



St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday January 6, 2026

FOP Lodge #113

Alan Alsobrook KD4QOF
Mark Balenger
Dave Berman WA2PAY
John Brittingham KO4SMB
Dennis Fernandez N4KPI
Ted Hill W4POK
Todd Johnstone KD4KJW
Leo Kim KQ4HWF
Frank Kirbyson KN4CLP
Bill Kisse W3MSH
William Kizer KQ4OHB
Charles Menzel KR4GHJ
Buzz Miklos WA4GPM
Danny Miller KB8W
Ron Morgan KM4AC
Diane Rabideau-Wise WA4ZDQ
Larry Sapp WD8SEL
Bob Sileo N2PE
Joe Sileo N1AQR
Larry Slight W4KTJ
John Smith K3GO
Tim Stack N4ONO

Curt Schwarz KK4FFQ
Buddy Tison KK4RXC
Mark Tolzmann KR4HGJ
Steve Urmano WB2AKH
Linda Visman KN4KJC
Richard Visman NN2T
TJ Walden KQ4SBP
Richard Wallace KG6YEM
Richard Weltman KR4GHZ
David Wilcox K8WPE

GUESTS

Jose Martinez KG5EUP
Juan Lopez AC6ZM (Program)

ZOOM Call In

Frank Cantelmo WB1FWS
Marilee Cantelmo KA1BCV
Janet Dougherty KO4YYN
Erik Hokansson WA1YXV
Ron Richey K4RKA
Rick Reuther W2BFD
John Stahl WA2AAQ

Business portion of the Meeting

1. Call to order – 6:35PM
2. Pledge to the flag

3. Recognition of new members, guests, and new and upgraded licenses: Steve Urmano WB2AKH, TJ Walden KQ4SBP, Curt K4FSK?, Mark Balenger (unlicensed), Danny Miller KB8W, Mark KR4HQJ
4. November 2025 Meeting Minutes – approval (Rich motioned and Larry 2nd)
5. Treasurer’s report Nov 4th meeting – approval (JR motioned and Tim 2nd)

Bank Balance on November 4, 2025	\$6,824.54
Income (dues and dinner)	\$1,400.00
Expenses (website, Briskey’s, P.O. box, insurance)	-\$2,044.30
Bank Balance on November 4, 2025	\$6,180.24

2026 YTD paid members (as of 1/6/2026) = 40

6. Upcoming Events

a. Elmer Night

Tuesday January 20, 2026, 7PM, Online – We will look for topics, notes, to address St. Augustine Radio Society topics of “back to basics” of ham radio for new operators for sharing knowledge with everyone about the hobby.

b. Winter Field Day

Saturday January 24, 2026

Held at Armstrong park, 4950 Harvey Avenue, Elkton FL 32033

- i. This is a two (2) day weekend. Saturday at the park setup at 8-9AM and break down by 3-4PM. Look for emails from club to ask for attendance for event. This event is for setup and testing antennas, equipment and trying out different radios on the air. Mostly it will be the HF bands so bring your own rigs, antennas to share. We will operate the club radios and antennas so there will be variety of equipment. Maybe someone can bring Satellite setup?
- ii. Suggestion was made to ask BSA and Civil defense people to come and operate as well. We had a couple persons who will reach out.
- iii. Park has covered areas, 110AC and tables. It is a county park.

7. Next Monthly Meeting –

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 - 6:30PM. At FOP Lodge #113 and On-Line.

8. Volunteer Opportunities – please see signup board (Bob)

Bob has presented signup sheets for Net controllers (Wednesday night 2 Meter net 7PM, Testing and VE programs all can use volunteers. Sign up sheets are on Bob’s large poster board at front table.

- (1) Need net controllers for 2 meter weekly meetings
- (2) Want to start a 10 meter net.
- (3) We need Elmers please let us know area of expertise and what you can do.

9. Other Business –

- I. Discussion between two members about attending the Mass. Maritime Academy.

- II. Rich bought up the Hamcation in Orlando FL this year Feb 13-15th. Alan points out we use 146.625 simplex on our HTs when there to talk with fellow club members (it's the output of our club repeater so we should have great local SIMPLEX coverage at the hamfest).
- III. Noted that SAARS is a 501-(c)(3) charity deductible for those who donate to the club.
- IV. Last comments were made about 6 meter openings past couple days and this is the time of year for 6 meters. Enjoy.

10. Adjourn business meeting **7:01 PM** for the program.(Bill motioned & Richard 2nd)

PROGRAM:

Juan Lopez- AC6ZM " The VP2MMA DXpedition "

Program Completed at 8:03PM

Thanks
Your SAARS officers