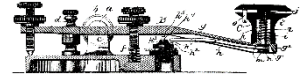




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December 2017



Charles D. Land, KC5NKK, making his presenting on Hurricane Harvey and Amateur Radio at the SARC meeting on November 9, 2017



Charles D. Land, KC5NKK, receiving a Program Certificate of Appreciation from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, SARC, after his presentation at the SARC meeting on November 9, 2017

Hurricane Harvey and Amateur Radio

At the 7:00 p. m. meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at Grady's Barbeque, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216, the program was by Charles D. Land, KC5NKK, on Hurricane Harvey and Amateur Radio. He had many pictures that he took during Hurricane Harvey relief efforts in the town to which he went to help. He used these as a basis for relating his experiences with amateur radio while helping with Hurricane Harvey.

The presentation was well received. Mike Harrison, KB5KST, thanked Charles D. Land, KC5NKK, for making his presentation and turned the meeting back over to the President. Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, who presented Charles D. Land, KC5NKK, with a Program Certificate of Appreciation.

The meeting went on from there. The two major items were the report on Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) and the nomination and election of officers for calendar year 2018.

Mike Harrison, KB5KST, was the JOTA Chairman for 2017. It was held, as planned, at the Texas Transportation Museum (TTM) who were very supportive hosts just as they were last year. The first two stations were set up as planned by 10:00 a. m., which was the advertised start time. There were sufficient hams to get started. The overall report by Mike, KB5KST, was in line with the article in the November 2017 issue of the **Bexar Wire**. Mike, KB5KST, (Continued Page 5)

NO MEETING in December Radio Fiesta 2018

Our next club meeting will be at 7:00 p. m. (1900) on Thursday, January 11, 2018, at Grady's Barbeque, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216. There will not be a program at this meeting as the focus will be on final preparations for Radio Fiesta 2018 at the Schertz Convention Center on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

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TO
W5SC

This time last month I thought that this would be my last President's Radiogram. I was looking forward to making this, my 24th, President's Radiogram my last. I accepted the opportunity to serve as President for 2018. Hence, I will be writing twelve more President's Radiograms after this one.

It has been an interesting year. It started with me also being the Radio Fiesta 2017 Chairperson. I know that I have written about that experience before, but some things bear repeating. It was not a Lone Ranger exercise. A lot of SARC members came together to help execute that event. It went well, and I learned a lot. I wrote an After Action Report where I shared my lessons learned with both the Board of Directors and my successor as Radio Fiesta 2018 Chairperson, JC Smith, N5RXS. I will be in a worker bee mode for Radio Fiesta 2018, but I am looking forward to working with all of you under JC's leadership to make it a success.

Field Day 2017 was an unexpected chore. The good news was that Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, has healed and is raring to go on Field Day 2018. There was a lot that I learned as acting Field Day Chairperson. At the top of the list was who was willing to help and participate to make it a success. It is definitely not a Lone Ranger exercise either. I wrote an After Action Report where I shared my lessons learned with both the Board of Director and the Field Day 2018 Chairperson, Joe Bruno, W5AUQ. Incidentally, trying things out and learning the lessons from what is tried is an intentional part of Field Day. I will also be in a worker bee mode for Field Day 2018.

Halleuh! I am out of space. I will close with



Merry Christmas!

Harold

AE5AS

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San Antonio Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
 November 9, 2017

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. at Grady's BAR-B-Q, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216. There were 17 members and 5 guests in attendance. (Fifteen ate at Grady's BBQ before the meeting.)

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, then introduced himself as Harold AE5AS and then in accordance with SARC custom asked everyone else to introduce themselves.

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, then turned the meeting over at 7:05 p. m. to Mike Harrison, KB5KST, Vice President, who introduced the program. The program was presented by Charles D. Land, KC5NKK, on his Hurricane Harvey and Amateur Radio. Mike Harrison, KB5KST, thanked Charles D. Land, KC5NKK, and turned the meeting at 7:22 p. m. back over to Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, who immediately presented Charles D. Land, KC5NKK, with a Program Certificate of Appreciation.

