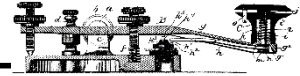




Bexar Wire

San Antonio Radio Club
W5SC



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June 2020



Let's get creative this year on Field Day

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

Since many of us are still hunkering down, and that doesn't look like it's going to change much by the end of June, Field Day is going to be a lot different this year. Our club has cancelled our club event, and I'm really going to miss helping newcomers operate the GOTA station, the food, and all the camaraderie. That doesn't mean that Field Day can't still be fun, though. Let's get creative!

First, note that the ARRL has modified the Field Day rules for this year. The biggest change is that Class D stations, that is home stations using commercial power, can now work other Class D stations for points. Previously, this wasn't allowed.

MEETING

The June 11 meeting will be 7 PM at Blanco Barbeque, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio 78216. Masks are required, attendance is limited to 38. Program is Field Day 2020. Come early and eat dinner with club members.

The second change is that the ARRL will publish aggregate club scores this year. In previous years, this was only done for Class A and Class F entries. Remember, though, Field Day isn't a contest (yeah, right!).

Personally, I plan to operate 1B-Battery. I'm going to set up my KX3 on the front deck and power it with a LiFePo battery charged by a recently-acquired solar panel to get the 100 point bonus for alternate power. For an antenna, I plan to set up my 20m/40m fan inverted-V "GOTA antenna" in the front yard.

I'm going to shoot for other bonus points, too:

- copy the bulletin—no brainer.
- promote my location on social media—I am going to get on NextDoor and invite neighbors over to watch from an acceptable "social distance."
- put some literature down at the bottom of the hill near the street and claim a public information table.
- send a press release to the local online paper and claim a media publicity credit.
- perhaps get someone under 20 to come and operate while I coach from an acceptable "social distance."

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SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB
PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

NUMBER	PRECEDENCE	HX	STATION OF ORIGIN	CHECK	PLACE OF ORIGIN	TIME FILED	DATE
6	R		N5YBG		San Antonio, TX		June
TO							

To W5SC

Hello fellow Amateur Radio Operators. As you all know by now City, County and the State of Texas has started to reopening restaurants dining rooms, retailers, movie theaters, museums and libraries.

So, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many clubs have decided to cancel their Field Day this year due to public health recommendations and /or requirements, or to significantly modify their participation for safe social distancing practices. The temporary rule waivers allow greater flexibility in recognizing the value of individual and club participation regardless of the entry class.

If you are working your station from home for FD2020. Please use the Field Day Station Locator and add your station to the map at <http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator> If you want to test your Station below are some events before FD2020.

Covid-19 Radio Communication Event (6-7) <http://ko8sca.com/rules.pdf>

ARRL June VHF-(June 13-15) <http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>


Keep Calm, Stay Home and Get on the RADIO! Field Day On 2020

Good DX

Rosendo Guzman – N5YBG

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

Minutes
7:00 p. m., May 14, 2020
Zoom Conference Meeting

President Call meeting to Order At 7:04 pm

Introductions by President Rosendo Guzman N5YBG

The primary purpose of the meeting is Field Day

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

Is there being no changes, additions, or deletions to the proposed agenda, it is approved as orders for the meeting without objection by unanimous consent

Officer Reports:

President

Appointments

Newsletter Editor: Jimmie Neff WJ4M

Webmaster: **Bill Craft** KD2HIQ

Education and Training: David Finell N7LRY

Emergency Communications: Joe Bruno, W5AUQ

Executive: Harold Fleischer AE5AS (By Constitution)

Finance and Review: Paul Guido N5IUT

Field Day: Joe Bruno W5AUQ

JOTA: John Douglas W5NZK

Membership: **Bill Craft** KD2HIQ

Nominating: inactive; no appointments.

Radio Fiesta: Bill Craft, Jeff Boyes, Joe Bruno, and Rosendo Guzman

VEC: Pat Knight AD5BR

Centennial and Scholarship: Tom O'Brien AB5XZ

Vice President Lloyd Swartz KF5ZHW – YouTube video Dr. Edward Fong – WB6IQN J-Pole

Secretary – Jack Bannin N5JLB Minutes posted on website.

Treasurer – Jeff Boyes, ND8B No Report

Newsletter Editor – Jimmie Neff reported The May 2020 *Bexar Wire* newsletter was sent out on May 13, 2020. The deadline for each issue is the Monday before the first Thursday of the month.

Webmaster – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, Website – Updated WP version & backed up.

Groups.IO updated membership, sent out ZOOM meeting info Mail chimp – Added new members, Twitter:

Facebook Statistics Pages From April 30th to May 8th Views 109 71 Reach 20 Followers

Website Statistics - Sessions 567 -Down 27% vs. Previous 30 days. Page Views 1174 Down 37% vs Previous 30 days. New vs. Returning visitors – New 57% Returning 43% Device Breakdown Desktop 66%, Tablet 4%, and Mobile 30%

Membership – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ as April 30, 2020 99 Paid members, 16 Free, 10 Family Members, 70 ARRL Members, a total of 125 members.

