



EARS
ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

July 2021

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, August 10th at the COC in Englewood, unless otherwise notified. Check the FB page , and groups.io for last minute updates**

CLUB NEWS

July 13, 2021

Meeting Minutes

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, 2cnd by Jon Blincoe. Minutes accepted as presented.

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

Correspondence: - (Ft) Pierce County Aug. Hamfest Invitation

Members Present via Meet & COC: Jon Pellant W1JP/ President, Jim Nelson W4AI /Vice President, Robert McAlister KN4RKE Treasurer,

H. Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, Jon Blincoe N0COC, Paul Needham KB3YKS, Doug Frasier KE5ODR, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Pam Eggleton K1UEG, Bill Dolan W2CWL, Michael Reid N3MR, Bill Reid K7WWR, Don Sans, all collaborators with EARS in the Ham Radio Fraternity.

Missed members or Mangle Call-Signs? Contact WA9LFQ.

**** Meeting with 12 members at Englewood Chamber of Commerce,

1 on Meet. 13 total participants on board, thank you all.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine – None to report this past month.

ARES – (Formerly RACES) – Jon Pellant resigned from his current leadership role due to time constraints. Jon Pellant is still active in the organization, and Tom Chance took Jon's place. ARES Net operated during Hurricane ELSA with 41 check in's. WinLink & Digipeater transmission access issues are being studied. The 2018 Hurricane Irma shelter incident led to progress regarding the resolution of the transmission failure. Jon Pellant demoed the recently released high-speed modem with 30Khz bandwidth. Pam Eggleton discussed Light House weekend; Doug Frasier will assist in site location and reservation.

Publicity – No activity

DX – Band conditions are continuing to improve w/cycle #25 sunspot activity slowly returning.

Training & Testing – No activity

Technology – Various projects under County control slowly progressing. See Old Business for detail.

Ham-Fests – Pierce County Amateur Radio Club hosting August 14th event. See club website for details.

OLD BUSINESS: ARRL Summer Field on July 26 occurred successfully. Held at Ann Dever County Park. Participating: Cliff Evens K3CF, Angel Grusco, Jim Reske NB3P, H Hoffman WA9LFQ, Bob McAlister KN4RKE, Jim Porter KA8PBA, Doug Frasier KE5ODR, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Pam Eggleton K1UEG. Operators completed contacts with NY, TN, MI, GA locations w/QSLs. Operating Hours were limited to Saturday, July 26, 2021, from 2 pm to 8 pm. Weather interrupted our event at 6 pm.

Discussion followed regarding logging software and replacement computers for Club's current laptops. They are ancient Windows 95 and XP machines. Jon Pellant can get some laptops that are from the modern era that may work better.

NEW 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 \$4,000 cost if donations and EARS participate. Current EOC communications at Murdock, Punta Gorda, and other locations have been upgraded and added to the digital messaging network with some improvements.

Adjournment: Called by Doug Frasier, 2cnd by Jon Blincoe at 20:08. August 10th, 7 Pm Next Meeting at Chamber of Commerce on August 10, 2021, at 19:00.

ALL interested persons are welcome!

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

Jon Pellant, W1JP, provided desertion regarding WinLin and Standardized Form 13 message format protocol for ARES/EOC message handling emergency training, exercises, and emergency operations.



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!

June 15 7:00 pm 2 meter chat net

Net Control – KN4RKE

Net called to order at 7pm

Echo Link Logons:

KN4PHQ – John from Maine. Raining there. Broken clavical on trip from Fl to Maine. Recovering a bit every day

K2GQG John in Canesto, NY. Getting ready for a Fathers Day field day event, and NY club Field Day this June.

W4AII – vacation in Oregon, camping in a yurt! Cooler weather than FL!

N4ZM – Nancy in Sarasota. Going on Foxhunt Saturday with homebrew tape measure antenna!

W1NQT- Ken in Massachusetts. 2nd day back to work as guide!

KM4LKC- Doug, Punta Gorda. Rainy day

Local Checkins:

K1UGE – Pam, SGC, looking forward to Saturday Field Day! Good signal into repeater

W4SWI – Chad, PC. Working on Win Link, and

FIARES events

K8PBA – Jim, East Englewood. Good signal into repeater

Net closed at 7:23 pm

June 22 EARS 2 meter Chat net

Net Control – KN4RKE

Net called to order at 7pm

Echo Link Logons:

KN4PHQ - John from Maine. Still raining in Maine. Slowly recovering from broken bone

WB8WNF – Walt in Midland MI.37 degrees last night!

Local Logins:

KM4LKC – Doug East Englewood

N4LJT – Leonard, South Gulf Cove

KN4NFX – Steve, Rotonda West

K1LOV – Steve, Port Charlotte

KA8PBA – Jim, Englewood

All local signals were full quieting, Echo Link audio quality 59

Net closed at 7:18 Repeater returned to normal service.

