



EARS

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood September 2021

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, October 12th 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

Meeting Minutes 9/13:The Club Opened Englewood Amateur Radio Society meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at (19:06) by Jon Pellant, President.

Eulogy read for the family of Ray Magsby, KK4LGF, by Herman Hoffman, WA9LFQ, (Text follows minutes)

Ken Blackshaw, N1NQT, sent his thoughts as well. (Text follows eulogy)

Communications by Mail: Dated communication August 10, 2021 addressed to Jon Pellant, W1JP, regarding the SK of Edward Joseph Watson, VE3SYW on June 19, 2021.

Reports: The Secretary's report from the August 10 2021, meeting, were submitted by Secretary Hoffman to members by email. Motion to accept same by Bob McAllister, 2cnd by Jon Blincoe. Minutes accepted as presented in Meetings notes & minutes email to all members.

Treasurer's Balance Report as of September 13, 2021, Submitted by Bob McAlister \$5,811.41 and \$ 53.00 Petty Cash, Total \$5,864.41 Treasurer McAllister stated Insurance payment is due 10/20/2021 Motion was made to pay same , in the amount of \$200, by Jim Nelson and seconded by Herman Hoffman

Members Present via Meet & COC: Jon Pellant W1JP/ President, Jim Nelson W4AII /Vice President, Robert McAlister KN4RKE/ Treasurer,

H. Hoffman WA9LFQ/Secretary, Jon Blincoe N1COC, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Pam Eggleton K1UEG, , Michael Reid N3MR, Bill Dolan W2CWL, John Babbitt K2GQG. Collaborators all, with EARS in the Ham Radio Fraternity.

Missed members or Mangled Call-Signs? Contact WA9LFQ at WA9LFQ@yahoo.com

**** Meeting with 9 members present

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sunshine – None to report this past month.

ARES – (Formerly RACES) – ARES alert for possible activity during Fred's conceivable graduation to a damaging storm this weekend, July 13th, 14th, and 15th. Pam Eggleton discussed Light House Weekend; There is some confusion due to Fort Meyers Ham Clubs possible activity. EARS has been granted permission to operate, pending insurance and detail submissions. The Park authorities have waived the fee for this year.

Publicity – No activity

DX – Band conditions were dismal this past month w/ Cycle #25 Sunspot activity is resting. Based on total average count for the July period flux period was 68-74..

Training & Testing – Six (6) New candidates passed Technician's exam with CERT Training. Also, members, Jim Nelson (W4AII) and Steve Churchill (N9USZ) had family members who crossed the border into ham hood. Congratulations are in order for Steve's (nephew)(KD9SSU) and Jim's (grandson) (K04SGB). More chips off the old blocks? Please see presentation synopsis for that we are doing.

Technology – Various projects under County control are progressing. Funding for the shared facility located at the El Jobean/776/Fair Activity Park/Base Ball Park radio facility were discussed. Club members and EARS will benefit greatly from the upgrade since the current outdated K8ONV system is now operating with equipment manufactured in the early 1980's. Police LMR equipment barely fully solid state with quartz crystals

for frequency control. Future discussion with the membership will take place. SEE OLD BUSINESS TARC will be expanding its Arden Net capabilities to the Southern area of Sarasota County.

Ham-Fests – Huntsville Alabama Amateur Radio Club hosting August 21st & 22nd event. See website for details. www.hamfest.org

OLD 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 estimated cost of \$4,000 cost if donations and EARS participate.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion followed regarding logging software. Presentation after the meeting will be Bob McAlister efforts to mesh a fundamental member data base program that he programmed with MS Access to track EARS membership, financial resources, member information, and logging for EARS club events. The Comcast facility located in South Charlotte County may become another possible ham repeater site if it is upgraded with new CCFLARS/ARES improvements. Discussion followed that it would be appropriate to change the El Jobean repeater call sign to the EARS Club familiar Call of N4EAR, reserving the K8ONV for other activities and purposes.

Adjournment: Called by Jon Blincoe, 2nd by Steve Froggatt at 20:11, August 10, 2021. The next meeting is October 12th, 7 Pm at Chamber of Commerce and on MEET. ALL interested persons are welcome!

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

EARS After Meeting Show & Tell

Bob McAlister KN4RKE, provided a short program about MOXON antenna construction for 2 meters and 70 cm bands

73, be safe, and careful everybody! WA9LFQ

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!

