



EARS

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

January 2022

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, February 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

.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 W4AI VP, Jon Blincoe N0COC, , Jim Sanford K8ZZU, Doug Vanderlaan K8RFT, Leonard Trudeau N4LJT, John Hodgdon KN4PHQ, Mike Reid N3MR, Bill Dolan W2CWL, Bob McAlister KN4RKE, Jim Grimes, KD8OCW, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, John Babbit K2GQG, Doug Frazier KE5ODR, Matthew Henry KE4VEM, Jim Porter KA8PBA, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Bill Reed K7WWR.

Secretary's Report for 12/14/21 Meeting Minutes Accepted: Motion to accept by Steve Froggatt, 2nd by Jon Blincoe, accepted as submitted by H. Hoffman Secretary

Treasurer's Report Accepted – Motion by Jon Blincoe, 2nd by Stephen Froggatt. \$5,724.41 in account on 1/1/2022

Correspondence: - Two mail dues payments

Please note: Due to advanced age, failing eyesight, and other miscellaneous ailments, if I missed or mangled any members names or call-signs, advise me by phone or email: WA9LFQ@yahoo.com
* Meeting was in person & on MEET courtesy of Jon Pellant, Jon Blincoe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine –None asked for and none given.

ARES – End of year activity month of December 2021 set to resume later in January.

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

DX – Band conditions are continuing to slowly improve.

Training & Testing – Doug Frasier announced that due to COVID reinfection the CERT Technician License Class scheduled for January 27 -28-29 will be delivered by remote video service. Other training activity will be delayed.

Ham-Fests – Orlando HamCation is still on for 2/12/22. TARC Club will be supplying bus transportation. Payment in full is \$45. Contact Tamiami Club for information and available seats.

Old/New Business – During the EARS discussion at the December 14, 2021 Technology session it was unanimously decided that Broadcom product would be used when the current K8ONV repeater equipment is replaced. Three Motions were entered in succession to fulfill the upgrade.. **Three Motions were entered in succession to fulfill the upgrade.**

1 - Purchase Broadcom VHF Repeater (Tx & Rx & Interconnect apparatus) without digital media interface. Cost to EARS: \$1,995.00 with clock, audio analog switching, and shipping. Tax may not apply due to County benefit.

#2 - Purchase all items defined in #1 plus Digital Interface upgrade: \$2,434.00

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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. 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!



January 4, 2022 KN4NFX (Steve) Net Control

W1NQT Ken in Englewood
W4SWI Chad in Murdock
N4LJT Leonard in Gulf Cove
KO4VOG Steve
KN4RKE Bob in Englewood
KN4PHQ John in Rotonda
W4AII Jim on Manasota Key
W8JJV Duwain in Murdick

Net closed at 7:23 pm local

January 18, 2022 W1NQT (Ken) Net Control

Hello my ham friends - Here are my notes from tonight's net. Nice bunch of check-ins. 73 - Ken

First Check in please come now.

1. kn4nfx - Steve - had to look up Spring Hill. Nice sigs
2. w4aia - Jim - Manasota Key. FD meeting today. 6 hams. FD is mainly Saturday the 29th. Will HF soon.
3. k2gqg - John - Springhill FL - Felts Preserve - buntings!
4. k3cf - Cliff - FD info.
5. n4ljt - Leonard - RF problems - Six meter net 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month - 50.2 MHz.
6. ka8pba - Jim -
7. ko2i - John - Springhill
8. ko4tno - S. Venice - Kelly - brand new!
9. kd2aqr - Sue
10. w8jjv - DuWain
11. ka2shr - Gerry - Spring Hill
12. nb3p - Jim - 5 band WAS!
13. kn4lfc - Ray St. Augustine - just back from SC -
14. k1lov - Steve Port Charlotte -
15. pn4phq - John -

Winter Field Day January 29, 30, 2022

Bill Reed, K7WWR has agreed to chair the Winter Field Day Committee! If you have any internet in participating, please contact Bill, The club will be running two transmitters, 40 and 20 Meters and will have a VHF talk in station. The club will be providing hotdogs and hamburgers for "lunch". In addition to WFD, we will be a special event as POTA (Parks on the Air) and IOTA (Islands on the Air). Please note the WFD activities are on Boca Grande Island, next to the lighthouse, and there is a small fee charged to cross the bridge, and there is a parking fee at the Park. The activity (for contesting) starts at 2 pm Saturday, but set up of equipment will start at about 9 AM. Come early for donuts and coffee. See you there for a great Winter Field Day!



