

SAARS 2023 Program and Events Survey Results

(based on the 17 submissions as of this morning)

January 3, 2023

Rank	Program	Yes	No	willing to present
1	[Electrical noise and interference]	16	1	0
2	[Grounding and bonding]	14	3	0
3	[ARES]	13	4	0
4	[DXCC]	12	5	0
5	[Satellite Operations]	12	5	0
6	[Electromagnetic Emissions/RF Safety]	12	5	0
7	[Reverse Beacon and Spotting Networks]	12	5	0
8	[Raspberry Pi, Arduino or other such projects for ham radio]	12	4	1
9	[SDRs and WebSDRs]	11	5	1
10	[ADSB (aircraft) and AIS (marine) monitoring]	11	6	0
11	[Test equipment - nano VNA, Rig Expert, software defined test equipment}	11	5	1
12	[WSJT, FT8 or similar software]	11	5	1
13	[Digital Modes (DMR, P25, System Fusion, D Star, etc)]	11	5	1
14	[Hot Spots - programming and operation]	11	6	0
15	[FT8, FT4, similar modes]	10	6	1

Rank	Program	Yes	No	willing to present
16	[Remote control stations]	10	7	0
17	[Logging Software]	10	6	1
18	[Radio Programming (or Customer Programming) Software]	10	7	0
19	[DXpeditions]	9	8	0
20	[Information from ARRL]	9	8	0
21	[MARS]	9	8	0
22	[WINLINK]	9	8	0
23	[VOCAP and other propagation tools]	9	8	0
24	[Astronomy]	8	8	0
25	[SARNET]	8	9	0
26	[Go boxes and design]	7	10	0
27	[EZ NEC]	7	10	0
28	[Ham Radio Deluxe]	7	10	0
29	[Tour of the SAARS website]	6	11	0
30	[Contesting]	6	11	0

Please enter any topics not listed above you would like to learn about.

- Skywarn
- Real world simplex testing what if repeater is down for a week
- DATV, satellite operation, packet radio, APRS.
- Would like to see if there is interest in radio repair. Hands on restoration of older radio with the intent to learn basics
- Antennas
- Antennas, antennas, antennas
- Antenna Design and building
- Satellite Operations training or demonstrations outside normal club meetings.

Please enter any topics not listed above you would be willing to present.

- NXDN, operating a beacon, operating a repeater (if I still lived down there). Maybe I could do it remotely or record a video if the club is interested.
- QRP operation
- Microsoft Windows 11, Antenna building
- VEC Test Session Overview

Event leaders

- Interest indicated by 5 members
- Bob will reach out to those individual separately

Venue scoring

1. St Johns County Main Library
2. Airport Conference Center
3. Venue on Anastasia Island (in or near St Augustine Beach)
4. Old Waterworks Building
5. St Johns County Fairgrounds School House

Other ideas

- Have more net primary subjects each meeting vs just comments?
- Stream all meetings & allow for interaction; remove the pledge of allegiance. Also, I put I am not interested in "EZ NEC" only because there wasn't an option to indicate not being familiar with the topic, which is what I would have rather stated.
- Would like to see some hands on project things. Pine board type of things. Antenna construction. Think this would help new members and old members share their knowledge.
- "In the last five years or so I have been involved in SDRs and related projects (primarily using SDRplay RSPs). I mostly use Linux on my main computer here (I have a couple of Raspberry Pis too), but I played around with a few Windows SDR applications too. I would be happy to talk about SDRs and show a demo at one of SAARS meetings. "
- Thank you for the hard work.
- "Consider past presentations that have been successful, such as John Gaughan from News4JAX, Angie Enyedi from the National Weather Service (Skywarn Storm Spotters), Donnie Stratmann who is a local expert in DMR. Also, maybe we should consider some type of fund raisers now that we have to pay for a meeting place. In the past we did the flea market event the would net us typically between \$400.00 and \$500.00. Unfortunately that flea market, at 207 & I-95 is now closed and the land has been sold. Perhaps some type of a raffle for radio equipment?"
- Happy to assist the Club with events, etc., as time permits.

Thank you for responding

- The survey will remain open until January 15, 2023