



# E A R S

INGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

November 2020

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: December 14th at the COC in Englewood, unless otherwise notified. Check the FB page , and groups.io for last minute updates

### CLUB NEWS

#### **ENGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY**

#### **November 9, 2020 Minutes**

Open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. (19:08) Led by Jon Pellant

Secretary's Report September Accepted– Motion to accept \_Jon Blincoe

2<sup>nd</sup> Herman Hoffman As submitted by H. Hoffman, Secretary

Treasurer's Report Accepted – Motion by Matthew Henry, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Frasier.  
\$5,410.51 in account on October 14, \$ 200.00 Insurance payment, balance now as per Pam Eggleton, Treasurer is \$5210.51  
11/09/2020

**Correspondence:** - None this past month, as of 11/3/2020.

H Hoffman, Secretary, however, mail pick up on 11/10/2020, two checks for 2021 dues: Raymond Labrie KN4LFC, \$30.00 for dues 2021 & 2022 ? Checks forwarded to Pam for deposit. Verify distribution of payment. Also, John Babbitt K2GQG, \$18.00 Spouse & self. **2021 Dues due by 01/01/2021.**

Members Present: Jon Pellant W1JP/ President, Jim Nelson W4AII /Vice President, Jon Blincoe N0COC, Mathew Henry

K4VEM/Trustee, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ/Secretary. Doug Frasier KE5ODR, Walter Kline WB8OCW, Jim Grimes KD8OCW, , and Robert McAlister KN4RKE. Did I miss any members or Mangle Call-Signs? \*\*\*\* Meeting VIA Google Meet,

### **December dual meeting from Chamber of Commerce**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Sunshine** – So far this month everybody seems to be doing great. No cards or condolences!

**ARES** – (Formerly RACES) – UHF DMR Repeater Service at Stadium, (placed back into service) (Replaced Kantronics data adapter & reset power supply following lightning hit, courtesy of Tom Chance, Duwain Hunt, and Jim Nelson). Duwain Hunt, W8JJV & Tom Chance, K9XV will be delivering a WINLINK HF Demonstration at Indian Mound County Park on Saturday 9:00 AM to 12 PM, using VERA protocol. Doug Frasier advises that basic radio operation and skills will be delivered this week. See CERT website for specifics.

## **Minutes continued.....**

**Publicity** — None to report-BUT, PLEASE ATTEND WINLINK demonstration on Saturday. Should be fun, perhaps the weather will cooperate.

**CERT basic training available.** See website. Contact Doug Frasier KE5ODR

**DX** – Very little activity, except sporadic 20 meter activity. Activity is somewhat more evident, with slight improvement in sunspot generation. Satellite snapshots show two sunspots quite clearly. 6 Meters is fun too and usually very unpredictable.

**Testing** – Herman Hoffman – None done, none scheduled

**Technology** – Discussion re: Creation of Technology Committee has met with further met with further discussion. With a quorum attending a motion will be entertained at the December meeting for final approval at the January meeting.

**Ham-Fests** – Live in person large Ham Fests will be extremely rare during the 2021 timeframe. “QSO” Virtual Hamfest may be the only large scale activity. It saves on shoe leather as a side benefit.

**Repeater** – Nothing to report beyond UHF/Digital repeater at the County Ballpark has been restored to service. More information in ARES report item. Brief discussion regarding Charlotte County K8ONV/KG4KQW-4 access, security, and future on property Ham allowed activities followed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion by President Jon Pellant to move on to old business was seconded by Herman Hoffman.

Bob McAllister discussed further significant progress on the Web Site development and

is willing to take on Treasurer activities so that the Member List and Treasurers Report can be melded into a single item or split upon request. Bob has advanced EARS into modern IT practices and has made important contributions in the time he has been a member. We are extremely happy & thankful for his efforts on behalf of our organization.

Further hosting issued were discussed and President Jon Pellant, Bob McAlister, and contributing members will have a web chat session to further define EARS website issues.

Siting difficulty getting a Quorum with virtual meetings, a very brief re-discussion regarding modernizing Club Bylaws to allow voting via IO Groups. This is only hyperbole discussion at this point, and nothing is actually fact or intention until all Club members have had an opportunity to participate in the discussion and contribute guidance.

December meeting will be at the Chamber of Commerce meeting room and via internet Google “Meeting”.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion to move to New Business by Jon Blincoe, 2nd by Jim Nelson

Slate of officers thus far:

Jon Pellant – President

Jim Nelson – Vice President

Bob McAlister – Treasurer

Herman Hoffman - Secretary

## *Minutes continued...*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** -- Next month requires a quorum of members to approve officers slate and perhaps thoughts for 2021. Remember, no recounts allowed. Election of officers held at January meeting.

