



St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society

MEETING MINUTES

August 1, 2023

Regular Meeting at the Airport Conference Room

Attendees

John Albertson AK4N
Alan Alsobrook KD4QOF
John Brittingham KO4SMB
Dennis Fernandez N4KPI
Leo Kim KQ4HWF
Ed Manfredi W4EML
Ron Morgan KM4AC
Kevin Pellegrino KM4PHI
Larry Sapp WD8SEL
Bob Sileo N2PE
Frank Sileo N1PE
John Smith K3GO

Diane Rabideau-Wise WA4ZDQ
Franco Venturi K4VZ
Linda Visman KN4KJC
Richard Visman NN2T
Richard Wallace KG6YEM
Allen Wyatt W4YO

Guests:

Juan Lopez AC6ZM
Joe Sileo N1AQR
Steve Dove W3EEE

- 1) Bob Sileo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm ET.
- 2) Bob asked members to stand for the Pledge to the Flag.
- 3) Recognition of guests, new members and member upgrades, Leo Kim has upgraded to General and Joe Sileo N1AQR is in town visiting from Arizona.
- 4) Approval of the Minutes- Motion to approve as written by Linda Visman, seconded and approved unanimously.
- 5) Approval of the Treasurers Report – The report was read. Motion to approve by John Brittingham, seconded, and approved unanimously.
- 6) Discussion Items:
 - a) Field Day Recap: A well-attended event where 4 stations were set up and operated simultaneously. The club and chef Bob provided a nice lunch and Dinner. Basically, a good time was had by all.
- 7) This month's events:
 - a) Testing Session Saturday August 12, 2023
 - b) Friday lunches (well attended) (Neds)
 - c) Last Saturday Breakfast – August 26, 2023 (The Spot)
- 8) Next Operating Event
 - a) International Lighthouse and Lighthouses Weekend
 - i) August 19-20, 2023
 - ii) St Augustine Lighthouse
 - iii) Need an event chairperson.

- 9) Other Events in 2023
 - a) JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) October 21-22 (Special Event Requiring Youth Protection Training and individual approval)
- 10) Other Business:
- 11) Next Meeting
 - a) Tuesday Sept. 5, 2023, at 7 pm and will be virtual (Google Meets)
 - b) Guest Speaker: Ed Fong WB6IQN inventor of the DBJ-1 and DBJ-2 antennas.
 - c) Information including the link to sign into the meeting will be sent out later.
- 12) Adjournment of the business portion of the meeting: Moved, Seconded and approved.

PROGRAM:

Exploring The Florida QSO Party in Expedition Mode (introduction to advanced contesting "Radio Sport")

Presented by Juan Lopez Jr., PhD, AC6ZM and Richard Visman, NN2T

Just the briefest summary of a few high points. We learned about how a small team did their homework on how to make a very good score in a very competitive ham contest that involved operating two mobile/portable (hybrid) stations using specially set up equipment as well as some unique pieces of software and GPS to make as many QSOs from as many places and counties as possible. All of this required careful planning and coordination. Both Juan and Richard are skilled operators, but Juan is unique in that he also does this via high-speed CW which maximizes the number of QSOs and multipliers. They were able to work from several locations that straddled county lines (carefully documented) allowing each QSO to count as two. They used a technique called interleaving where they both operated but never at the same time, so they counted as a single station. Though their stations were mounted in their vehicles, they never operated while moving so that they were counted as a fixed but portable station. This effort required detailed planning, practicing as well as researching the routes ahead of time to find their operating locations. This was contesting at a level most if not all club members were not aware existed.

The program portion of the meeting was adjourned with the 50/50 drawing which was won by Bob Sileo N2PE.

Approved on Sep 5, 2023, 