Chairman of the Board Report – Harold Fleischer, AE5AS No Report

Education and Training – David Finell N7LRY, No Report

Executive – Rosendo Guzman N5YBG – Raffle date moved to August 13, 2020. For tickets, contact Rosendo Guzman, Bill Craft, or Jeff Boyes, or Tom O’Brian.

Emergency Communications – Joe Bruno, W5AUQ No Report. Bexar County ARES net meets weekly on Tuesdays at 8:30 PM. Frequency: 147.180 + 103.5.

Field Day – Joe Bruno, W5AUQ, working on PC and Field Day 2020. Have discussed possibility of having event at location other than Shavano Park, maintaining social distancing by using multiple canopies, rather than a single tent.

Finance and Review – Paul Guido N5IUT No Report

JOTA – John Douglas, W5NZK No Report

Silent Key Committee – Members have relocated items to a storage location. Inventory not completed.

Radio Fiesta – No Report

VE Team – Pat Knight AD5BR - We did not have a VE session in April due to the library being closed and other COVID-19 restrictions. We hope to have our next regular session June 27 at 10 AM at the Great Northwest Library, 9050 Wellwood.

Pre-register at hamtest@gmail.com

The Extra exam questions will change July 1, 2020, so go ahead and study to hopefully upgrade before then.

Logo Committee – Pat Knight AD5BR No Report

Centennial Commemoration (Temporary) - Tom O’Brien, AB5XZ – No Report

Scholarship Committee – Tom O’Brien AB5XZ - No Report

Old Business (Motions carried over from previous meetings) - None

New Business (Must be presented as a motion) - None

Announcements for The Good of Amateur Radio

- Rosendo participated in Contest University associated with Hamvention. He made note of names/call signs of presenters for possible invitation to present at Radio Fiesta.

Meeting Adjournment @ 8:47 PM



Volunteer Examiners at Work



This is the June 2020 Bexar Wire report for the VE team.

We still hope to have our next regular VE session June 27 at 10 AM at the Great Northwest Library, 9050 Wellwood. We do not have enough information on the library reopening after the coronavirus closure to count on the [June 27](#) test session at this point. The GNW Library will allow contactless pickup starting June 16. That is progress, but not enough for a test session.

If you want to test June 27, please pre-register so we know how to contact you. We will let you know when we know if our test location will be available.

Pre-register at hamtest@gmail.com

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73,
Pat Knight AD5BR
210-273-5927 iPhone

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If Class B isn't your cup of tea, check out the presentation, "Field Day and Social Distancing," (https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vSWypTtJ_R0s-UmysOEhQWwJwBlMrOavXqfs5Avi-

[gQzad8Z1c3JFn9TMl5ewxc8VVIIX-2g6bOT-pUFD/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000&slide=id.g774df1657a_0_39](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gQzad8Z1c3JFn9TMl5ewxc8VVIIX-2g6bOT-pUFD/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000&slide=id.g774df1657a_0_39)) by Anthony, K8ZT. It has a lot of great ideas, including ideas on how to operate mobile (Class C).

Field Day doesn't have to be a downer this year. Get creative and have some fun.

Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, is the author of the KB6NU amateur radio blog (KB6NU.Com), the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides (KB6NU.Com/study-guides/), and often appears on the ICQPodcast (icqpodcast.com). When he's not thinking up new ways to enjoy Field Day, he likes to build stuff and operate CW on the HF bands

Silent Key Web Site Page

From web master, Bill Craft, KD2HIQ

The web site now has a silent key page [<https://w5sc.org/silent-key/>] that provides information about thinking ahead and providing forms to document what you have.

SARC does not directly buy any SK equipment, we provide a service to help loved ones dispose of equipment. The service consists of information, consulting and possibly disposal of equipment by donation.

We encourage you to plan ahead and make those hard decisions ahead of time so those who are left don't end up dumping your equipment in the trash. Not everyone plans ahead, most us try to ignore the fact that at some point our health may fail or we may be called to meet our maker.

The goal is to help fellow hams and their families deal with this in their time of need. They do not have to be members of SARC for us to help. We offer our services to the ham community to benefit other hams and their families.

The committee can be reached by emailing SilentKey@w5sc.org

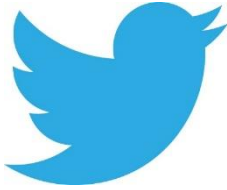


SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

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.

When work again commences the @ARadioFiesta will be used for the January, 2021 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

Multiple classes planned for 2019.

For more information, contact:
David Finell, N7LRY
Instructor

SARC Meeting Dates for 2020

- January 9, 2020
- February 13, 2020
- March 12, 2020
- April 9, 2020 **Cancelled, Zoom meeting on line instead at 7 PM. Check E-mail**
- May 14, 2020 **Via Zoom on-line.**
- 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

License Testing Dates for 2020

- February 22, 2020
- April 25, 2020 **Cancelled**
- 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.

Emergency Communications

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

Field Day 2020

(Pending)

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.