**Please consider how you can contribute next year. The greatest contributions come from suggestions, ideas, and consideration!**

**The next meeting will at 19:00 Hrs. on December 14, 2020 – MONDAY!**

**Dual Meeting: In person at Chamber of Commerce Meeting Room & Google Meet**

Post Meeting Presentation: Bob McAlister KN4RKE “Navigating the EARS Website.”

Anybody that has suggestions or would like to do a Presentation will be warmly received.

Meeting adjourned at -20:06, Motion by Herman Hoffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jon Blincoe

Everybody, have a great month and we will hear you on the Tuesday Net at 19:00 and Tuesday Breakfasts at Maria

**WEAR A MASK, YOU NEVER KNOW WHO YOU MIGHT MEET!**

**Please Join Us This Saturday 09/14/2021 At 9am to Noon at Indian Mound Park!**



K9XV is bringing the CCFLARES go kits and W8JJV is bringing his hf using vera, to demo and practice operating using no shore power.

Come and join us and let's see what happens. This is our first field exercise and we would love to have you there.

***End of November minutes.....***

**Maria Restaurant Tuesday morning updates!**

EARS members have been meeting the last two Tuesdays at Maria restaurant, just south of Dearborn Street on Indiana (SR776). We are eating outside to keep in the fresh air and be respectful to the Covid! The food is good, the prices are reasonable, the service is good (and friendly) and the company is great!



Pictured above, left to right, having breakfast at Maria Restaurant—Steven N9USZ, Jim W4AII, Bob KN4RKE, Herman WA9LFQ, and Jon N1COC

## **WEB SITE UPDATES**

Work continues on the website. Below is a “snapshot” of the home page. I’ve kept the same format for the remaining pages. You will notice that there is a tab for “Facebook”. Although many folks hate Facebook, I’m going

to try and incorporate the

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**Englewood Amateur Radio Society (EARS)**



**Welcome**

Our main purpose is to encourage the pursuit of amateur radio as a hobby, ...including the sharing of information and cooperation among its members; promote the science of radio communication; demonstrate, urge and teach good operating habits; preserve the customs of amateur radio; sponsor and promote educational programs for its members and the general public; and render service to the public and polities.

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club Facebook page as a place to put all the announcements, meeting dates, events, pictures, etc that one might traditionally see on a webpage. The reason for doing this is it allows any club member to post stuff simply my using that page, instead of waiting for the webmaster to post to the website. The page is moderated, the idea that off topic posts will not be allowed, and membership must be approved. The Facebook page is “live” now, with 26 or so members. The page url is

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/earsradioclub>

Copy and paste into your browser or just search FB for Englewood Amateur Radio Society.



## CCFLARES INDIAN MOUND DEMO...

On Saturday morning, 11/14/2020 several Ham Operators met at Indian Mound Park, Englewood for a Winlink Demo. Among those present were Tom Chance, K9XV, Jim Nelson, W4AII, Jim Porter, KA8PBA, Jon Pellatt, W1JP, Doug Frazier, KE5ODR, Herman Hoffman, WA9LFQ, Duwain Hunt, W8JJV, Jon Blincoe, N1COC, Jim Grimes, KD8OCW, and Bob McAlister, KN4RKE. If anyone else was there and I missed listing you, please forgive my poor note taking.



The main objectives of the day were to evaluate Indian Mound Park as an emergency field location for the CCFLARES group, and to check out all the "go to bags, batteries, antennas, and equipment that might be used during a field deployment.

After setting up the equipment, which included three vertical antennas, a yagi , an "inverted inverted vee", HF, VHF and UHF equipment, the testing started. Successful communication was established with all the key sites of interest. All power for the equipment was battery pack supplied.

## Newsletter Content

Since I am a newbie about being a club member, and putting together a newsletter, I welcome any suggestions, and contributions to the newsletter. I hope to put in pictures, stories, swap and shop, etc etc etc. , but I will need help with that. Please feel free to contact me .

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## It's Time to Renew Your EARS 2021 Dues!

The last sheet of this newsletter is a membership form. Dues are \$15.00 per year, single member and \$18.50 for a family membership. Please take time to submit your dues as sound as you can. Thank you!

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**CUT OFF FOR EARS SUBMISSIONS:** 25<sup>th</sup> of each month (except Feb and Dec, which is 20th) 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 Phone: 941-416-2516 (cell) 941-474-4190 (Home) E-Mail: [bob.mcalister@outlook.com](mailto:bob.mcalister@outlook.com)** Please use the email shown..



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