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San Antonio Radio Club W5SC

January 2017

Radio Fiesta



Radio Fiesta 2017

Our next club meeting will be at 7:00 p. m. on Thursday, Jan 12, 2017, at Grady's Barbeque, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216. There will not be a program. Instead a review of Radio Fiesta 2017 preparations will be conducted, especially work assignments and key times during Friday & Saturday, Jan 13-14, 2017. Radio Fiesta is open 8 a. m. to 2 p. m. on Jan 14, 2017.

This Saturday, January 14, 2017 is SARC's Radio Fiesta!

Our next meeting is at Grady's Barbeque, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216 at 7:00 p. m. on Thursday, January 12, 2017. This may seem a strange was to start an article on Radio Fiesta, but it is the right way to start it. While this is the normal meeting night and other business will be conducted, the real focus is on Radio Fiesta two days later. There will be no program on Thursday, January 12, 2017, to ensure that plenty of time is available to do final coordination for Radio Fiesta 2017.

A great deal of work has already been done.

Pat Knight, AD5BR, has set up arrangements to use two rooms at the Schertz Library this year. One room will be for Technician License Testing, and the other room will be for General and Amateur Extra testing. She has recruited a team of nine Volunteer Examiners to help here. She is so ready that she volunteered to sell raffle tickets until she must go over to the library.

J C Smith, N5RXS, has put together an interesting program. It was not easy as he was still nailing down details a few days (Continued on Page 3)

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Alledgedly you are suppose to reflect on this last year and the next year on New Year's Day and then resolve to do better. As New Year's Day coincides with the start of my second year as President of the San Antonio Radio Club that should mean I am reflecting on what happened my first year and what I would like to happen my second year.

What went well in the first year? Rowena Archer, KF5JCZ, led us through a successful Radio Fiesta 2016. I learned a lot about Radio Fiesta. Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, with a lot of help from a lot of people led us through a successful Field Day 2016. Joe and I learned more than a little bit about how to do Field Day. Our storage unit landlord through us a curve on rental costs. Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, helped us work out a significantly better deal with his wife Linda Bruno who runs a business with some available storage space. The move is well chronicled in the **Bexar Wire**, but Lew Archer, W0YVY, and Rich Roudebush, N4DCA, and Richard Elder, WB5acn, deserve another shout out for what they did when we moved. The Board of Directors took action on a couple of Governance items that needed attention in 2016.

The lessons I learned on Radio Fiesta 2016 are ones that I am applying to Radio Fiesta 2017. You cannot change leadership and expect no changes, but a lot of Radio Fiesta 2017 will look like Radio Fiesta 2016. With some decent weather, we should do well. Field Day 2017 will be better. There were several lessons learned and the Board of Directors has encouraged Joe and myself to look at an antenna patch panel so we can quickly disconnect when lightning comes around. There are other things that we will probably improve upon. We have better access to our equipment in its new site so we can check it easier before things like Field Day.

Overall, I think SARC had a good year last year and will have a better one this year. First things first



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The due date for articles is the Friday before the first Monday of the month.

San Antonio Radio Club

Minutes

None for December as there was no meeting. See the December 2016 Bexar Wire for the November 10, 2016 minutes. Minutes will return next month with those for the January 12, 2017 meeting.

SARC's Radio Fiesta! (Continued from Page 1)



after New Year's Day. The information was posted Saturday, January 6, 2017, on our website w5sc.org by David Espinoza, W5QS, even though he is in the process of moving. An easel

with the correct program will be posted in the lobby between the main hall and the Bluebonnet Room.

Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW, as Tailgate Coordinator will be working Tailgate and Security issues. While we will get traffic cones from the Schertz Convention Center and orange safety vests out of the Radio Fiesta tub, Bob will be using Volunteers. He has several already and will be actively recruiting for more on Saturday morning, January 14. 2017. The still open time slots as of publication of this newsletter are shown on the last page of this newsletter.

Dave Espinoza, W5QS, has done several on demand updates to the w5sc.org website. He has added a lot of pictures from Radio Fiesta 2016 to promote Radio Fiesta 2017. There was a lot going on at Radio Fiesta 2016 and a lot is expected to be going on at Radio Fiesta 2017. He has updated the Dealer Information with promised hotel information, the Event Information with the Program Information at least 2 if not 3 times, and the Visitor Information has been brought in line for Radio Fiesta 2017.