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, then reviewed the printed agenda for meeting with the members present and asked if there were any modifications. There being no modifications suggested, Harold Fleischer AE5AS announced the printed agenda as orders for the meeting without objection by unanimous consent.

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, then stated that whereas the minutes for the last meeting on October 12, 2017 had been distributed in the November 2017 Bexar Wire newsletter that unless there were corrections or objections that we would dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written without objection by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports:

President

I have plans to assemble key data like minutes, newsletters, and pictures for the 2 years that I was President for handoff to the incoming President and Secretary at the January 11, 2018 meeting. I expect to do that during the Chairman of the Board Report.

Need a Newsletter Editor

Vice President – Future Program: There is no December meeting. Traditionally, SARC members have gone to the AARO Christmas Party

In January 2018, there will be a meeting, but no program as the focus will be on Radio Fiesta.

The February 8, 2017 meeting will have a presentation on Skywarn by Paul Yura, KI4DVO.

Secretary – The registered agent with the Texas Secretary of State paperwork is done.

He has finished scanning and organizing all old documents that he has received.

Treasurer – Financial Report was distributed by the Treasurer.

A budget Report through the end of Oct 2017 was distributed by the Treasurer.

The changeover in Treasurers should happen in the next week or so.

Newsletter Editor - The November 2017 *Bexar Wire* newsletter was sent out by Bill Crabtree, W5FRQ, on November 7, 2017.

The deadline for input, as stated on the bottom of page 2, remains the last Friday of the month.

Webmaster – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, reported that the new website is up and running since shortly after the last meeting.

The new website includes a Trading Post page. Information about items for sale should be sent to the webmaster if you want them on this page.

He will be taking over Facebook and Twitter and putting out information on them this coming month.

Chairman of the Board Report –Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW – no report.

Committee Reports

Education and Training – Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW, is planning a General Class to start in late February-early March 2018. The class is on three consecutive Saturdays with the VEs giving the test during the last two hours. It uses the Gordon West General book.

Emergency Communications – JC Smith, N5RXS, had no report. He has no information on the re-scheduling of the SET.

A Weather Seminar is planned to be in March 2018. It will cost \$50. If you are interested in attending, email him at n5rxs@satx.rr.com.

Executive – No meetings since last month.

Field Day – Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, Chairperson, reported that he plans to acquire quick connector PL259s to improve the Patch Panel for the next Field Day. He will be ready to turn in that cost estimate in January 2018 to the Executive Committee for inclusion in the next budget.

He is working on the air launcher and plans to bring the finished one to the February 8, 2017 meeting.

Finance and Review – Inactive until next January.

JOTA – Mike Harrison, KB5KST, reported that JOTA was a success with about 60 Scouts attending along with some 35 Scout Leaders and family members.

There were six SARC members and two other Hams present to help out. We were ready by 10:00 a. m. and did not tear down until 3:20 p. m. Generally, we had two radios in operation on 2M, 6M, 10M, 20M, and 40M at various times. An in brief was done for all Scouts. A demonstration CW straight key was also present.

The Texas Transportation Museum were great hosts and all attendees come ride the train and look around the museum. A thank you letter was sent to them immediately after that weekend.

The President presented JOTA Certificates of Appreciation to Mike Harrison, KB5KST, SARC Chairperson; Jeff Boyes, ND8B, SARC member; Eric Harris, KG5SZV, SARC member; Pete Shavney, WA3OVH, SARC member; Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW, SARC member; and Rosendo Guzman, N5YBG, supporting Ham. Certificates of Appreciation will be mailed to Scott Mikos, BSA Alamo Council and Matt Rottman, K5NON, supporting Ham.

Membership – Tom O'Brien, AB5XZ, reported before the meeting that so far we have 144 members for 2017 with 87 paid and 57 free.

Nothing more has been done on the identification of new hams per the FCC data base.

Radio Fiesta – JC Smith, N5RXS, had to work through some issues on the VE site, but they have been solved. It will be at the Civic Center.

