



## St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society **MEETING MINUTES**

September 5, 2023  
(via Google Meet)

John Albertson AK4N  
Alan Alsobrook KD4QOF  
Patricia Dominguez WA4WSZ  
Rick Hatton KK4GGL  
Eric Hokansson WA1YXV  
Leo Kim KQ4HWF  
Aaron Kroll KO4ZVX  
Doug Parmeter KK4FZT  
Larry Sapp WD8SEL  
Bob Sileo N2PE  
Jason Smith K4LHS

John Stahl WA2AAQ  
Diane Rabideau-Wise WA4ZDQ  
Franco Venturi K4VZ  
Richard Visman NN2T  
Richard Wallace KG6YEM  
Craig Wisman W3LCI  
Mark Wolff N4MEW  
Allen Wyatt W4YO  
  
Guests:  
Ed Fong WB6IQN

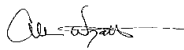
**Program:** Ed Fong, WB6IQN, presented a program entitled “Dual Band Antenna Talk,” which covered background and the development of the VHF and UHF J-pole antennas that are assembled and sold by his electrical engineering graduate students at University of California, Santa Cruz. Ed shared a series of photos and charts that described the design challenges, construction methods, and improvements made to the antennas over the years.

### **Business portion of the Meeting**

- 1) Bob Sileo called the meeting to order at 8:09 pm ET.
- 2) Bob led the pledge to the US flag.
- 3) New member recognition and Upgrades: – Jason Smith was welcomed as a new member. Leo Kim upgraded from General to Extra Class.
- 4) Approval of August 2023 meeting minutes  
Allen Wyatt distributed the draft minutes via email on 9/3/2023.  
Franco Venturi moved to approve the minutes as written.  
John Albertson seconded the motion.  
Motion carried by unanimous vote of the members present.
- 5) Treasurer’s report. No report at this meeting.
- 6) Discussion - International Lighthouse and Lightships Weekend 2023 recap. Richard Visman and Rick Hatton shared that once the antenna was adjusted operations were very good, with about 60 contacts made. Richard documented the installation for use at next year’s event.

- 7) This month's events. Bob reminded everyone of the weekly lunches and the September 30 breakfast.
- 8) Next Operating Event - JOTA. Linda Visman indicated that the Scouts were changing the program for this year's campout and that there would not be a JOTA type operating event in 2023. No word on 2024, we will have to wait and see what happens. We may hold some type of alternate operating event before the end of the year.
- 9) Other events in 2023. Testing and Monthly meetings, attendees were advised to look at their email and the website for up-to-date information.
- 10) Other business. John Albertson inquired about Winter Field Day 2024; Bob Sileo stated he would make the reservation at the St Johns County Fairgrounds school house for the 2024 dates.
- 11) Next Meeting. October 3, 2023, at the North Florida Regional Airport Conference Center. Richard Visman will present a program regarding Parks on the Air.
- 12) Adjournment: Richard Visman moved to adjourn and Franco Venturi seconded the motion.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm ET.

Approved on Oct 3, 2023,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Richard Visman", written over a horizontal line.