Behind the scenes so to speak, Rowena Archer, KF5ZHW, has been mentoring this year's Chairperson. As Treasurer, she has been feeding dealer mail and pre-registered general admission, raffle ticket, SARC membership, flea market tables, and tailgating mail steadily to the Chairperson while accounting for the money. Once the Chairperson made the deal for raffle prizes, she paid for them, had them shipped to her, and is safekeeping them. J C Smith, N5RXS, has done the yearly audit, and Bill Crabtree, K5FRO, is taking over. Rowena and Bill will be closely working together by their mutual demand to ensure the financial support aspect of Radio Fiesta 2017 is a suggest.

There are some key volunteers.

Richard Elder, VB5ACN, has done the Club Sales Table for many years. He will be doing it again with help from Joe Bruno, W5AUZ, and J C Smith, N5RXS. Perceived change fund problems last year are being addressed. Richard has designed his own change fund.

Pat Knight, AD5BR, and Lester Cray, K5MUG, gave input on the design for the Raffle change fund. Pat and Lew Archer, WOYVY, will be using that change fund to sell as many raffle tickets as possible. They have 2 each 1000 ticket rolls on hand to sell.



Texas (Schertz) — Jan. 14

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8 AM – 2 PM. Spr: San Antonio RC. Schertz Civic Center, 1400 Schertz Pkwy. Tl: 146.94 (179.9 Hz). Adm: Advance \$8, door \$10. w5sc.org.

Insert in January 2018 QST for Radio Fiesta 2017

Lloyd Swartz, KF5ZHW, will be with the General Admissions table. This is the \$10 table. It costs \$10 to get in. The most popular bill offered is \$20, so the most popular change is - \$10. The change fund design for the General Admissions table is heavy on \$10 bills.

Rich Roudebush, N4DCA, has volunteered to be the Pre-Registered Volunteer. He will have the Master Pre-Registered List of General Admission attendees, volunteers, and complementary admissions. He will get

their wrist bands on them and their raffle ticket in their pocket. He will handle preregistered extra raffle ticket sales, memberships, flea market tables, and extra tailgate spaces. He will be doing or helping with At the Door sales of memberships, flea market tables, extra tailgate spaces, and dealer tables. To fill slack periods, Rich will be issuing and collecting the orange safety vests for Tailgating and Security Volunteers.

They are: Rocco Enterprises The Sign Man Lawrence Fuhs Main Trading Company Comfort Craft Sandstone Electronics K V Systems Jim Chapman Computers Leather By James D F Electronics Between them, they are taking over 97% of the tables set aside for dealers. The last one will go to an At the Door dealer, flea market table, or organizational table. The dealers attending have been mostly regular or frequent attendees at Radio Fiesta, and our intent is to make them feel welcome backed.

There will be a total of ten (10) dealers.

The flea market table situation is in a constant state of flux. Until the mail out flyer goes out, the pre-registrations do not really start. After that it is constant. Open the P. O. Box, there is another one. Look at your email, there is another inquiry. Answer your telephone, there is another inquiry. We are over 3/4 sold out as of Sunday, January 8, 2017. With another six (6) days left, it is expected that we will be down to just a handful by 6:30 a. m. on Saturday, January 14, 2017. This is the typical recurring situation. Also, the typical recurring situation is a sell out with *At the Door* sales of flea market tables.

Field visits were made to the Schertz Convention Center on December 2, 2016 and January 6, 2017. There positive, friendly support is probably due to Rowena over the last few years. The Samuel Clemens Cheer Booster organization was authorized to provide refreshments by SARC. They were

found to have coordinated with the Schertz Convention Center. The Samuel Clemens Cheer Booster organization has done refreshments for the last few years. We are pleased to have them back again. The last few table and easel placements for Radio Fiesta 2017 were discussed and accepted by the Schertz Convention Center. It is a good facility and another good experience is expected this year.