The flyer will be out in November like it always has been. It has been prepared and is pending printing and distribution.

The last information to go on the website has been sent to the webmaster.

VEC – The test session scheduled for 10:00 a. m. on October 28, 2017, at the Great Northwest Library went well with 10 of 12 candidates getting licenses or upgrades.

The next test session at the Great Northwest Library is on December 23, 2017. This was added to the schedule after the August 2017 session was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey.

After that, the next session is on Saturday, January 13, 2017, as a part of Radio Fiesta.

Centennial Commemoration (Temporary) - Tom O'Brien, AB5XZ, reported that the old SARC 3.5: hard diskette was blank so no history to share from it.

He has verified that the SA Parks & Recreation Plaza is not taking reservations for the rounda/gazebo thing at Alamo at this time.

CW Training (Temporary) – Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, reported that he had lost his list of people interested in learning CW and passed a new list around to get it again.

He is planning on having the first meeting in a building at the storage site for SARC's equipment.

Tailgate Swap Meet Committee (Temporary) – Richard Elder, WB5ACN, reported that the tailgate swap meet will not happen in November 2018 due to conflicts at Hangar 18 Surplus that could not be resolved. The next tailgate swap meet has been set up for December 16, 2017 from 7-10 a. m. at Hangar 18 Surplus.

Nominating – Lew Archer, W0YVY, made a report for the committee that the nominees are:

Harold Fleischer for President

Gary Harrison for Vice President

Eric Harris for Secretary
Jeff Boyes for Treasurer
JC Smith for Director through 2022
And then made a motion that the report be accepted to make the proposed nominees.the nominees.

Old Business - None

New Business (Must be presented as a motion)

Election:

Nominations from the floor for:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Director through 2022

were invited, but there were none.

There being only one nominee for each office, all nominees are declared elected to their respective office without objection by unanimous consent:

There were no motions made as a part of new business.

Announcements For The Good of Amateur Radio

Richard Elder, WB5ACN, had an update on the third iteration of the BITX-40 Radio that he has done and information on field strength meter kit.

Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW, announced that AARO will hold their annual Christmas party at 6:30 p. m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at the Blanco BBQ Café. You order and pay your own food and pay a \$5.00 cover charge to AARO.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p. m.

Eric Harris, KG5SZV
Secretary

Hurricane Harvey and Amateur Radio (Continued from Page 1)



Mike Harrison, KB5KST, JOTA Chairperson, presenting Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, SARC, with the Boy Scout of America Certificate for SARC's support of JOTA

Fleischer, AE5AS, President, who accepted it on behalf of SARC and then gave it to Eric Harris, KG5SZV, Secretary, for safe keeping. (A picture of this certificate was included in the JOTA article in the November 2017 issue of the Bexar Wire.) After Mike, KB5KST, finished his report, Harold, AE5AS, presented JOTA Certificates of Appreciation to Mike Harrison, KB5KST, Jeff Boyes, ND8B, Eric Harris, KG5SZV, Peter Shavney, WA3OVH, Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW, and Rosendo Guzman, N5YBG. JOTA Certificates of Appreciation will be mailed to Scott Mikos, BSA Contact, and Matt Rottman, K5NON, who were not present at the meeting.

Did do something that was not done last year. He submitted a report to the Boy Scouts of America who in turn sent a certificate to SARC for participating in JOTA. He presented this certificate to Harold





Mike Harrison, KB5KST, receiving a JOTA Certificate of Appreciation from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, SARC, at the November 9, 2017 meeting



Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW, receiving a JOTA Certificate of Appreciation from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, SARC, at the November 9, 2017 meeting



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Rosendo Guzman, N5YBG, receiving a JOTA Certificate of Appreciation from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, SARC, at the November 9, 2017 meeting



Eric Harrison, KG5SZV, receiving a JOTA Certificate of Appreciation from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, SARC, at the November 9, 2017 meeting

The Nominating Committee report was by Lew Archer, WOYVY, Chairperson. The nominees were:

- Harold Fleischer for President
- Gary Harrison for Vice President
- Eric Harris for Secretary
- Jeff Boyes for Treasurer
- JC Smith for Director through 2022

During the election, there were no nominees from the floor so the above nominees from the Nominating Committee were elected without objection by unanimous consent.