Welcome New Members!

K1LOV and **N4LJT** are welcomed as new members to **EARS**

K1LOV (Steve) lives in Port Charlotte and has participated in our 2 meter Tuesday Chat net for some time.

N4LJT (Leonard) checks into the 2 meter chat net and has also been coming to the Tuesday morning breakfast at Denny's. Leonard lives in Port Charlotte.



**TIME TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES!**



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 10 people! 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 activity list, please join us at Denny's.

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" button on the membership page.

Take a moment and renew for "22"

Options

Single Membership one year \$15.00 USD

Buy Now



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



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!

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

The 2022 Southwest. Florida Regional Hamfest is January 21 and 22 in Fort Myers.

LOCATION: Florida SouthWestern State College Building U

GPS 26.55060, - 81.88995

This is a SMOKE FREE Campus

Gates open Friday 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PM

Gates open Saturday 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM

Vendor Setup Friday Jan 21st 8:00 AM

Vendor Setup Saturday Jan 22nd 6:00 AM

Log on to : [FMARC SOUTHWEST FLORIDIA HAMFEST Information – Fort Myers Amateur Radio Club Inc. \(swflhamfest.info\)](#)

For more information



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#3 - During the interim of 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. Cost unknown currently since the FCC fees do not apply due to legal action between controlling agencies.

All three motions were introduced by Jon Pellant and seconded by Steve Froggett and Jon Blincoe. Motion #2 was selected by a unanimous vote. Motion #3 was voted unanimously (18 members) with two abstentions.

Old Business – N4EAR/K8ONV renovation and upgrade will take place during 2022. Choices of replacement equipment are Broadcom. Club votes indicate strong positive responses for Broadcom product, due to Ham product support, consistent technical performance, responsive customer service, and long-term product life. A UHF/Digital service is being discussed for South Charlotte County. Brief discussion regarding callsign application, FCC regulations, in a dual repeater (VHF or UHF) site situation.

Winter Field Day: Bill Reed reported on progress of Winter Field Day. EARS is permitted to use the Boca Grande Lighthouse location for Winter Field Day. At the start of day on Saturday, January 29, 2022 setup begins with EARS at Boca Grande Lighthouse. Island bridge charges \$6 crossing fee. QSL cards will require rubber stamp for contest activities conformance. 20 mtr & 40 mtr bandpass filters allows two rigs at a time to operate. auto-logging for events.

New Business – Officer selection and election for 2022.

President Pellant offered the slate of officers consisting of Jon Pellant for President, Jim Nelson for Vice President, Robert McAllister for Treasurer, Herman Hoffman for Secretary, Matthew Henry for Trustee. Herman Hoffman is FCC Liaison/Trustee for repeater K8ONV.

ADJOURNMENT- called by Steve Froggett, 2cnd by Jon Blincoe at 20:31.

February 8th 7 Pm Next Meeting at Chamber of Commerce & Meet video conference.

List of 2022 Paid Members (so far)

If your name is not on the list, and it should be, contact KN4RKE (Bob McAlister, to correct the list.

Paid Dues Query	L Name	Call Sign
John	Babbitt	K2GQG
Sue	Babbitt	KD2AQR
Ken	Blackshaw	W1NQT
Jonathan	Blincoe	N1COC
David	Bourque	WB1FLD
Joyce	Bourque	N1RUZ
Tom	Chance	K9XV
Freeman	Crosby	W1NPR
Bill	Dolan	W2CWL
Cliff	Evans	KC3F
Doug	Frazier	KE5ODR
Steve	Froggatt	KN4NFX
Michael	Henry	KF4KDI
Matthew	Henry	KE4VEM
John	Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
Herman	Hoffman	WA9Lfq
Duain	Hunt	W8JJV
Stephen	Johnson	K1LOV
Karl	Kaukis	KOCIE
Walt	Kline	WB8WNF
Ray	LaBrie	KN4LFC
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
Douglas and Jayne	Young	KM4LKC



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Please check Activity Interests:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Contesting | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers |
| <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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