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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

May 2022

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: Tuesday, June 14th 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

May 10, 2022

Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
(19:04) Led by Herman Hoffman Secretary

**Members Present:** / President, Robert McAlister KN4RKE Treasurer, Herman Hoffman WA9LFQ Secretary, Ken Blackshaw W1NQT, Doug Vandelaan K8RFT, Jon Blincoe N0COC, Steve Froggatt KN4NFX, Steve Bishop KW4SAB. John Hodgdon KN4PHQ, Bill Reed K7WWR, Bill Dolan W2CWL, Michael Reid N3MR

**VIA MEET:** Courtesy of J. Pellant who was absent this month. **Guests:** Unfortunately, None – But, all are welcome

11 attendees' total

Please note: If I missed or mangled any member's names or call signs, advise me by phone or email: WA9LFQ@yahoo.com.

Secretary's Report for 4/15/22 Meeting Minutes Accepted: Motion to accept by Steve Froggatt, 2nd by Bill Dolan, accepted as submitted by H. Hoffman Secretary

Treasurer's Report Accepted – Motion by Steve Froggatt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Dolan. \$3,481.04 + \$3.00 Petty Cash balance total on 4/1/2022. Balance on 2/28/2022 \$3481.04 + \$3.00 petty cash. \$3000 has been moved to Englewood Bank & Trust and the remaining \$481.04 will be moved when the B of A account is closed by J Pellant President. This move was made to cut out fee charges.

**Correspondence:** - One piece of mail this month, Englewood Bank & Trust statement of deposit. \$ 3000.00.

**Sunshine**– Ms. Victor Emmelkamp.

**ARES** – Recent testing of COC to Englewood Hospital parking lot with Bob McAllister, Jim Nelson, and Herman Hoffman testing a newly built MOX antenna with good results on UHF/VHF.

**Publicity** – Next Fun day is Summer Field Day the last full weekend of June 2022. Ken Blackshaw will supply from his summer nest on Nantucket.

**DX** – 20 Meters & 10 Meters are functioning well and 40 Meters, sporadically improving. Overall Sunspot activity is slowly developing.

**Training & Testing** –CERT/ARES Members recently passed FCC testing. Congratulations to all candidates. New group training on Ham Radio voice protocol and management starting soon. Contact Doug Frasier for further information.

**Technology** – K8ONV/N4EAR install pending.

**Ham-Fests** – Check club websites for details.

**Old Business** – New breakfast meeting place is "Junior & Rosie's" located at 264 North Indiana Avenue, Englewood, FL 34223. Meet every Tuesday at 07:30.

**Time change for Tuesday Chat Net from 19:00 to 19:30.** This change allows Net registrants time to eat dinner. Many folks do not get to their QTH due to evening drive time or other restraints.

**New Business** – Summer Field Day plans including location, timing, and frequency band/rig assignments have been assumed by the Field Day Committee consisting of Mike Reid, Jim Nelson, Bill Dolan, and Bill Reed.

## 2 Meter Chat Net:

The club conducts a two meter chat net every **Tuesday evening on K8ONV**, 146.865 136.5HZ tone, -600 transmit at **7:30 PM**. 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!**

4/19/2022

**KN4RKE—Net Control**

Due to the time change, some folks checked in before 7:30pm

**W4AII**—Jim on Manasota Key, trying new antenna. Signal was 59

**KN4PHQ**—John in Rotonda

**K8ZZU**—Jim in Roronda, on HT fighting off gnats and no-see-ums

**KE5ODR** Doug in Placida—company at house, in/out **K2GQG** John via echo link in Cannesso, snowing there!

**KO4QCQ** Alan in Arcadia

**W2CWL** Bill in Placida, hand held, good signal Fighting bronchitis

**KO4VOG** Steve in SGC. Enjoyed breakfast! Good signal into repeater

**N1TKN** Dave in Sarasota Good signal into repeater

**W4BTJ** Tim via echolink from Ft Meyers

**W1NQT** Ken Good signal Enjoyed breakfast and FT8 demo from **W4AII**

**K7WWR** Bill outside with HT Good Signal

Net closed at 7:53pm

4/26 W1NQT – Ken net control

Good net - Enjoyed hearing so many on the air.

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This is W1NQT, Net Control for the EARS K8ONV Net. I will now take check-ins. First Check-in please come now.

1. kn4nfx - Steve - last treatment coming up. NCS next week.
2. k2gqg - John - two snowstorms. Tested positive!
3. w4aai - Jim - Manasota Key - 3 more countries! Thursday - 9 am. wx4e 440 MHz - 9:15 to k8onv
4. kn4rke - Bob - Englewood - 444.975 works for him.
5. kn4phq - John - Rotonda W - Good breakfast.
6. ko4vog - Steve - So. Gulf Cove - Heading to W Palm. Planet alignment!
7. k8rft -So. Englewood - Doug - Likes 7:30. Antennas available!
8. n4ljt - Leonard - So. Gulf Cove - Just got Oman on 17!
9. ka8pba - Jim - Seattle

Net control W1NQT is now closing the EARS Net at 7:57 pm and returning this repeater to normal amateur use.

73s

## 5/3 Chat Net KN4NFX net control

KN4P HQ	John	Rotonda West	Junior & Rosies breakfast and antenna under water from recent rain
W1NQ T	Ken	Englewood	Breakfast @ J&R and 10M DX to Africa
W4AII	Jim	Manasota Key	Breakfast and working FT8 DXCC 4 dozen contacts in a month
K8RFP	Doug	Englewood South	Breakfast and beautiful night on net in the backyard going for DXCC
K1LO	Steve V	Port Char- lotte	Very busy for last couple weeks - back on the net
KW4S AB	Steve	South Gulf Cove	Breakfast and mowing the grass 1st time for weeks

There were 7 participants and add one for me. There was no Echolink option available. I got the error message "Not logged in".