Peter Shavney WA3OVH, receiving a JOTA Certificate of Appreciation from Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, President, SARC, at the November 9, 2017 meeting

The rest of the reports were generally routine and are covered in the minutes starting on Page 3.



ARRL - AFFILIATED EVENT

Radio Fiesta 2018

The San Antonio Radio Club's Amateur Radio Fiesta 2018 is now 33 days away on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

All the dealer letters have been out for 2-3 months and the dealer letter has been available on line for about the same amount of time. Some dealer commitments have been received. It is not unusual for dealers to wait until the last minute to commit. It is anticipated that SARC will have as many dealers in the end as we did last year.

All the invitations to speakers and various organizations like the ARRL Section Manager have been issued. This is a little like dealers in that they tend to wait until the last minute. Again, in the end, it is anticipated that this will all come together.

The Program flyer was placed on the website on November 9, 2017. The flyer is going out in December. We offer discounts on General Admission for pre-registration and those who pre-register can get flea market tables at the same time instead of hoping we have some at the door.

This is real important as SARC sold out of flea market tables last year before the doors opened. Discounted membership is offered in SARC is also offered (\$12 versus \$15).

What is the most important thing that you can do as a member of SARC for Radio Fiesta 2018?

ANS: Sign up on the work assignment sheets. Eric Harris, KG5SZV, is helping JC Smith, N5RXS, Radio Fiesta 2018 Chairperson, with these sheets. He has sent them out via emails to all members. You can volunteer for a 2-hour shift, multiple 2-hour shifts, or for the entire period that a job exists. All the help that you as a member can give in any amount will be appreciated.

Next License Test on Saturday, December 23, 2017



Pat Knight, AD5BR, Chairperson, Volunteer Examination Committee, and several members of that committee will be conducting amateur radio license examines on Saturday, December 23, 2017. The test session will start at 10:00 a. m. at the Great Northwest Library. This test session is open to the public although pre-registration is encouraged. There is a \$15 FCC authorized fee.

Consignments for Radio Fiesta 2018

SARC will have some Club Tables with items for sale. SARC has several donated items 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 12, 2018, between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p. m. or Saturday morning, January 13, 2018, 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. Thumbnail pictures 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 1:00 p. m. on Saturday, January 13, 2018.

Field Day 2017 Results



ARRL has published the official results for Field Day 2017 in the December 2018 issue of QST. SARC was entered as a 4A category station, which means we had up to 4 HF transceivers working at one time on non-commercial power. Paul Guido, N5IUT, did all the paperwork for submission of our report. We are shown with 255 contacts and 1766 points. SARC earned points not just

for the contacts, but for things like publicity including the use of social media. Some clubs with more contacts than SARC had lower scores. Understanding that a part of Field Day is about reaching out to the community, SARC did that work and received points for it.

So how did we compare with others? The article goes on for many pages. The top score was 39,430 points, but they had 16 HF transceivers and were the only ones in the 16A category. The listings are broken out by category, so a better question is how did we compare with others in our 4A category? The top station in 4A had 16,452 points. They obviously had an operating bent and kept their HF stations busy 100% of the time making 4,615 contacts. In category 4A, we were 99th out of 133 stations.

It was never the goal of SARC's leadership to win the 4A category. The goal was to have fun, learn some things, introduce visitors to ham radio, eat well, and report what we did. When evaluated on what SARC's goals were, we did very well: we had fun, learned many things, introduced visitors to ham radio, ate very, very well, and reported what we did to include outreach efforts.

