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INGLEWOOD AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

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## Supporting and Practicing Ham Radio in Englewood

December 2020

### MEETING REPORTS AND NOTES

#### NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be: Tuesday, January 12th 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

Open the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. (19:00)  
 Led by Jon Pellant  
 Secretary's Report Accepted— Motion to accept by Jim Grimes 2nd by Bob McAllister, as submitted by H. Hoffman, Secretary Treasurer's Report Accepted – Motion by John Babbit, 2nd by Doug Frasier.

\$5,307.01 in account on December 14, Dues deposit/  
 Balance on Nov. 09 \$5,210.51.

**Correspondence:** - None this past month, as of 12/3/2020. H Hoffman, Secretary, however, will pick up mail pick again before holidays.

Members Present: Jon Pellant W1JP/ President, Jim Nelson W4AII /Vice President, Jon Blincoe N0COC, Mathew Henry K4VEM/Trustee, Pam Eggleton K1UEG , John Babbit K2GQG, John Hodgdon KN4PHQ, Doug Frasier KE5ODR, Walter Kline WB8OCW, Jim Grimes KD8OCW, and Robert McAllister KN4RKE. Did I miss any members or Mangle Call -Signs? \*\*\*\* Meeting VIA Google Meet with 11 Members

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Sunshine** – So far this month everybody seems to be doing OK! New EARS Website is now operational n looking great.

**Ham-Fests** – Tampa TARC did go ahead with their Hamfest, however, nobody attended due to COVID issues.

**Repeater** – Nothing to report.

**ARES** – (Formerly RACES) – CARS Simplex Drill – Jim Nelson Attending, was successful with 2 regional base stations plus command post. Handheld (HT) ‘radio’ rovers spread out up to 5 miles. Test message

es sent to Command HQ. Issue noted was QRM on simplex protocol, as suggested and noted. CERT Monthly Meeting, as noted by Doug Frasier KE5ODR, has finished initial class regarding Ham Radio Basic consisting of History of the Hobby (HH) and Fundamental Operating Procedures. (Congratulations and Thank You to all participating Instructors & Students. This is a giant step!)

**Publicity** — W1JP/ Discussion WINLINK demo and testing at Indian Mound Park last month provides a better understanding of possibilities and limitations of West County to EOC RMS & New Stadium Repeater site.

**DX** – Band conditions are improving, marginally. Activity is somewhat more evident, with slight improvement in sunspot generation. Six Meters is fun too and usually very unpredictable. CARS is delivering an info and construction class pertaining to a 6 Meter antenna build.

**Testing** – None done, none scheduled

**Technology** –

### OLD BUSINESS

As per Pam we currently have a total of thirty-four vote eligible members. Slate for Trustees presented, KE5ODR, Doug Frasier & N1COC were nominated and approved unanimously. Bob McAllister and Pam will discuss further officer slates.

Minutes continued.....

HF Winter Field Day is January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.  
To be discussed.

EARS Simplex Drill Committee, TBD

Boca Grande as rover truck by Jon Blincoe.  
Indian Mound Park perhaps mobile rovers.  
Date end, of February,

Jan 12, 2021 Meeting will continue online.

#### A Christmas Star

Something that hasn't happened in 800 or so years occurred this mid December. The planets Jupiter and Saturn converged in the Southwestern night sky to form a seemingly brightest "star" to view. Depending on how good your eyesight is it looked like a star, or if you used binoculars you could see the two planets separately. Our own Ken Blackshaw, W1NQT, went one step further and hooked his I phone up to a spotter scope and snapped the picture below:



We all know Ken is an avid ham radio operator, but he also enjoys birding as a hobby.. So he's good at snapping photos. What I found so interesting in this photo is that some of Jupiter's moons are visible! Very Galileo Galilei like! Thanks Ken!

#### Maria Restaurant Tuesday morning updates!

EARS members have been meeting 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!



L to R: Enjoying breakfast at Maria  
12 22: N1COC, W1JP, N9USZ

K2GQG, and W1NQT

It was a bit chilly outside, but several of us agreed to bring jackets next time to eat outside until the vaccines kick in!

#### 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.

#### December 1 Chat Net

Hi All - Great net tonight with lots of geography represented

- kn4lf - Ray - St. Augustine - nr freezing to-night! New club member!
- 2. kh2op - Charlie - nr St. Louis - first cold night 15 degrees last night.
- 3. wa9lfq - Herman - breakfast this morning - 7! 46 degrees.
- 4. kn4nfx - Steve -
- 5. wb8wnf - Walt - Midland, Mi - Rasberry pi and Linux arguments. Heading so. in a month - high of 35.
- 6. w4aii - Jim - Simplex drill coming. Saturday 9-12. Dec. 14 club meeting.
- 7. k1lov - Steve - Port Charlotte. - Need more love in the world!
- 8. kn4rke - Bob - Congrats on N/L!
- 9. ko4fhz - Leonard - So. Gulf Cove. CARS drill on Saturday. on HT.

- 10. w8jjv - Murdock - Duwain - Will be in test drill Saturday. Converter in the mail!
- 11. ka8pba - Jim - Englewood.
- 12. k1uh - Greg - 'Sconset on Nantucket
- 13. k2gqg - John - Englewood!

Check for NCS next week.

## **December 8, 2020**

Net control—K1UEG

Check ins:

W8JJV, KN4RKE, W4AII, KN4NFX, KN4LFCKH2OP

## **Dec 15, 2020**

Net Control K1UEG—Pam

Check ins:

W9BSM, W4Aii, KN4RKE, KN4NFX, K1LOV,  
KM4LKC, KO4FHZ, W8JJV, KE5ODR, KO4ETQ,  
K3CF, KG4WHM

## **December 22, 2020**

Net Control—W1NQT

Check ins:

W4AII, KN4RKE, K2GQG (echo link), KN4NFX,  
KE5ODR, WB8WNF, KG4WHN, KN4LXC, W8JJV,  
N4LJT

December 29, 2020

This is W1NQT for the EARS K8ONV Net. I will now take checkins. Sorry I had to miss breakfast - company

1. kn4rke - Bob - Englewood
2. k2gqg - John in West Palm - coming back Saturday
3. kn4nfx - Steve - Rotonda W - Happy New Year. -
4. w8jjv - Duane - Murdock - Various radio things working.



## **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 soon as you can. Thank you!

## **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

**CUT OFF FOR EARS SUBMISSIONS: 25<sup>th</sup> of each month (except 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 KN4RKE Phone: 941-416-2516 (cell) 941-474-4190 (Home) E-Mail: bob.mcalister@outlook.com** Please use the email shown..



## Join us for Winter Field Day! January 30th

Attend the January 2021 Club meeting on January 12th at the Chamber of Commerce (or Google Meets) to finalize the details of the 2020 Winter Field Day Event. Tentatively planned to set up Field Day stations in Englewood at the intersection of Artist and Elm Streets. (Thanks W1JP).



## Englewood Amateur Radio Sociey

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Local Phone	Mobile Phone	Email Address			
Secondary Address		Secondary City	ST	Zip	
Spouse					

### Please check Activity Interests:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Day  | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical      |
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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:

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