



St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday August 5, 2025
FOP Lodge #113

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Richard Visman NN2T
Richard Wallace KG8YEM
GUESTS
Beck Ellis
Richard Weltman
Charles Menzel

Business portion of the Meeting

1. Call to order 6:32 PM
2. Pledge to the flag
3. Recognition of new members, guests, and new and upgraded licenses
4. Approval of June 2025 Meeting Minutes (Jim Scoggins and JR Seconded)
5. Treasurer's report- We have 80 members as of this reporting period. (JR motioned, John S. Seconded)

As of August 5, 2025	
Balance June 3, 2025	\$6,448.40
Income (dues & 50/50)	\$140.00
Expenses (SJC Fairgrounds drinks etc.)	\$285.55
Bank Balance	\$6,239.85

6. Upcoming Events

Future Event : Parks on the Air at Castillo de San Marcos October 25, 2025 -Castillo de San Marcos, downtown St Augustine. Larry Slight is working this event.

7. Past Event : International Lighthouse and Lightships Weekend 2025 August 16 and 17, 2025. Last weekend SAARS enjoyed a successful event at the St Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum, operating N4AUG during the 2025 International Lighthouse and Lightships Weekend (ILLW).

Some quick statistics:

- 42 contacts total during the weekend.
- We made contact with five other lighthouses (one in Indiana, three in New York, and one in Michigan).
- Operations were on 40 meters, 20 meters and 15 meters.
- DX contacts were made with Canada, Belgium, Greece, and the Canary Islands.

Thanks to all in attendance for setting up, operating, and tearing down the equipment and antenna systems. Also, a special thanks to Leo, KQ4HWF for assembling the logs and to Doug, WF4B, for uploading the logs to the Logbook of the World.

Radios and sloper antenna worked very well in spite of lame propagation. Noted that we should bring fans again if this is repeated next year.

Amanda Goodall (museum management) sent a nice thank you email for our efforts at the museum and contributing to their mission. She is looking forward to have SAARS back.

Thanks to Bob and the SAARS team who supported and operated this event.

8. Next Monthly Meeting - September 2, 2025, 6:30 pm a. FOP St. Johns County Lodge #113

9. Other Business

- a. New logo for SAARS. Voting email on the logo has been sent to all members for their input. Please complete survey by September 10th. Survey link is in the email. Very easy to fill out and vote. (look for "SAARS -- Logo Survey, September 2025" email title)
- b. Looking for topics for next meetings. Suggestions are:
 1. DMR radio configuration and programming
 2. Topics to assist new amateurs in the jargon, technologies and help new persons get exposed to all the varieties of amateur radio. Facets of the hobby, CW, SSB, DXing, Television, VHF -UHF radios, HF radios, antennas, software, and the contests – annual events such as Field day, Contests, Hamfests etc.
 3. Bob asks for new members (and all members) to send / suggest topics in this area.
- c. Program follows the business meeting

10. Adjourn the business meeting 6:56PM (JR motioned and Linda Visman seconded)

PROGRAM: Jim Klucar, KR4BQT Seeing Through Clouds: A High-Level Overview of Synthetic Aperture Radar and Capella. (excellent program – thanks Jim)

Thanks

Your SAARS officers