The critical supplies of wrist bands, raffle tickets, and pens have been either determined adequate or procured. The change pouches and Raffle Jars have known locations. Instructions for key positions have been drafted and are being coordinated. Signage is in the process of being prepared. The Chairperson's older son is a graphic artist and is mentoring the Chairperson through this. The need for Dealer Welcome and Thank You letters have been identified. Various table number tags, slips, etc. need to made. It is expected that table assignments will be finalized January 12, 2017 with minor adjustments after the mail drop on Friday, January 13, 2017. The Master Pre-Registered List will be closed off after the mail drop on Friday, January 13, 2017 as well. Generally, the last organizational steps are now in manageable proportions.

The Raffle Prizes are:

1st Prize (1 each): Alinco DX-SR8T 100W All Mode HF (160m to 10m) Transceiver

2nd Prize (1 each): Yaesu FTM-3100 65W 144MHz FM Mobile Transceiver

3rd Prize (2 each): Baofeng UV-5RT Hand Held Dual-Band [2M VHF, 70CM UNF] Transceiver

ARRL - AFFLIATED EVENT

Preview of Radio Fiesta 2017 Committee Briefing

This is a preview of the Radio Fiesta 2017 Committee briefing for all members as the next general membership meeting at 7:00 p. m., on Thursday, January 12, 2017. The Chairperson expects to cover the following:

Current Count of:

Dealers and Dealer Tables

Flea Market buyers and Flea Market Tables
Pre-Registered General Admissions
SARC Volunteers for Radio Fiesta 2017
Complementary General Admissions
SARC Pre-Registered Memberships

Floorplan

General Location of Dealer Tables General Location of Flea Market Tables Location of Organizational Tables Location of ARRL Tables (3) Location of SARC Tables: General Admission Raffle Pre-Registration Club Sales Table Administration Table Treasurer Location

Work Assignment List

- Last solicitation for Volunteers

Summary of Instructions for:

Treasurer
Tailgating and Security
General Admission (no checks)
Raffle (no checks)
Raffle Prizes
Door Prizes
Club Sales Table
Sample of SARC Items List
Pre-Registration
Program – on their own
License Testing – on their own

Consignments for Radio Fiesta 2017

SARC will have some Club Tables with items for sale. SARC has several donated items (see) that it will be selling on these tables. SARC will also accept items for consignment from its members for sale on this table with the understanding that a ten (10) percent commission will be donated to SARC for every sale from this table.

SARC members may bring items for sale from this table either Friday evening, January 13, 2017, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. or Saturday morning, January 14, 2017, between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. You should bring a list of the items for sale with (1) Nomenclature sufficient to identify the item, (2) Marked Price, and (3) Reserve Price. An example of the preferred list is shown in the article SARC Amateur Radio Equipment Consignment List elsewhere in this Bexar Wire newsletter. Thumbnail pictures like in the SARC Amateur Radio Equipment Consignment List are recommended. It would be helpful if each item was tagged with the nomenclature employed on the list of items and its marked price. The reserve price can best obtainable, which the SARC Club Table Seller will interpret as anything they can get for the item if it is at least \$1.00. The SARC Club Table Seller will use the difference between Marked Price and Reserve Price as a range within to negotiate a sales price.

You may pick up any unsold items and any funds received from sales at 2:00 p. m. on Saturday, January 14, 2017. We would prefer for the Treasurer to issue checks.

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Amateur Radio Equipment Donation

SARC received the items over the last year. They have appeared in several issues of the **Bexar Wire** with the prices shown in those issues being the estimated value with eBay being a prime source for the value. SARC will be offering up these items at Radio Fiesta 2017. The following is an example of the recommended consignment list.

SARC Amateur Radio Equipment Consignment List					
Picture	Nomenclature	Marked Price	Reserve Price	Note	
HAMMARIUND OF THE PARTY OF THE	Hammarlund HF+-6M Radio Receiver Model Number HQ-110 16.5" W x 9.5" H x 9.5"D	\$160.00	\$120.00	1	
	Speaker, 9" W x 9" H x 7.25" D, goes with Hammarlund Radio	\$50.00	\$30.00	1	
	Drake 2M Radio Transceiver TR22 SN 450681 %.25" W x 2.25" H X 7.25 D w/ Microphone on Coiled Cord	\$50.00	Best obtaina- ble		
GCORDS ACCOUNTS ACCOU	Hallicrafters Transmitter Model HT- 40 SN 102117 13,25" W x7.25" H x 8.5" D	\$100.00	\$60.00		
	Antenna, Steel Whip on Spring Mount Base 50" L PL-239	\$10.00	Best obtaina- ble		

