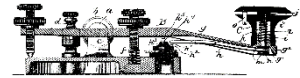




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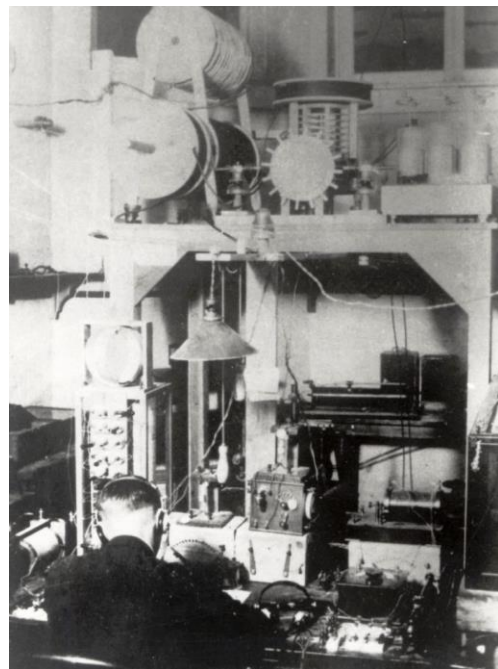
DITS AND DAHS WEATHER REPORT (Follow-on to last month's KDKA story)

The University of Wisconsin's 9XM, now WHA is the longest-running educational station in the US. It was licensed initially for experimental transmissions in June 1915 and, following the lead of similar stations at other schools, soon began a regular schedule of transmitting weather reports for the benefit of farmers and others. The rub: these were via radiotelegraphy, and those who wanted to benefit had to learn Morse code.

The station originally experimented with radiotelephony. A couple of years into the daily broadcasts, they experimented with broadcasting phonograph records and live announcements just as Frank Conrad did in 1919/20 at his ham station using the call 8XK. (Note Conrad's station was pictured in last month's newsletter article about KDKA)

Progress was slowed by the World War restrictions but resumed in early 1920 with a relicensing of the station, which had been engaged in research for the military.

Radiotelephone broadcasts of the regular weather reports were promised but did not become a reality, continuing in code instead. These code-only transmissions went on until early 1921, with only sporadic attempts to transmit speech and music — too late to best KDKA in meeting the criterion of "being accessible by the general public."



Pioneer University of Wisconsin station 9XM was broadcasting weather and other information to farmers on a regular basis before KDKA's Nov. 2, 1920 program of election returns, and may have transmitted information that election night too, if only in Morse code. (University of Wisconsin)

Dues Notice

2021 Membership dues are discounted @ \$12 until January 10, 2021. After that date they are \$15 .

Dues can be paid securely using PayPal through our website.

<https://w5sc.org/membership/>

You can also download our application and pay by mail.

Note: There is no December meeting. This holiday season, be safe and well, keep operating and see you in January!

SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB

PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

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

Hello SARC Members

On behalf of the San Antonio Radio Club, we'd like to take a moment to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holiday season! May the holiday spirit be with you and your family today and throughout the New Year. Remember Stay Home, Stay Safe and Get on the RADIO!

Good DX

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

Education and Training – No Report

Executive – Rosendo Guzman N5YBG – Congratulations to Jonathan Keiser, AG5SY and Sarah Keiser, AG5TJ, for being selected for scholarships from the ARRL Foundation.

Emergency Communications – Joe Bruno, W5AUQ: No Report

Finance and Review – Paul Guido N5IUT: No Report

Silent Key Committee – Bill Craft KD2HIQ: No activity in the past month.

VE Team – Pat Knight AD5BR - We do not plan to have VE sessions in November or December. We will try to arrange VE sessions for 2021, but anticipate that our usual library location will still not be available for a while due to COVID-19 policies. Contact the VE team at hamtest@gmail.com to get on our waiting list for testing or with any questions.

Centennial Commemoration (Temporary) - Tom O'Brien, AB5XZ: No Report

Scholarship Committee – Tom O'Brien AB5XZ: No Report

Nominating Committee: Report from Joe Bruno, W5AUQ (Absent)

Current nominees. All unopposed:

- Vice President Lloyd Swartz KF5ZHW
- Secretary Jack Bannin N5JLB
- Treasurer – Jeff Boyes
- Board of Director Richard Elder WB5ACN
- President Rosendo Guzman N5YBG

Slate of nominees was elected by unanimous consent.

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

New Business: None

Announcements for The Good of Amateur Radio

- Tom O'Brien/AB5XZ informed club members about his award from a Canadian contest for Region 5
- Cray/K5MUG let club members know he purchased a NanoVNA-H model. Described some of the differences from the model Harold demonstrated at last month's meeting, and recommendation on a case/stylus.
- Rosendo/N5YBG asked for suggestions for a place to hang out on some Saturday for a tail-gate sales event in December in lieu of Radio Fiesta, which has been cancelled for Jan 2021. More news to follow.
- Lloyd Swartz/ KF5ZHW: invited club members to submit ideas to him for future presentations.
- Rosendo/N5YBG: 10M contest 12/12/20-12/13/20. Winter field day 1/30-1/31.
- JC Smith: 6 PM Local 12/4/20-12/5/20 – Skyward Recognition Day.

Meeting Adjournment @ 8:18 PM



Volunteer Examiners at Work



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

Thanks!

Thank you to all the Volunteer Examiners who helped at our exam sessions this year. Stay well.

Next test session

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73,
Pat Knight AD5BR
210-273-5927 iPhone

From the President, Topic: SARC Meetings

Time: 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)
Every month on the Second Thursday, except December.

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.
Monthly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/83373352062?pwd=MUx2RmsrUjZ2TGNoeVZMSkZCY2ZQZz09>

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83373352062?pwd=MUx2RmsrUjZ2TGNoeVZMSkZCY2ZQZz09>

Silent Key Committee (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

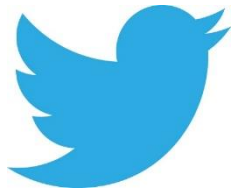


SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

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.

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

SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

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

Amateur Radio License Classes

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 **(Via Zoom)**
- August 13, 2020
- September 10, 2020
- October 8, 2020
- November 12, **2020 Zoom meeting**
- December – No meeting

Meetings are normally 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. In-person meetings have been suspended pending the virus.

License Testing Dates for 2020

Go to Hamtest@gmail.com if you want to schedule a test.

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.

Emergency Communications

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

JOTA

Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air

Cancelled for 2020

Radio Fiesta 2021

January, 2021
Sadly Radio Fiesta 2021 has been cancelled due to Covid-19

Field Day 2021

(Pending)

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