



# St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society

## MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2023  
Airport Conference Center

### Attendees

Alan Alsobrook KD4QOF  
John Brittingham KO4SMB  
Rick Hatton KK4GGL  
Ron Morgan KM4AC  
Dennis Fernandez N4KPI  
Diane Rabideau Wise WA4ZDQ  
Larry Sapp WD8SEL  
Frank Sileo N1PE  
Bob Sileo N2PE  
Buddy Tison KK4RXC  
Linda Visman KN4KJC  
Richard Wallace KG6YEM  
Buzz Miklos WA4GPM

Allen Wyatt KU4YA  
Franco Venturi K4VZ  
Kevin Pellegrino KM4PHI  
Aaron Richmond KQ4FFR  
Kyle Richmond KA1FKR  
John Smith K3GO  
John Berman WA2PAY  
Jackson Driskell KB4B  
Ed Manfredi W4EML  
Richard Visman NN2T  
Linda Visman KN4KJC  
Craig Wisman W3LCI

Guest Speaker: Frank Haas KB4T

- Bob Sileo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm ET and called for the Pledge to the Flag.
- Bob Sileo recognized Ed Manfredi who was attending his first meeting.
- Approval of the Minutes- Motion to approve as written, Seconded and approved unanimously.
- Approval of the Treasurers Report- Kevin gave a report of the current treasury, Motion to approve as presented, Seconded and approved unanimously.
- Discussion Items:
  - Winter Field Day Recap: Everyone enjoyed the event, especially the food. It was a consensus that Favor-Dykes was a good choice.

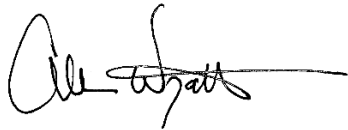
- Wednesday night net roster feedback: New roster is already in place and seems to have helped the net attendance. Thank You Kevin for your hard work keeping up the roster.
- Groups.io This reflector seems to be working well with a lot of discussion. Bob is going to send out another email with some instructions on getting onto the reflector.
- Bob noted that meeting presentations will be posted on [www.SAARS.club](http://www.SAARS.club) under (Media → Text Resources)
- This month's Events:
  - Testing Session (has been canceled)
  - Hamcation – Note: To contact club members at the event use 146.625 MHz simplex and tone 127.3 hz.
  - Friday Lunch at Ned's, we usually order at 11:15
  - Last Saturday Breakfast (2/25) 7:30 am at "The Spot"
- Next Operating Event
  - Florida State Parks on the Air, April 1-2, 2023
  - Consensus is to return Favor-Dykes State Park
  - An **event chair is needed** for this event.
- Program: Power Line Interference – Presented by Frank Haas KB4T
  - The presentation is available at the club website as noted above. A few highlights:
    - i. We are increasingly surrounded by electrical noise, much of which originates in our own homes.
    - ii. Florida Power and Light (if that is your provider) can assist in finding the source of electrical noise if its source is either the power distribution system or in our own home. (The utility will not under any circumstance point us to a neighbor even if that appears to be the source of the problem.)
    - iii. We can often find the source of interference using a portable am radio. The best ones for this are those that will tune to the "Airband" (am on vhf – 121.5 MHz)
    - iv. Utility lightning arrestors are among the leading causes of powerline generated interference.
    - v. Switching power supplies are a common source in our own homes. They are found in everything.
    - vi. When working with an interference investigator be sure to get the following:
      1. Their Name and contact info.
      2. The Case Ticket number
      3. The Work Request number if a power system problem is detected.
    - vii. Remember: **SAFTEY** → **Under no circumstance do anything to a utility pole – That is for the power company.**
    - viii. Be Polite, Courteous and Patient.

- ix. Frank reminded everyone that though he does this work for FPL, he is speaking tonight as a ham and not as a representative of FPL.
- x. Frank gave us his detailed contact information but it will not be published in the minutes.

- The last item was the 50/50 drawing, which was won by Richard Visman.
- The next meeting will be 6:30 pm March 7<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Airport Conference Room.

Approved on March 7, 2023 at the regular meeting of SAARS

Allen Wyatt

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen Wyatt", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.