SARC Amateur Radio Equipment Consignment List					
Picture	Nomenclature	Marked Price	Reserve Price	Note	
	EICO In Circuit Capacitor Tester Model 955 SN 13007 .1-50 MFD 5.75' W x 9.5" H x 5.5" D	\$25.00	Best obtaina- ble		
43-Range Multiester	Micronta 43-Range Multitester 5.25" W x 6.5" H x 2.5" D in box w/ in- structions w/ Black and Red Test Probes	\$25.00	Best obtaina- ble		
TO CONTROL ON THE STATE OF THE	Knight P-2 SWB/Power Meter with Connected Transmission Line Inter- face Box	\$25.00	Best obtaina- ble		
	Frequency Plugs, Various, 10 total 10	\$10.00	Best obtaina- ble		
	Straight Key mounted on heavy steel base with plug cord	\$25.00	Best obtaina- ble		
	Type CRP-53198 RF Filter Assembly	\$10.00	Best obtaina- ble		

SARC Amateur Radio Equipment Consignment List					
Nomenclature	Marked Price	Reserve Price	Note		
1 of 2 Honeywell Galvanometer 2420A	\$15.00	Best obtaina- ble			
2 of 2 Honeywell Galvanometer 2420A	\$15.00	Best obtaina- ble			
Antenna, Whip for Vehicle	\$10.00	Best obtaina- ble			
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1. Reserve price for these two items sold together is \$140.00.



EXTRA CLASS COURSE

Where: Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center Hospital, 2827 Babcock Rd

(West of the Medical Center, between Medical Drive. and Hamilton-Wolfe Rd.), in the Kingman room. (As you go in the main entrance, turn right past the information desk. The room is at the end of the hall.)

When: Saturdays, January 28, February 4, 11, and 18, 2017, 9AM to 5PM.

Attendees should attend all four sessions. The Expert Amateur License Test will be given Satur-

day, February 18th at 3PM.

<u>Cost:</u> \$15 for license exam by Volunteer Examiners

Recommended study material: Gordon West, W5YI Extra Class Book.

(Available at www.w5yi or 1-800-669-9594. Cost, about \$30)

For additional information, please contact Bob Rodriguez at (210) 887-6618 or bobrod@flash.net

Next License Test on Saturday, January 14, 2017



Pat Knight, AD5BR, Chairperson, Volunteer Examination Committee, and several the members of that committee will be conducting amateur radio license examines on Saturday, January 14, 2017, as a part of Radio Fiesta 2017. The test session will start at 12:00 noon at the Schertz Library. This test session is open to the public although pre-registration is encouraged.

Yahoo Groups

SARC has had a Yahoo Group for a number of years now. Its name is W5SC.

W5SC is being used to publicize SARC business meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes. Members of the W5SC Yahoo Group can and have asked each other technical questions or sought assistance.

W5SC is a closed group. To become a member, go to groups.yahoo.com. (You may need to have a Yahoo account.) This will take you to a website where your groups, if any, are shown with a Search Group box at the top. Enter W5SC. This will take you to the search results page with W5SC on it. Select W5SC to go to the W5SC Yahoo Group. You will then need to select + *Join Group*. This generates a message. SARC members can expect approval to join the W5SC in probably less than 24 hours.

SARC Tweets



Reminder: there are two active Twitter accounts for the San Antonio Radio Club. They are @SARadioClub and @ARadioFiesta.

The @SARadioClub is being used to publicize SARC meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes.

As Radio Fiesta 2017 work has commenced, the @ARadioFiesta is being used again for the January 14, 2017 Radio Fiesta.

SARC members are encouraged to follow both Twitter accounts.





There is a San Antonio Radio Club - SARC (@saradioclub) Facebook Page.

The newsletter editor is making posts about SARC meetings and other activities. Any Officer, Committee Chairperson, or member who believes that they have information that should be posted to this page should contact the newsletter editor using the contact information for the newsletter editor on page 2 of this newsletter.

SARC members are encourage to follow this Facebook Page.

SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

Webmaster: David Espinoza W5QS

W5qs@att.net 210-287-5036

SARC Meeting Dates for next 12 Months

January 12, 2017 February 9, 2017 March 9, 2017 April 13, 2017 May 11, 2017 June 8, 2017 July 13, 2017 August 10, 2017 September 14, 2017 October 12, 2017 November 9, 2017 December (None)

Meetings are held at Grady's Barbeque, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216 at 7:00 p. m.

Come early and eat with other members coming early.

Field Day 2017

Setup: Friday, June 22, 2017 Operations: Saturday, June 24, 2017 & Sunday, June 25, 2017

Where SARC proves they are an eating group with a radio problem.

More information to follow, but hold these dates.

Radio Fiesta 2017

January 14, 2017
Schertz Civic Center
See newsletter article for more information

Amateur Radio License Classes

An Amateur Extra Course will be held on Jan 28, 2017 and Feb 4, 11, and 18, 2017 at Christus Santa Rosa Medical Center Hospital from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact: Bob Rodriguez K5AUW

License Testing Dates for 2017 and early 2018

February 25, 2017 April 22, 2017 June 24, 2017 August 26, 2017 October 28, 2017 January 13, 2018

Instructor

Times and locations along with required document information can be found on SARC's website.

SARC does all its licensing testing as a part of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) organization so all the Volunteer Examiners in SARC are duly authorized Volunteer Examiners of ARRL's VEC.

JOTA

Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air

This year's date is Oct 21, 2017. The plan is to again hold it at the Texas Transportation Museum.

For more information, contact: Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW

Emergency Communications

If you are interested in emergency communications, contact:
JC Smith N5RXS

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Friday, Jan 13, 2017

Work Assignments

Pre-Vendor Arrival Check

3:00 p. m.

1. Harold Fleischer

2. Rodney Brown

Vendor Check-In and Set-up

Chair: Harold Fleischer

1. Harold Fleischer

Vendor Check In

4-6:00 pm 6-8:00 pm

8-9:00 pm 1. Harold Fleischer

Harold Fleischer

Rear Door Security

4-6:00 pm 6-8:00 pm 8-9:00 pm

1. Rodney Brown 1. Rodney Brown 1. Rodney Brown

2. Mike Harrison 2. 2.

Float Security

4-6:00 pm 6-8:00 pm 8-9:00 pm

1. Lyndon Woodall 1. Lyndon Woodall 1. Lyndon Woodall

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Radio Fiesta 2017

Saturday, Jan 14, 2017

Work Assignments

Early Setup

6:30 a.m.

- 1. Harold Fleischer
- 2. Rodney Brown
- Tim Looney

Inside the Hall

Chair: Harold Fleischer Treas: Brad Crabtree Asst Treas: Rowena Archer

Pre-Registered Tickets

7-9:00 am 9-11:00 am 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

1. Rich Roudebush 1. Rich Roudebush 1. Rich Roudebush

General Admissions Tickets

7-9:00 am 9-11:00 am 11:00 am - 1:00 pm 1. Carol Swartz 1. Mark Thompson 1. Mark L. Love

2. Lloyd Swartz 2. Lloyd Swartz

Raffle Tickets

7:30 pm-9:30 am 9:30-11:30 am 11:30 am - 1:00 pm 1. Lew Archer 1. Lew Archer 1. Lew Archer

8:00-10:00 am 10:00-12:00 am 1. Pat Knight 2. Pat Knight

Sales

7:30 pm-9:00 am 9:00-11:00 am 11:00 am - 1:00 pm 1. Richard Elder 1. Richard Elder 1. Richard Elder

2. Joe Bruno 2. Joe Bruno 2. Joe Bruno

Main Hall Door Security

Lead: Bob Rodriguez

7-9:00 am 9-11:00 am 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

1. Rodney Brown until 11:45 1. Rodney Brown 1. Rodney Brown

2. Bill Craft 2. Bill Craft 2. Bill Craft

3. Mike Harrison 3. Ken Nichols 3.

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Tailgate

Lead: Bob Rodriguez

9-11:00 am 7-9:00 am 11:00 am - 1:00 pm 1. Rus Garner 1. Rus Garner 1. Rus Garner

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