



## St. Augustine Amateur Radio Society

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 7, 2026

FOP Lodge #113

Alan Alsobrook KD4QOF  
 Dave Berman WA2PAY  
 John Brittingham KO4SMB  
 Steve Dove W3EEE  
 Dennis Fernandez N4KPI  
 Michael Frame KN4FKC  
 Ted Hill W4POK  
 Leo Kim KQ4HWF  
 Frank Kirbyson KN4CLP  
 William Kizer KQ4OHB  
 Mike Koralewski K8VA  
 Joseph Logan III KO4VOY  
 Charles Menzel KR4GHJ  
 Doug Parmeter KK4FZT  
 Diane Rabideau-Wise WA4ZDQ  
 Larry Sapp WD8SEL  
 James Scoggins KQ4SXE

Bob Sileo N2PE  
 Frank Sileo N1PE  
 John Smith K3GO  
 Buddy Tison KK4RXC  
 Linda Visman KN4KJC  
 Richard Visman NN2T  
 Richard Wallace KG6YEM  
 Rickard Wellman KR4GHZ

#### GUESTS:

Mark Nelson KQ4ODU  
 Joe Sileo N1AQR  
**Zoom - Month**  
 John Albertson AK4N (ZOOM)  
 Frank Cantelmo WB1FWS (ZOOM)  
 John Stahl W2AAQ (ZOOM)  
 Steve Urmano WB2AKH (ZOOM)

27 At meeting, 4 On-Line 31 Total

#### 6:30 pm – Business Meeting

1. Call to order @ 6:36 PM
2. Pledge to the flag
3. Recognition of Frank Kirbyson and Lynne Catoggio of the FOP Lodge 113 for the use of their hall. A big thankyou by the club.  
 Recognition of guests. Joe Sileo N1AQR. No news on upgrades & licenses.
4. March 2026 Meeting Minutes - discussion and approval of March Minutes (Linda and Larry second, all yeas)
5. Treasurer's report –

Bank Balance on February 3, 2026	\$6,814.24
Income (dues. Donation from Rick KK4GGL)	\$126.00
Expenses	-\$229.08
Bank Balance on March 3, 2025	\$6,711.16

2026 YTD paid members (as of 4/07/2026) = 68

- Club has 4 radio kits for loan out to members. We update the membership on the website on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month so all can see current membership status.
- Discussion and approved (JR motioned John second, all yeas)

6. 2026 dues – brief discussion as above
7. Volunteer opportunities-  
We need volunteers to help with POTA events and stations.
8. Nominating Committee and Elections - Club is looking for officer slot nominations so that by December a new executive team will be in place for January 2027 as the Christmas party takes place of a meeting. Bring candidate names to Bob, Joe or John.
9. T-Shirts - W4POK Ted is doing the T shirts. \$25 for silk screened print. Please sign up we need 25 shirts count in order to place an order.
10. Elmer Nights – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month is Elmer night on the zoom call. Steve outlines topics for digital modes, discussions for new and older hams and general Q & A session. In September and October we have no events.
11. Club Go-Kits: Club has 4 kits to loan out to operators. Only requirement is that they are returned briefly for the major field events and then you may continue to use them.
12. Parks on the Air at Castillo de San Marcos recap- Four weeks ago new hams Linda and Richard and W4TKJ (Larry) got the club into the fort. Leo logged 15 contacts in the logs. W4BFF Doug Wiley and N4AUG held the POTA activation. It was a good time.
13. Upcoming Events – see club calendar on website
  - a. Saturday, April 18, 2026 Faver-Dykes State Park  
Bob is making the reservations and we plan to operate one day (Saturday.). Event is a four day event. Make a spot on your calendar for this nice event.
  - b. ARRL Field day  
June 27-28 Last full weekend in June Bob has reserved the St. Johns county meeting house on the county grounds. ( This mean AC and electric for stations )
  - c. June 11 - As of today the Lighthouse team has requested the club for operations there. A demonstration of morse code, operations and a need for operators at each end to show ham radio communications.
14. Next Monthly meeting May 5, 2026 meeting at the FOP Lodge. Maybe a buffer meeting to do an EOC tour. Covering DMR radio.
9. Other business – WB2AKA Steve is rounding up Elmer topics for the monthly program. Please suggest some ideas. Be thinking of new club officer nominations.
10. Adjourn business meeting 6:58 PM. (motion by John and JR, all yea)

**Program follows the business meeting**

Steve Dove W3EEE – **Contesting for non-Contestors**

Program Completed at 7:59PM.

TICKET Draw - John Smith won the \$50 prize- He donated it to the N4AUG funds.

Thanks  
Your SAARS officers