



St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday August 7, 2024
North Florida Regional Airport Conference Center

John Albertson AK4N
Alessandro Amari KQ4OSZ
Dave Berman WA2PAY
JR Brittingham KO4SMB
Steve Dove W3EEE
Michael Frame KN4FKC
Rick Hatton KK4GGL
Erik Hokansson WA1YXV
Stefanos Kallas/Tzirakis KN4TGV
Frank Kirbyson KN4CLP

Rick Reuther W2BFD
Larry Sapp WD8SEL
Jim Scoggins KQ4SXE
Franco Venturi K4VZ
Linda Visman KN4KJC
Richard Visman NN2T
Richard Wallace KG6YEM
Allen Wyatt W4YO

Business portion of the Meeting

- 1) John Albertson called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm ET.
- 2) Pledge to the US flag.
- 3) Recognition of new members and guests. (Stefanos Kallas and Jim Scoggins)
- 4) Approval of the June 5, 2024, meeting minutes.
Allen Wyatt has distributed the draft minutes via email for review by club members. Rick Hatton moved to approve the minutes as written, Franco Venturi seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote of the members present.
- 5) Treasurer's report: The Treasurer was absent
- 6) Review of the very successful Field Day.
- 7) Up Coming Events:
 - Next Monthly meeting will be online September 3, 2024
 - i) Location Online via Google Meets
 - ii) Program: **RF Exposure, Resources, and responsibilities.**
 - International Lighthouse and Lightships Weekend
 - i) August 17-18, 2024
 - ii) St Augustine Lighthouse
 - iii) Operating hours 10-2
 - iv) Bob will have a short organizing meeting prior to the event.
- 8) Other Business:
 - Possible T shirt order.
 - i) There is a 12-shirt minimum.

- ii) Cost is in the \$19 to \$24 range depending on size. We will order as soon as we have 12 members to place and order. A suggestion was made for the club to buy some inventory. (This was table for another meeting).
- 9) John called to adjourn the business meeting at about 6:49 pm. A motion made (JR Brittingham), seconded (Franco Venturi), and approved.

PROGRAM: John Albertson, AK4N - **An Introduction to FT-8**

John presented an overview of how to set up FT-8 on your computer and connect to your rig via a USB cable assuming you have a smart Transceiver and discussed how to do this using other devices. He also went into operating details in some depth.

John also discussed some of the auxiliary programs such as JT Alert which help in spotting DX countries. He mentioned how you can customize JT Alert to fit your needs and how it tells you if a station logs via LOTW and/or QRZ.

(Note: the secretary/note taker was out in the parking lot running the Wednesday night phone net during much of the presentation and missed some details.)

50/50 Drawing: Won by Rick Reuther who contributed most of his winnings back to the club.

Approved September 3, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Allison", followed by a horizontal line.