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Shertz Civic Center, site of Radio Fiesta 2020

What is the most important thing that you can do as a member of SARC for Radio Fiesta 2020?

ANSWER: Sign up on the work assignment sheets. 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 web-site page for signing up. <https://w5sc.org/rf-vol/>

Radio Fiesta 2020

Our next club meeting will be at 7:00 p. m. (1900) on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at **Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Road, San Antonio, TX 78216**. The primary topic will be Radio Fiesta, Jan. 10-11, 2020.

Volunteers are welcome and needed. There is still time to sign up.

The web-page will send your information to the Radio Fiesta 2020 Team. Volunteers get free admission.

The next best thing to do is attend Radio Fiesta and shop for some great bargains. Get a raffle ticket and you could win a great Yeasu Digital Radio as prize. **Plus this year there are lots of premium door prizes!**

What is Radio Fiesta?

The web page describes Radio Fiesta as a convention for hams. Such conventions are often called hamfests. Because the San Antonio Radio Club is in a city where almost every gathering is a Fiesta, the hamfest sponsored on the 2nd Saturday every January by SARC is called a Radio Fiesta. Radio Fiesta normally features dealers, a flea market, a tailgating market, technical and informational program of presentations, DX Card Checking, and amateur radio licensing.

Here is a schedule for volunteers:

- Setup on Friday, January 10, 2020, from 7:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon.
- Public hours on Friday, January 10, 2020, from 1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.
- Setup on Saturday, January 11, 2020, from 7:00 a. m. to 8:00 a. m.
- Public hours on Saturday, January 11, 2020, from 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon.
- VE testing in the Gym on Saturday, January 11, 2020, from 1:30 p. m. to 4:30 P. m.

Radio fiesta takes a lot of work. There are several jobs needing volunteers. Please visit the web page and sign up.

SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB
PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

NUMBER	PRECEDENCE	HX	STATION OF ORIGIN	CHECK	PLACE OF ORIGIN	TIME FILED	DATE
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Hello fellow Amateur Radio Operators.

Happy New Year and welcome back! For those of you who are new to the San Antonio Radio Club, welcome! I hope each of you enjoyed the holiday season, and were able to spend quality time with family and friends.

I would like to congratulate John Robert Stratton, N5AUS our new ARRL West Gulf Division Director and welcome on board our new staff, Jimmie Neff WJ4M our new News Letter Editor, Lloyd Swartz KF5ZHW our new Vice-President, Jack Bannin N5JLB Secretary, and Bill Craft KD2HIQ as our Board of Director.


Radio Fiesta 2020 is here, a 2-day event. SARC needs you, to volunteer.

Good DX

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Volunteer Examiners at Work



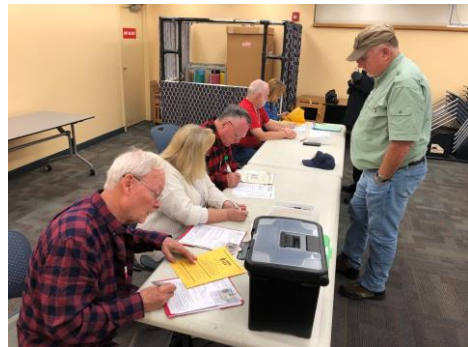
We finished 2019 with a December VE session at the Great Northwest Library. Six candidates earned the Technician license and one earned a General upgrade. Congratulations! Thank you to all the Volunteer Examiners who have helped over the year and to the Great Northwest Library.

On January 11, 2020 at the SARC Amateur Radio Fiesta we will have a VE session at the Schertz Civic Center gym, 1400 Schertz Parkway, Schertz, Texas, at 1:30 PM. Bring a friend to test for a first license or an upgrade!

Our 2020 regular VE sessions will be February 22, April 25, June 27, August 22, and October 24. Regular sessions are at 10 AM at the Great Northwest Library, 9050 Wellwood.

Contact the VE team at hamtest@gmail.com to pre-register for testing or with any questions.

73,
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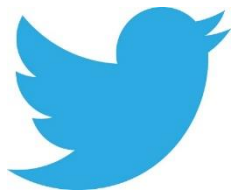


SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

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 2020 work has commenced, the @ARadioFiesta is being used again for the January 10-11, 2020 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
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Amateur Radio License Classes

Multiple classes planned for 2020.

For more information, contact:
David Finell, N7LRY
Instructor

SARC Meeting Dates for 2019 & Early 2020

- January 9, 2020
- February 13, 2020
- March 12, 2020
- April 9, 2020
- May 14, 2020
- June 11, 2020
- July 9, 2020
- August 13, 2020
- September 10, 2020
- October 8, 2020
- November 12, 2020
- December – No meeting

Meetings are held at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216 at 7:00 p. m. Room is available at 6:00 p. m. for supper.

Come early and eat with other members coming early.

License Testing Dates for 2020

- January 11, 2020
- February 22, 2020
- April 25, 2020
- June 27, 2020
- August 22, 2020
- October 24, 2020

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

SARC does all of its licensing testing as a part of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) organization so all of 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 16-18, 2020.

More information will be available as the date draws closer.

Radio Fiesta 2020

January 10-11, 2020
Schertz Civic Center

See website w5sc.org for more information

Field Day 2020

Setup: Friday, June 26, 2020
Operations: Saturday, June 27, 2020
& Sunday, June 28, 2020

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

More information to follow, but hold these dates.

Emergency Communications

If you are interested in emergency communications, contact:
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