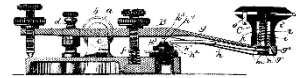




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# Radio Fiesta



Our next meeting is at Grady's Barbeque, 327 E. Nakoma Dr., San Antonio, TX 78216 at 7:00 p. m. on Thursday, January 10, 2019. This may seem a strange way to start an article on Radio Fiesta, but, just like last year, 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 10, 2019, to ensure that plenty of time is available to do final coordination for Radio Fiesta 2019.

*A great deal of work has already been done under the leadership of J C Smith, N5RXS, Chairperson, Radio Fiesta 2019.*

## Radio Fiesta 2019

Our next club meeting will be at 7:00 p. m. on Thursday, Jan 10, 2019, 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 Centennial Radio Fiesta 2019 at the Schertz Convention Center on Saturday January 12, 2019.

**This Saturday, January 12, 2019  
is SARC's Radio Fiesta!**



**JC Smith, N5RXS, Chairperson, Radio Fiesta 2019, will brief members about Radio Fiesta 2019 at the January 10, 2019, General Membership Meeting just one day before setup and two days before Radio Fiesta 2019**

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I want to welcome everyone to the SARC. Just a quick note to congratulate all our past and present members in celebrating our Centennial Anniversary. You all have helped build a great club. Please help us preserve the past, for future generations. I am very proud of being a member and continuing the tradition. It gives me a great pleasure to be associated with SARC. Best wishes in the coming years.

I will also like to thank my predecessor, Harold C. Fleischer AE5AS for being a great leader and role model.

*Radio Fiesta 2019!*  
*Rosendo Guzman*  
**N5YBG**

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

**San Antonio Radio Club**  
Minutes

None for December as there was no meeting.  
See the December 2018 **Bexar Wire** for the November 8, 2018 minutes.  
Minutes will return next month with those for the January 10, 2019 meeting.

## Centennial Radio Fiesta 2019

The San Antonio Radio Club's Amateur Centennial Radio Fiesta 2019 is now 3 days away on Saturday, January 12, 2019. While Radio Fiesta is an annual SARC event, this year it is special because it marks the Centennial year of SARC.



some at the door. This is real important as SARC has sold out of flea market tables 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 2019? ANS: Sign up on the work assignment sheets. Emails are scheduled to go out to all members with a link to a website to sign up for a shift. All members who volunteer and work a shift will get free admission. Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, webmaster and social media maestro is using the Mail Chimp capability that he has set up to send the emails with the link to the special website page for signing up. The webpage will send your information to JC Smith, N5RXS,

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 December 2, 2019. The flyer is going out in early 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

The Raffle Prizes are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (1 each):  
Yaesu FT-891 HF-6M, 100 watts

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (1 each):  
Kenwood TM-281 FM 2 Meter,  
65 watts Mobile Transceiver

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (2 each):  
Wouxum TH-350 Tri-Band Analog 5  
watts



## Centennial Commemoration

Tom O'Brien, AB5XZ, Chairperson, Centennial Committee and his committee members have been holding meetings somewhat frequently for quite some time in preparation of the Centennial Commemoration of the founding of the San Antonio Radio Club (SARC). Some history about SARC can be found on the SARC's website.

The plan calls for quarterly on-air events during 2019. Each event will be in the middle month of the quarter, February, May, August, and November. The details will be announced in QST and to the members, but it will be held for a set number of hours on a Saturday in each quarter. SARC plans to use the San Antonio Museum of Science and Technology (SAMSAT) as the transmission site for several reasons starting with it is a fixed site, is open to the public, and gives SAMSAT some exposure in the ham community of San Antonio. SAMSAT is in start of mode. Tom AB5XZ is working closely with Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, as we plan to take the trailer mounted beam antenna down to SAMSAT for these on-air events. Some cabling needs to be done to make that happen. SAMSAT has a ICOM 781 HF transceiver.

Tom, AB5XZ, wants to see historical articles published every month in the **Bexar Wire** during 2019. A 2019 Centennial Bexar Wire format has been proposed, and it is expected that it will be used. The Centennial logo, as shown above, will be probably be prominently featured in the mass head.

Further, Tom AB5XZ is having coins, patches, and pins made featuring SARC's Centennial logo made. He expects this to be available for sale at Centennial Radio Fiesta 2019. He will be found under the 3' x 8' Centennial banner at Centennial Radio Fiesta.

One thing that Tom AB5XZ denies is that he is a charter member of SARC. He thinks Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW, might have been a charter member. All members of SARC are invited to ask Tom AB5XZ and Bob K5AUW about their charter member status in SARC the next time you see them.

### SARC VE's Busy

Regular VE session December 22 at the Great Northwest Library. Seven candidates earned a Technician license, one earned a General license, and three earned Amateur Extra upgrades. Congratulations to our new hams and upgrades.

On January 12 at the SARC Amateur Radio Fiesta we will have a VE session at Schertz Civic Center, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, Texas, at 1:30 PM in the Community Center - Gym.

There will be a VE session at the HAMsters Lunch & Learn on February 2 at 1:30 PM at the American Red Cross, 3642 E Houston St.

We will have a regular VE session 10 AM February 23, at the Great Northwest Library, 9050 Wellwood.

Candidates can pre-register and get more information for any of these sessions at hamtest@gmail.com .

**Special VE sessions at 1:30 PM:**  
January 12 - Radio Fiesta  
February 2 - HAMster Lunch & Learn





1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the Month  
9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m.

SAMSAT is located at Port San Antonio

SparkMarket location is:


102 Mabry Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78226-2036

SparkMarket, a new tech swap meet located at the San Antonio Museum of Science and Technology (SAMSAT), is now open at Port San Antonio! Join us for open-air shopping as we feature items such as:

- games
  - gadgets
  - ham radio/ shortwave radio
  - miniature Tesla coils
  - robots
  - drones
  - t-shirts
  - Rasberry Pi components
- ...and much more!

There is also a  
Farmer's Market  
at the same location and  
same time.

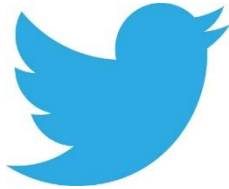
## Groups.io

 SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

The saradioclub Group.io 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 saradioclub Group.io can and have asked each other technical questions or sought assistance.

The saradioclub Group.io is a closed group. To become a member, go to saradioclub.groups.io. (You may need to have a Groups.io account.) You will then need to select *Apply for membership in this group*. This generates a message. SARC members can expect approval to join the saradioclub Group.io 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.

## 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: Bill Craft KD2HIQ  
Billc851@gmail.com  
210-233-8863

### Amateur Radio License Classes

A Technician Class is currently being planned for the first quarter of 2019. As this class's plans firm up, they will be summarized here.

### SARC Meeting Dates for next 12 Months

- January 10, 2019
- February 14, 2019
- March 14, 2019
- April 11, 2019
- May 09, 2019
- June 13, 2019
- July 11, 2019
- August 8, 2019
- September 12, 2019
- October 10, 2019
- November 10, 2019
- 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.

### License Testing Dates for 2019

- January 12, 2019
- February 23, 2019
- April 27, 2019
- June 22, 2019
- August 24, 2019
- October 26, 2019
- December 28, 201`9

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 21, 2019  
Operations: Saturday, June 22, 2019  
& Sunday, June 23, 2019

*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 19, 2019. The plan is to again hold it at the Texas Transportation Museum.

For more information, contact:  
John Douglas W5NZK

### Radio Fiesta 2018

January 12, 2019  
Schertz Civic Center  
See newsletter article for more information

### Emergency Communications

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