



Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2024 @ 1900

Officer Attendees:

President: Tom Rossi - KQ4CLQ  
Vice President: Scott Penton - KN4EHC  
Secretary: Christopher Ersson - N4RRJ  
Treasurer: Lew Junk - KM4RLO

Membership Attendees:

- Quorum met for meeting verified by N4RRJ.

Secretary Report:

- N4RRJ confirmed the uploading of the minutes to the website for all to review prior to the meeting from the month of February 2024. Motion to approve from N9CLD and seconded by WW4OCF. All were in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- Newly accepted club applicants:
  - AK2W – see application attached.
  - KQ4PMI – see application attached.

Treasurer Report:

- KM4RLO confirmed through N4RRJ that the treasury report for the month was uploaded to the website for all to review prior to this evening's meeting. Motion for approval made by N9CLD and seconded by W4RWC. All were in favor, motion carried unanimously.
- KM4RLO made a motion to waive the annual renewal membership fee for KT4WM for the use of his property during the winter filed day events. N4RRJ seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Net Manager Report(s): report(s) submitted from both N9CLD & KQ4INM.

Testing Manager Report: N4NG reported 7-candidates tested, 4-tech & 2-general congrats.

Outreach Chair: no report this meeting.

Repeater Report: no report this meeting.

Group.io: KQ4CLQ present, no report. DMR class forthcoming at end of March more details to come later in the meeting.

Old Business: none currently.

New Business:

- March 29<sup>th</sup> a DMR Basics gathering will be held at Rhond's Kitchen in Orange City, Florida. KQ4CLQ will be hosting this, and all are encouraged to attend.

Presentation:

- Conducted by WB6IQN virtually utilizing the zoom.com platform.
  - Dual Band Antenna Talk

Our guest speaker for our March meeting was Ed Fong (WB6IQN). As many of you know, he is the inventor of the DBJ-1 and DBJ-2 antenna that was featured in the February 2003 and March 2007 QST. His most recent antenna was the TBJ-1 – a tri-band base antenna that was published in March 2017 QST. The DBJ-1 is a highly effective dual band VHF/UHF base station antenna, and the DBJ-2 is the portable roll up version. The DBJ-2 won the QST Plaque of the Month Award. Both antennas are featured in the ARRL VHF antenna Handbook and in the ARRL Antenna Classic Handbook. There are over 40,000 of these antennas in use today. About half are used by hams and the other half by government and commercial agencies.

Ed gave a history on how these antennas were developed and the theory on how and why they work so well. There is no “black magic” to antennas. He will explain in a non-mathematical manner to convince you for overall performance and simplicity his approach is one of the most practical.

- Biography: Ed Fong was first licensed in 1968 as WN6IQN. He later upgraded to Extra Class (when 20 WPM was required) with his present call of WB6IQN. He obtained the BSEE and MSEE degrees from the Univ. of California at Berkeley and his Ph.D. from the Univ. of San Francisco. A Life Senior Member of the IEEE, he has 12 patents and over 40 published papers and books around communications and integrated circuit design. Presently, he is employed by the University of California, Santa Cruz (previously with Berkeley from 1997-2010) as an instructor teaching graduate classes in Antenna Design, RF design and high-speed interface.

Prize & 50/50: both won by WTOF and he donated the winnings back to the club.

Adjournment: motion by KN4EHC @ 2045 hours and seconded by N4RRJ. All were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*C. Ersson*

Christopher Ersson, Secretary  
WestVARS.org

# WEST VARS

MARCH 11, 2024

N4RRT	CHRISTOPHER
KN4EHC	Scott
KQ4CLQ	TOM
KM4RLG	Lew
KQINM	Kritter
W4WJR	Jim
WV4OC <del>F</del>	Cully
KM4BNS	JEFF
KT4WM	TONY McGhee
N/A	Rusty Crowe
W4RWC	Bob Clarke
AE2KP	KEN PECK
AC3EA	George & Bradshaw
N4NG	Dave Templeton
W4RSR	RANDY RICHARDSON
KQ4PMI	Tony Crisco
KO4YLW	M. Kelly Riley
W4FVC	Fred Coe
KO4ZKR	Steve Letton
N9CLD	Joe Laubinger
W6LMS	Terry
W4RWC	Bob

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List any additional family members (**spouse and/or children who are claimed as a dependent on your tax returns**) who are **licensed radio amateurs**. Paid family members have full voting privileges.

(Jim)  
Name: JAMES H. BAXTER Call Sign: AK2W License Class: EXTRA  
Address: 147 POINT PLEASANT RD City, State: DELAND, FL Zip: 32724  
Phone: 941-321-8033 Email: JimB@live.com

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name: John A. Crisco (Tony) Call Sign: KQ4PMI License Class: Tech  
 Address: 250 Cherokee Hill Ct City, State: DeLand, FL Zip: 32724  
 Phone: 949-572-4937 Email: JAC30@AOL.COM

Spouse Name: N/A Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
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