9/7/2021 Chat Net KN4NFX Net Control



Call	Handle	QTH	Comments
KN4RKE	Bob	Englewood	
KIUEG	Pam	Port Charlotte	
KN4PHQ	John	Rotonda West	Back from Maine New antenna maybe hits EOC
W4AII	Jim	Manasota Key	
KE5ODR	Doug	Placida	
WA9LFQ	Herman	Gulf Cove	
K0CIE	Carl	Gulf Cove	
W8JJV	Duwain	Port Charlotte	
N9QKX	Dave	Port Charlotte	
K1LOV	Steve	Port Charlotte	new contact
KO4QCQ	Alan	Desoto County	stopped in
KA8PBA	Jim	Englewood	in and out

In Memory of Ray, KK4LGF...

I just knew Ray as a good old Command Army Sergeant Major. As such, he was the chief enlisted advisor to a General, who commanded thousands of other soldiers. In the Air Force, I knew a number of 'First Sergeants,' the original lore being they got that position by being able to lick anyone else in a fight. No longer true, but still it reflects the respect given them. A Command Sergeant Major is definitely the pick of the litter! He was long retired when I met him over 20 years ago and we've shared hundreds of breakfasts, meetings, and many, many ARRL Field Day events. He really enjoyed ham radio operation and almost to the end, he tried to make the weekly EARS nets. He represents a generation of hams that sadly is shrinking.
73's Ray - de W1NQT - Ken





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.

There are usually 5 regulars, but new Hams, friends, and innocent bystanders are welcome to join us for fun and hopefully interesting conversation and fellowship.

CCFLARES VHF/UHF/Winlink Test at Chuch and Ann Dever Park

We were 100% successful. Connected to all sites from dever with VHF as well as UHF voice and winlink.

I neglected to mention my LIFEPO BATTERIES were the sole power source and adding my Arrow VHF UHF beam. Worked well, thanks to Duwain.



Only significant ISSUE was a very weak winlink direct to EOC RMS. We Tried both moxon and 7 element beam and replaced my cam tripod with KN4RKE tripod to get 15 ft. Also move antenna for bulls and peaks. All other equipment was W4AII. No difference, still the Same signal level of 0.5 regardless. Plan to try a 40 ft mast with beam at next drill event. Thanks to assisting site participants **KN4RKE, WA9LFQ, W2CWL**, and buzz, **KN4UHQ**.



James Nelson
W4AII

Hamfests are BACK - Two on October 8-9, Crestview and Melbourne, FL



You are invited to the Northwest Florida Panhandle for the inaugural Crestview Florida Hamfest, Friday and Saturday, October 8th and 9th 2021. We will have Tower Electronics, Swap/Trade Tables, Antenna bargains, Tube and parts and an Education Corner!. We also have VE Testing, Food Concession, and a bake sale supporting a local church and their efforts to supply the food pantry for Okaloosa County Florida. Go to: <https://w4aaz.org/noarc-hamfest/> and click on "Hamfest".

For those of you who have enjoyed the Melbourne Hamfest for years, it's on the same dates:

You are invited to the **ARRL State Convention and the huge Melbourne Hamfest**, Friday and Saturday, October 8th and 9th. The Melbourne Convention Center will fill up with Commercial Vendors, Swap Tables, and Tailgators. We have Forums, FCC Testing, Card Checking, Food Concession, and lots of bargains. We'll sell your items on our Consignment table too. Go to: www.PCARS.org and click on "Hamfest". Or email to: Hamfest@PCARS.org,

Deep South Amateur Radio Club HAMFEST

Oct 23rd 2021- 8 am to 2 pm

J.C. Davis Auditorium - Chickasaw Alabama

• Admission- \$5 (includes ticket for Grand Prize drawing. Add'l tickets are 6 for \$5)

• Tables- \$10 each- (setup is Friday Oct 22nd from 5pm until 9pm)

• Plate Lunches starting at 10:30am... • V.E. Testing- starts at 8 am!

• HOURLY DOOR PRIZES- all day long!

THREE GRAND PRIZES!

1st Prize: Icom 7300 2nd Prize: Icom 4100

3rd Prize: MFJ 259D Antenna Analyzer

LOTS OF VENDORS!

Including : Icom Radios, MFJ, KM4MPF Sales, and many more!

Table rentals: call Sandy Anderson at 251-232-1938 or email her at

usnamom@bellsouth.net For more detail: <http://k4dsr.com/hamfest/>



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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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