



# EARS

ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY



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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

## June 2021

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: **Tuesday, July 13th at the COC in Englewood, unless otherwise notified. Check the FB page , and groups.io for last minute updates**

#### CLUB NEWS

#### Minutes June 8 2021

Open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. (19:07)  
Led by Jon Pellant President.

Secretary's Report from May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting - Submitted by H. Hoffman, Secretary. via emailed minutes.

Treasurer's Report as of June 10, 2021 - \$ 5351.41 + dues of \$15.00 Balance \$ 5,366.41 Motion to accept Jon Blincoe, 2nd Steve Froggatt

**Correspondence:** - No meaningful correspondence

Members Present via Meet & COC: Jon Pellant W1JP/ President, Jim Nelson W4AII /Vice President, Robert McAlister KN4RKE Treasurer, Jon Blincoe N0COC, Doug Frasier KE5ODR, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Jim Grimes KD8OCW, Steve Churchill N9USZ, Jim Porter KA8PBA, Dwain Hunt W8J JV, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ, Also welcome to Bill Dolan W2CWL & Mike Reid N3MR collaborators with EARS in the Ham Radio Fraternity.

Did I miss any members or Mangle Call-Signs? \*\*\*\*  
Meeting in person at Englewood Chamber of Commerce. Google Meet W8J JV Duwain Hunt, K8ZZU Jim Sanford, KNPDQ John Hodgdon, with 12 people total on board, thank you all.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Sunshine** – None to report this meeting

**ARES** – (Formerly RACES) – Emergency Repeater equipment in place at Doug Frasier QTH operating on 434.00 Mhz. Cert Members completed Technician Class Training and testing success for 5 candidates, Now Licensed Hams, Congratulations. Success story from KE5ODR and his partners, Test-

ing took place on April 24<sup>th</sup> with 100% SUCCESS  
*Our thanks to Doug and his contributions to West Charlotte County EMS.*

**Publicity** – Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT, ARRL Field Day on June 26<sup>th</sup> Sun Weekly article promotion. Ken may connect by meet from Nantucket for the July EARS meeting?

**DX** – Band conditions are slowly improving. A recent “Letters from Our Members” Correspondence in the March 2021 QST suggest that the current cycle, #25 may surpass the very strong Sunspot Cycle, #19, that peaked in 1965, with measurably more sunspot activity. Actual QSO activity is slowly rising on 20/40 and an occasional exceedingly rare conversation on 80 meters. Scientists are predicting record breaking activity and particle distribution. Tears are coming to my eyes just thinking about it! lol

**Training & Testing** – see Doug Frasier at ARES news. Steve Churchill's nephew, age 14, recently completed testing successfully for his Ham License. Three of Steve's brothers are hams and now added his nephew as KD9SUU. It's a great start for a 14-year-old.

**Technology & Repeaters**– Doug Frasier's 434 Mhz. ARES digital repeater is in service after a short outage. Also, County site digital repeaters, at the Ball Field, must be installed in a rack to protect it from unintentional disturbances at County Fairs grounds. Broadcast TX frequency was off by one digit, which Jim Nelson found & fixed. CUDO's to his skills.

**Ham-Fests** – Virtual QSO Hamfest is looking for presentation speakers.

**OLD BUSINESS:** ARRL Summer Field became responsibility of yours truly, WA9LFQ, who firmly believes the ARRL Summer Field Day needs to have membership and ham participation. . See page 2...

Minutes continued.....

At this time Bob McAlister and Herman Hoffman & helpers will set up two stations at Ann Dever County Park at 6791 San Casa Drive with the EARS Club radio and Bob's home brew Hex Beam and club verticle antenna on Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> for the activity. Herman will bring other club paraphernalia to the site awaiting installers and operators. All are **WELCOME**, FD starts at 2PM.

Moving club checking account to Englewood Bank & Trust is on hold. One person left to address a policy issue at B of A will get all issues addressed.

**No New Business-ADJOURNMENT-** called by Jon Blincoe, 2nd by Bob McAllister at 20:00. July 13<sup>th</sup> 7 Pm Next Meeting at Chamber of Commerce

**IMPORTANT MINUTES 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 difficulties.**

Doug Vanderlaan, K8RFT, provided an after meeting in service review regarding BaoFeng antenna counterpoise compromises and do & don't. Remarkably interesting discussion followed. *Thank you, Doug V. K8RFT*

**SAFE TRAVELS TO OUR SNOWBIRD MEMBERS & FRIENDS!**

Tnx & 73's, we look forward to your early return!

**Field Day is June 26th**



It's another opportunity to show our community that we can deal with emergencies and

disasters with technical fixes, fancy gadgets, and just plain know how & spirit. Estimates say that well over 42,000 folks that have a call sign following their name on FCC records will be out, about, and saying "CQ Field Day" on June 26 & 27. It brings together public service,

community outreach, disaster preparation, and ham skills in an annual celebration display that takes place the last full weekend of June and has been for nearly 90 years.

**This year's Field Day will begin at 1400 EST on, Saturday, June 26 thru Sunday, June 27. EARS will operate from Ann & Chuck Dever Reginal Park on San Casa Drive, Englewood. Dever Park is East of 775, approximately 1.5 Miles, and across the street from the DMV Offices**

While plans are not fixed in cement, yet we plan on three operating stations with flexibility for band operations that needs to follow the generally improving sunspot activity. I am hoping for all bands from 6M to 80M but that depends on participation and Mother Nature.

Anybody that can help with setup, teardown, clean up, operations, food?, planning, materials, hardware, rigs, or any other essential please get in touch with KN4RKE, WA9LFQ, or the club Officers. and we will organize appropriately. This is the kind of activity that takes a village. We plan on starting set up at 9:30 AM Saturday. I appreciate your participation in advance. Email here is [WA9LFQ@yahoo.com](mailto:WA9LFQ@yahoo.com) or contact any officer or member and let us know what you can donate/participate.

### 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!**

## Breakfast at Denny's



The club will have to have breakfast at Denny's every Tuesday at 7:30am. For the last few weeks the group has had between 6 and 10 people! The food is good, the prices are right, the service is great, and the fellowship is priceless! Plan on attending Tuesday mornings if you can! Denny's is located just south of Placida Rd on 776.

### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**CUT OFF FOR EARS SUBMISSIONS: 18TH of each month** Please, no articles of a political, religious, controversial or argumentative nature. The Club reserves the right to accept, edit, or reject any submission.. **Bob McAlister KN4RKE**  
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### CURRENT PAID MEMBERSHIP



The list on this page represents the paid membership for 2021. If your name is not on the list and it should be, please let me know at [bob.mcalister@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mcalister@outlook.com)  
 Thanks

By Call Paid Dues Query F Name	L Name	Call Sign
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	W4AII
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

ARRL   
 First Name Last Name Call Sign License Class MBR

Address City Zip Code

Local Phone Mobile Phone Email Address

Secondary Address Secondary City ST Zip

Spouse

#### 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:

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

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