



St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 2, 2025

FOP Lodge #113

Alan Alsobrook KD4QOF
Dave Berman WA2PAY
John Brittingham KO4SMB
Janet Dougherty KO4YYN
Dennis Fernandez N4KPI
Rick Hatton KK4GGL
Ted Hill W4POK
Eric Hinson KK4THE
Leo Kim KQ4HWF
Frank Kirbyson KN4CLP
Sue Kirbyson KN4KNC
Bill Kisse W3MSH
William Kizer KQ4OHB
Jim Klucar KR4BQT
Joseph Logan III KO4VOY
Jack Maiher KQ4TRB

Charles Menzel KR4GHJ
Diane Rabideau-Wise WA4ZDQ
Rick Reuther W2BFD
Larry Sapp WD8SEL
James Scoggins KQ4SXE
Bob Sileo N2PE
John Smith K3GO
Tim Stack N4ONO
Richard Wallace KG6YEM
Richard Weltman KR4GHZ

GUESTS

Joe Sileo N1AQR
Curt Schwarz KK4FFQ
Mike Fara
Ron Richey K4RKA (new member)

Business portion of the Meeting

1. Call to order 6:34 PM
2. Pledge to the flag
3. Recognition of new members, guests, and new and upgraded licenses
4. Approval of August 2025 Meeting Minutes (Ted motioned and Eric Seconded)
5. *Treasurer's report*- We have 86 members as of this reporting period. (Bill motion, John S. Seconded)

As of August 5, 2025	
Balance June 3, 2025	\$6,329.85
Income (dues & 50/50)	\$120.00
Expenses (SJC Fairgrounds drinks etc.)	\$0.00
Bank Balance	\$6,449.85

6. *Operating Events:*

- Light House Event – discussion of the event, antennas and RF Safety;
- Field Day Stats – thanks for Leo and Doug's efforts 11 CW, 4 digital and 112 SSB QSOs. Score was 284 from the county fairgrounds. Thanks for all who attended.

- 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 which runs from 10 AM to 2 PM and we will need volunteers.

7. *Club Volunteers:*

Bob Sileo(president) has signup sheet for speakers and topics for future meeting. Please volunteer and pitch in the many areas the club needs. Alan maintains repeaters, Volunteer examiners (Rick and Jim KF4MX) and Bill (W3MSH) volunteers' photography. Please see Bob N2PE for volunteering for open positions and ways to help.

8. *New Hams Corner:*

- Bob let the discussion as what do new amateurs like to see? How can the club help new members into the hobby covering radios, antennas, cables, equipment and like such as terms (abbreviations).
- Bob covered a list of acronyms and abbreviations to help new hams with terminology and topics to assist new amateurs with 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. should be covered in future meetings.
- Bob asks for new members (and all members) to send / suggest topics in this area.
- Discussion featured our Group.IO for SAARS (online discussion group for Q&A, equipment and technical topics. <https://groups.io/g/SAARS/topics>
- Discussed the Facebook page for the club. You have to be a member to join SAARS Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/245505349734806>
- Is there an official simplex frequency for the club? We should discuss in future meetings.

9. *Other Business:*

- Website calendar at SAARS.Club website uses google through 2026. Like the lunch meetings @NEDS on Friday etc. <https://saars.club/> “
- New logo for SAARS discussion was complete and art will be prepared by Ted, W4POK

10. *Next Monthly Meeting:* - October 7, 2025, 6:30 pm a. FOP St. Johns County Lodge #113. Program will be: “Space Limited Antennas - Work the world with Digital Modes - wire, loops and low power”

Adjourn the business meeting 7:47 (JR motioned and Bill seconded)

Program which follows the business meeting:

Radio Programming workshop – bring radios, computers and software

Thanks
Your SAARS officers