Ham Tailgate Swap Meet

Sponsored by Hangar 18 Surplus



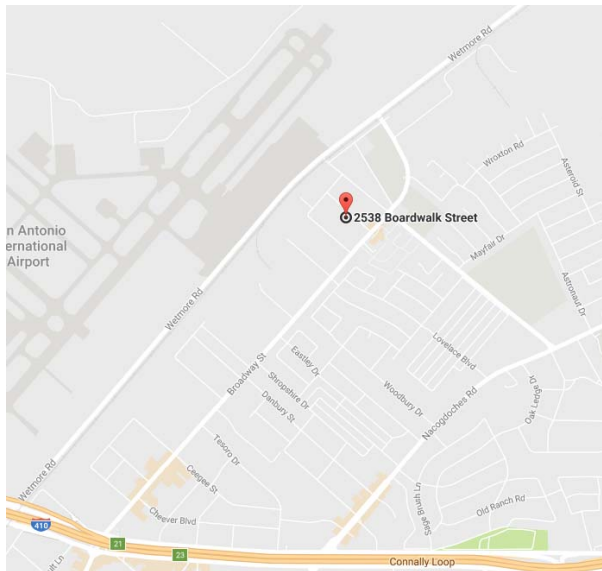
**Saturday, December 16, 2017, from 7 a. m. until 11:00 a. m.
Coffee and Donuts**



Location: Hangar 18 Surplus
2538 Boardwalk
San Antonio, TX 28217

Hangar 18 Surplus carries a wide selection of coax adapters, cables, and the \$1.00/pound electronic chassis/things to be repaired. For the Ham Tailgate Sway Meet, Hanger 18 Surplus will also have a trailer with a selection of used, empty transit cases suitable for use by Hams as GO-KITS and outdoor cabinets suitable for use by Hams for antenna tuners. The cases will be priced at \$1.00/pound.

Hangar 18 Surplus has many embroidered hats and shirts available from an additional product line in which they also do business.



Yahoo Groups

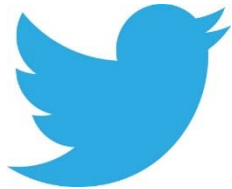


SARC has had a Yahoo Group for a number of years now. Its name is W5SC.

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 Twitter accounts for the San Antonio Radio Club. They are @Radicle 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.

The @ARadioFiesta is available for use in publicizing the January 13, 2018 Radio Fiesta.

SARC members are encouraged to follow both Twitter accounts.

SARC Facebook



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 encouraged to follow this Facebook Page.

SARC SLACK



There is a San Antonio Radio Club Slack team – w5sc.slack.com.

Slack teams are meant to foster communication between team members. Paul Guido, N5IUT, has established the w5sc.slack.com team for SARC. He has also established some channels. Think of the channels as topical areas.

To join send an email to Paul Guido, N5IUT, at radioteacher@gmail.com. In actuality, any team member already a part of the w5sc.slack.com can invite you, but Paul is known to be on it.

SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

Webmaster: webmaster@w5sc.org

Amateur Radio License Classes

A General Course is currently being planned with a start date in late January 2018 – early March 2018.

As this class's plans firm up, they will be summarized here.

SARC Meeting Dates for next 12 Months

- December (None)
- January 11, 2018
- February 8, 2018
- March 8, 2018
- April 12, 2018
- May 10, 2018
- June 14, 2018
- July 12, 2018
- August 9, 2018
- September 13, 2018
- October 11, 2018
- November 8, 2018

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.

License Testing Dates for 2017 and early 2018

- December 23, 2017
- January 13, 2018
- February 24, 2018
- April 28, 2018
- June 23, 2018
- August 25, 2018
- October 27, 2018

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.

Field Day 2018

Setup: Friday, June 22, 2018
Operations: Saturday, June 23, 2018 & Sunday, June 24, 2018

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

More information to follow, but hold these dates.

JOTA

Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air

This year's date is Oct 20, 2018. The plan is to again hold it at the Texas Transportation Museum.

For more information, contact:
Gary (Mike) Harrison, KB5KST

Radio Fiesta 2018

January 13, 2018
Schertz Civic Center

Emergency Communications

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