7/6/2021 Net Control—**KN4NFX**

Opened the EARS **Tuesday 2M Chat Net at**

7:05PM EDT. 11 operators checked in. There

was no traffic to pass. Closed the net at 7:30 PM

EDT. Thanks to everyone who made my first at-

tempt at net control go relatively smoothly. I partic-

ularly would like to thank Jim Nelson W4All for the

use of his script. I enthusiastically recommend try-

ing net control for any of you out there considering

it.

Call Sign Name QTH

W4All Jim Manasota Key

K1UEG Pam

W1JP John

W4SWI Chad Murdoch

KE5ODR Doug Placida

KB7GFL Dave Port Charlotte

K1LOV Steve Port Charlotte

KN4PHQ John Maine

K7WWR Bill Englewood

K8ZZU Jim Grand Blanc, MI

KN4NFX Steve Rotonda West

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JoAnn	Adamy	KC4WJ
John	Babbitt	K2GQG
Sue	Babbitt	KD2AQR
Jerry	Baumgartner	NotYet Tested
Ken	Blackshaw	W1NQY
Jonathan	Blincoe	N1COC
David	Cetola	N1TKN
Steven	Churchill	N9USZ
Freeman	Crosby	W1NPR
Bill	Dolan	W2CWL
Colin	Eggleton	KG4EDG
Pamela	Eggleton	K1UEG
Cliff	Evans	KC3F
Doug	Frazier	KE5ODR
Steve	Froggatt	KN4NFX
Jim	Grimes	KD8OCW
Matthew	Henry	KE4VEM
Michael	Henry	KF4KDI
John	Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
Herman	Hoffman	WA9LFQ
Duwain	Hunt	W8JJV
George	Krickovich	W2YJ
Ray	LaBrie	KN4LFC
Ray D.	Magsby	KK4LGF
Robert	McAlister	KN4RKE
Jerry	Meckenberg	K4JWE
Luis	Napoles	KN4ITK
Paul	Needham	KB3YXS
Jim	Nelson	W4All
Jon	Pellant	W1JP
Jim	Porter	KA8PBA
Jim	Reske	NB3P
Jim	Sanford	K8ZZU
Bernie	Silverberg	K4KUO
Doug	Vanderlaan	K8RFT
Jay	Wilson	KB1HNE
Douglas and Jayne	Young	KM4LKC
Dennis	Young	KB1ORM



Englewood Amateur Radio Society

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| <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:

E.A.R.S.
 P.O. Box 572
 Englewood, FL. 34295



2021 Summer Field Day



Many deserved thanks to Herman Hoffman, our club Secretary and long time member for heading up the 2021 Field Day! The event was held at the Ann Deaver Regional Park, on San Casa Road Saturday, June 26th. A short list of those who attended and

participated includes: Mike Reid, **N3MR**, Jim Porter, **KA8PBA**, Herman Hoffman, **WA9LFQ**, Cliff Evans, **K3CF**, Jim Reske, **NB3P**, Doug Frazier, **KE5ODR**, Steve Froggatt, **KN4NFX**, Pam Eggleton, **K1UEG**, Bob McAlister, **KN4RKE**.

The club set up two HF Stations, using the **2A/WCF** entry code and **N4EAR** club call sign. Herman and the gang set up the club transceiver into the multiband vertical (40/20/10 meters), and then



assembled KN4RKE's old Kenwood AT 120 and hex beam set up for 20/15, and 10 meters.



Herman wired up and started the club generators and we were off to the races, so to



speak! With the preliminaries taken care of, we started contest operations at the stroke of 18:00 UTC!

Initially, Jim Reske, Pam Eggleton, and Jim Porter operated the transmitters and Herman and I provided as much support as we could muster.



K1UEG at station 1



NB3P at station 2



We had some non-Ham visitors and got the opportunity to talk about Ham Radio and giving back to the community. Shared some hot dogs, sodas, chips, and ice cream so it turned out to be quite a nice day, until about 4:30 pm. Then the bad weather arrived!

Good news is that none of the equipment blew away in the wind or took a lightning strike! We waited through the bad weather, but then decided to break up the station for the event.



We ended up with about 36 contacts over the two hours we were actively working 40/20/10 meters, and had a great time doing so! With the multipliers associated with the contest rules we netted about 340 points. Surely not anywhere close to the high numbers we would liked to have gotten, but fun indeed. A report was sent into the ARRL and we await final results/tabulations.

The club is planning on participating in Lighthouse Day, so if you are interested, please let one of the Club Officers know!



A few of the closedown "crew".