I have been totally cleared for travel by my Oncologist. I will not be able to do net control in July. If anyone wants to volunteer, I can help get the script.

## **ATTENTION!!!!**

**TUESDAY 2 METER CHAT NET WILL BE AT 7:30 pm INSTEAD OF 7:00 PM. STARTING 4/19/2022**

## **5/17 KN4RKE Net Control**

Call for echo link, but no response. Later in the net, **KN4NFX** reported that **WB8WNF** and **W4AII** showed as logged in. Will have to check to see if there is a problem due to our time shift and repeater DMR with TARC.

**KN4PHQ** John in Rotonda West. Enjoying quiet evening and club breakfasts

**W8JJV** Dwayne—preparing for next emergency (hurricane preparedness) exercise next Thursday week.

**KN4NFX** Steve in Rotonda West going to Hamvention in his new Tesla! Have a safe trip Steve!. Also thanks for checking Echo Link

**KE5ODR** Doug in Placida enjoying a mosquito free evening!

**KW4SAB** Steve in South Gulf Cove Congrats on new call and prepping for license upgrade test this week!

**W4SWI** Chad has been busy doing a lot of ham radio!

Thanks to all who checked in!

Repeater returned to normal use at 7:49 pm local time

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Several locations were suggested, and the committee was given responsibility for selection. Authority was also given to spend up to \$100 to re-reserve a location.

Some discussion regarding Lighthouse Weekend & Field Day followed.

Also, a DXpedition to a very distant island was also discussed. We may have some EARS participants. Committee report due on June 7, 2022, monthly meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**- called by Jon Blincoe at 19:58,  
2nd by Bill Reed

**June 14, 2022, 19:00** -- Next Meeting at Chamber of Commerce & Meet video conference.

**EARS WISHES ALL WINTER MEMBERS A SAFE JOURNEY HOME! Join us on EchoLink**

**With the upcoming Hurricane Season, lightning events, and prolonged outage damage those lightning storms can inflict I will be disconnecting the Echolink reflector when lightning hits come within six miles of my location. I have installed sensor apparatus that monitors direction, range, intensity, and the number of events taking place.**

### Tuesday Breakfast



**4/19** 14 club members attended breakfast! Several breakfast specials were available, ranging in \$5.50 (2 eggs/Potatoes/bacon/toast/coffee) to waffles/omelettes for just a bit more!



**4/26** 11 Members attended breakfast. Some of our seasonal members are heading home to the North Country.



### **2022 Summer Field Day and International light House/Light Ship Event**

The club is making plans to participate in the 2022 Field Day (late June) and the ILHS Event in August. If you are interested in participating please let K7WWR, W2CWL, KW4SAB, or KN4RKE know. The committee is exploring locations to set up field day operations. If you have any suggestions, please bring them forward. The club traditionally does the Light House Event at the Boca Grande Lighthouse. I attended the events last year and will say everyone had a great time! Please think about joining us this year!



Boca Grande Lighthouse

### **This space available!**

If you have anything to say, or share with the club, please send me an email! There is space in the newsletter for items from the membership. You may send them to me via email, lobanker@hotmail.com  
Thanks  
KN4RKE

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

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](http://www.earsradioclub.org) and clicking on the "buy now" button on the membership page.

### OPtions

Single Membership one year \$15.00 USD ▾

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Take a moment and renew for "22"



If you are not on this list, I don't have you marked for 2022. Please contact me if I've made an error.

Thanks, Bob KN4RKE, Treasurer

### F Name L Name Call Sign

John	Babbitt	K2GQG
Sue	Babbitt	KD2AQR
Steve	Bishop	KO4VOG
Ken	Blackshaw	W1NQT
Jon	Blincoe	N1COC
David	Bourque	WB1FLD
Joyce	Bourque	N1RUZ
Tom	Chance	K9XV
Steve	Churchill	N9USZ
Freeman	Crosby	W1NPR
Bill	Dolan	W2CWL
Shirley	Duke	KN4YIU
Cliff	Evans	KC3F
Doug	Frazier	KE5ODR
Steve	Froggatt	KN4NFX
Jim	Grimes	KD8OCW
Michael	Henry	KF4KDI
Matthew	Henry	KE4VEM
John	Hodgdon	KN4PHQ
Herman	Hoffman	WA9LFQ
Duwain	Hunt	W8JJV
Janet	Iwanski	KO4MZO
Stephen	Johnson	K1LOV
Karl	Kaukis	K0CIE
Walt	Kline	WB8WNF

Ray	LaBrie	KN4LFC
Steve	Malone	KN4YIV
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
Doug/ Jayne Young		KM4LKC

### Groups.io Website

If you are not getting the EARS groups.io emails, please contact one of the club officers. Groups.io is used to send emails concerning club activities and other supportive functions. If you don't get the messages you are missing out on club information! Get more information at [main@ears.groups.io](mailto:main@ears.groups.io) | Home or [main+subscribe@ears.groups.io](mailto:main+subscribe@ears.groups.io)



### Tranceiver for sale!

**K8RFT** (Doug V) is assisting

another ham operator sell some

amateur radio gear. Amongst

the items is a "new" in old box Alinco HF transceiver. It is in mint condition, only being tested and then put back in the box. Along with the transceiver (which can be used mobile or as a base station) is a power supply. And the price is a bargain. This transceiver is solid state and in perfect condition. It would make a great first transceiver or a great backup rig at the price Doug is asking.

For more info, contact Doug at

**K8RFTradio@gmail.com**



**Join us Tuesdays at Junior  
and Rosie's 7:30am in Eng-  
lewood!**  
**Great breakfast Specials at the  
best prices in Englewood!**



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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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