



St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday February 6, 2024
North Florida Regional Airport Conference Center

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Steve Dove W3EEE
Warren Freeman KF4DLH
Karen Freeman
Michael Frame KN4FKC
Rick Hatton KK4GGL
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Mike Koralewski K8VA
Buzz Miklos WA4GPM
Doug Parmenter KK4FZT
Kevin Pellegrino KM4PHI
Diane Rabideau Wise WA4ZDQ

Rick Reuther W2BFD
Kyle Richmond KA1FKR
Bob Sileo N2PE
Franco Venturi K4VZ
Richard Visman NN2T
Richard Wallace KG6YEM
David Wilcox K8WPE
Allen Wyatt W4YO

Guests: Jay Garlitz AA4FL
Brandi Garlitz

Business portion of the Meeting

- 1) Bob Sileo called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm ET.
- 2) Bob led the pledge to the US flag.
- 3) New member recognition and Upgrades:
- 4) Approval of the January 2, 2024, meeting minutes.
Allen Wyatt has distributed the draft minutes via email for review by club members. Buzz Miklos moved to approve the minutes as written, Dave Berman seconded. Motion made, seconded, and approved by unanimous vote of the members present.
- 5) Treasurer's report: Kevin Pellegrino gave the report. Allen Wyatt moved to approve, and Rick Hatton seconded. Motion made and approved by unanimous vote of members present.
- 6) Winter Field Day Recap:
 - 20 or more hams attended the event at Favor Dykes State Park
 - A special visitor stopped by to chat: A young woman ham that was traveling up I-95. She is enrolled in an advanced degree program.
 - The weather was great for this January event which can sometimes be a bit cold.
 - Most agree that Favor Dykes is a great place for the event.
- 7) Up Coming Events:
 - Next monthly meeting
 - i) March 5, 2024, 6:30 PM

- ii) Location: North Florida Regional Airport Conference Center
- iii) Program: St Augustine Astronomy Club
- Florida State Parks on the Air
 - i) Venue: Favor Dykes State Park
- Field Day
 - i) Last full weekend in June – June 22-23
 - ii) Venue (confirmed), St Johns County Fairgrounds Schoolhouse
- 8) Other Business: There will be a special HAMFEST held in Palm Coast the weekend of March 9th at the Palm Coast Elks Lodge. This is a benefit event with the proceeds going to James Lea WX4TV to offset health expenses.
- 9) Adjourn business meeting: Motion made by Franco Venturi and seconded by Rick Hatton. Adjourned at 6:46 pm.

PROGRAM: Jay Garlitz AA4FL, North Florida DX Association

Jay was first licensed as a ham in 1971 at age 13. His first DXCC was earned in 1979. He became a dentist in 1982 which would end up affecting his ham radio hobby in a unique way. He is a member of the Medical Amateur Radio Council and the trustee for the radio club at the University of Florida. Jay mentioned the extremely positive effect of the current sunspot cycle and how it is impacting reflection from the various ionospheric layers.

As a Dentist, Jay was able to provide special services to the islands of Banaba and Tarawa in the western Pacific Ocean. The Dxpediton of which he was a part was seeking permission to operate on Banaba, but the authorities were reluctant unless they could bring something to the island. That happened to be Jay and his skills as a dentist. Jay took dental equipment the island and while his Dxpediton was there, he not only treated islanders but also trained some of the locals to be able to do basic dentistry after he left. The equipment that he brought to the island stayed there, thus giving the islanders a lasting gift. Only recently was Jay able to work this island as operating from it did not give him credit for it. The T33T Dxpediton was worked by Jay and a number of club members.

As a parting message to the club, Jay reminded members that when working DX, they should use "split" operation, be very patient, use very good operating etiquette and "Don't be Lids."

Drawing for the 50/50. Won by Franco.

The meeting concluded at about 7:50 pm.

Approved March 5, 2024

