1JP
Reske	NB3P
Blincoe	N1COC
McAlister	KN4RKE
Froggatt	KN4NFX
Kline	WB8WNF
Henry	KE4VEM
Babbitt	KD2AQR
Porter	KA8PBA
Sanford	K8ZZU
Vanderlaan	K8RFT
Silverberg	K4KUO
Babbitt	K2GQG
Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
Reid	N3MR
Bourque	WB1FLD
Reed	K7WWR
Duke	KN4YIU
Malone	KN4YIV
Bishop	KO4VOG
Johnson	K1LOV
Trudeau	N4LJT
Hunt	W8JJV
Kaukis	K0CIE
Hoffman	WA9LFQ
Dolan	W2CWL
Wilson	KB1HNE
Henry	KF4KDI
Evans	KC3F
Young	KM4LKC
LaBrie	KN4LFC
Bourque	N1RUZ
Chance	K9XV

**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**

### Options

Single Membership one year \$15.00 USD ▾

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day  | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical      |
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| <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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