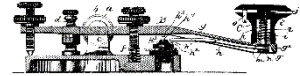




Bexar Wire

San Antonio Radio Club
W5SC



2022, No. 02 February 2022

AARO+SARC Winter Field Day, January 29, 2022, San Antonio, TX (Pete Carpenter, KC3MVS)

The Alamo Area Radio Organization (AARO) and San Antonio Radio Club (SARC) 2022 Winter Field Day was a fun and rewarding event for several club members. We started shortly after 0930 Saturday morning and left at about 2215 CST Saturday evening. The weather was clear and in the 60's most of the day but was in the high 30's when we left. There was no official field day designation for us, so everyone used their own call signs and the 1OSTX designation for our QSOs. We had several US QSOs using SSB, CW, FT8 and one SSB QSO with an event station in Santo Domingo. Eleven hams attended and while a few didn't bring radios, we all had fun and some good conversations. KC3MVS's XYL brought hamburgers, hot dogs and Korean ribs that we cooked on the Legion's grill, so we had an excellent lunch. Since the event had no formal organizer, several hams pitched in to get things set up and everyone helped in sharing technical knowledge and experience with different radios and antennas. We're thankful to American Legion Post 300 and its members for letting us use the facilities there.

Here are some photos and the call signs of the hams who showed up for this Winter Field Day in no particular order. Apologies if anyone wasn't included!

Dale (KB5YSJ), Brian (AC5GL), Jose (KV0RE), David (N7LRY), Bob (K5AUW), Jack (W5NIS), Matt (K5NON), Chris (KI5MJZ) and his XYL Sheila (KI5RXL), Larry (KG5RVR) and Pete (KC3MVS).



Meeting February 10, 2022 will be 7 PM at Blanco BBQ 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 251-2602 .

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PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

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Hello Fellow Hams!

Rosendo is still recovering from some health challenges.

With the cold weather and ice storms for this freezing February it is a good time to stay in, grab a cup of your favorite warm beverage, fire up the rig(s) and make some new contacts. The winter field day was a great success. Thanks to those who pitched in to get it going. Stay warm, stay safe, stay well and...

Good DX

Jim Neff, WJ4M for Rosendo Guzman – N5YBG

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San Antonio Radio Club

Meeting Minutes
7:00 p. m., January 13, 2022
Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd., San Antonio, TX 78216

Club Chairman Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, called meeting to Order At 7:00 pm

Introductions by Club Chairman Harold Fleischer, AE5AS

Presentation by Club Chairman Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, on RF coaxial cable

Review of Tonight's Agenda: Approved without change, addition or objection by unanimous consent

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

There being no changes, additions, or deletions to the minutes, they were approved without objection by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports:

President - Absent, recovering from illness.

Vice President Lloyd Swartz KF5ZHW - Absent

Secretary - Jack Bannin N5JLB -Minutes from club meetings can be found at w5sc.org website, in the Newsletters section.

Treasurer - Jon April, KI5CSK, has replaced Jeff Boyes, ND8B, who retired from the board. Financials reviewed.

Newsletter Editor - Jimmie Neff reported The January Bexar Wire newsletter was sent out on January 12th, 2022.

Webmaster - Bill Craft, KD2HIQ. Absent. Per Harold Fleisher, Bill has updated the website.

Membership - Bill Craft, KD2HIQ. Absent, but provided Harold Fleisher some information: 50% renewed as of the BOD meeting last week. Today is the first day of the regular renewal of \$15. Reduced renewal rate has ended. Can renew with Jon April, KI5CSK (Treasurer) or pay online at the club website.

Chairman of the Board Report - Harold Fleischer, AE5AS The Board of Directors met January 6, 2022.

- 2022 Budget approved. Major budget topics reviewed.

Education and Training – David Finell N7LRY, gave classes in November, testing for hospital staff and others. Nothing scheduled in the near future. Intends to begin offering classes for all three exam levels by Zoom.

Executive –No Report

Emergency Communications – No Report

Field Day – Joe Bruno W5AUQ – No Report. Per Harold Fleischer, the warehouse will need some clean-up of gear soon.

Finance and Review – In November, Paul Guido N5IUT completed the audit of the club’s books, all passed! Another audit is due, as Jon April has become the new Treasurer.

JOTA – No Report

Radio Fiesta – Committee members: Rosendo Guzman, Jon April, and Bill Craft. Working with venue to arrange 2023 event. Contract pending. Event will be the third weekend of June, 2023.

Silent Key Committee –Report by Rodney Brown. Inventoried, sorting items. Will be reviewing the use of warehouse space, possibility of adding shelving for the items. We have a large volume of vacuum tubes and capacitors. Harold Fleisher reported he will be meeting with Linda Bruno re: updating storage space requirement. Some items have been sold, but we retain a large volume of SK donated items.

VE Team – Report by Harold Fleisher on behalf of team leader Pat Knight AD5BR – Her health has improved. No testing planned for the near future. In November testing was conducted by David Finell. Other testing sites are available from other area clubs/groups (ROOST, ARRO).

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

New Business – None

Announcements for The Good of Amateur Radio

David Finell: Winter Field Day last weekend of January (1/29/22). Saturday only at the American Legion across from The Bullet Hole on Grossenbacher Rd. 9 AM – Midnight.

Richard Elder: Buyer beware of antenna gear from Ebay, Many fake items being sold
Harold Fleisher: Dec QST article about a ham transceiver by Baofeng, GT-5R dual band, which has fixed the out-of-band transmission problems and the previous spurious emissions. Harold bought one and reviewed it.

Meeting Adjournment @ 8:32 PM



Volunteer Examiners at Work



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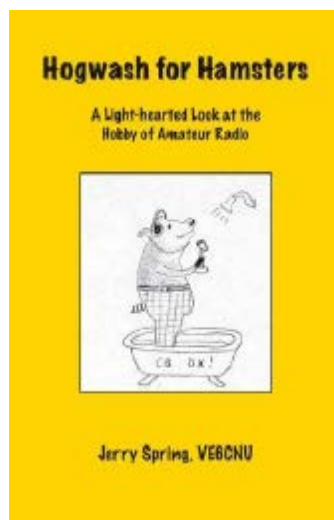
Pat Knight AD5BR
210-273-5927 iPhone

(Note, Pat is temporarily off line for VE, please check with hamtest@gmail.com for latest availability)

More phtos from the Winter Field Day



Hogwash for Hamsters – a book review



An interesting title, *Hogwash for Hamsters*, by Jerry Spring VE6CNU, is a series of short vignettes, quips and otherwise silly humor, related to the fine hobby of Ham Radio and those who practice the dark arts therein. The book is available at several outlets, Amazon, Barnes & Noble Generally the cost is;

\$15.95 paperback and \$9.95 digital. If you are a patron of San Antonio library that includes the Hoopla digital service, you can borrow the book for free.

From the book: *Why did the ham operator refuse to buy the used triband beam? He smelled a trap.*

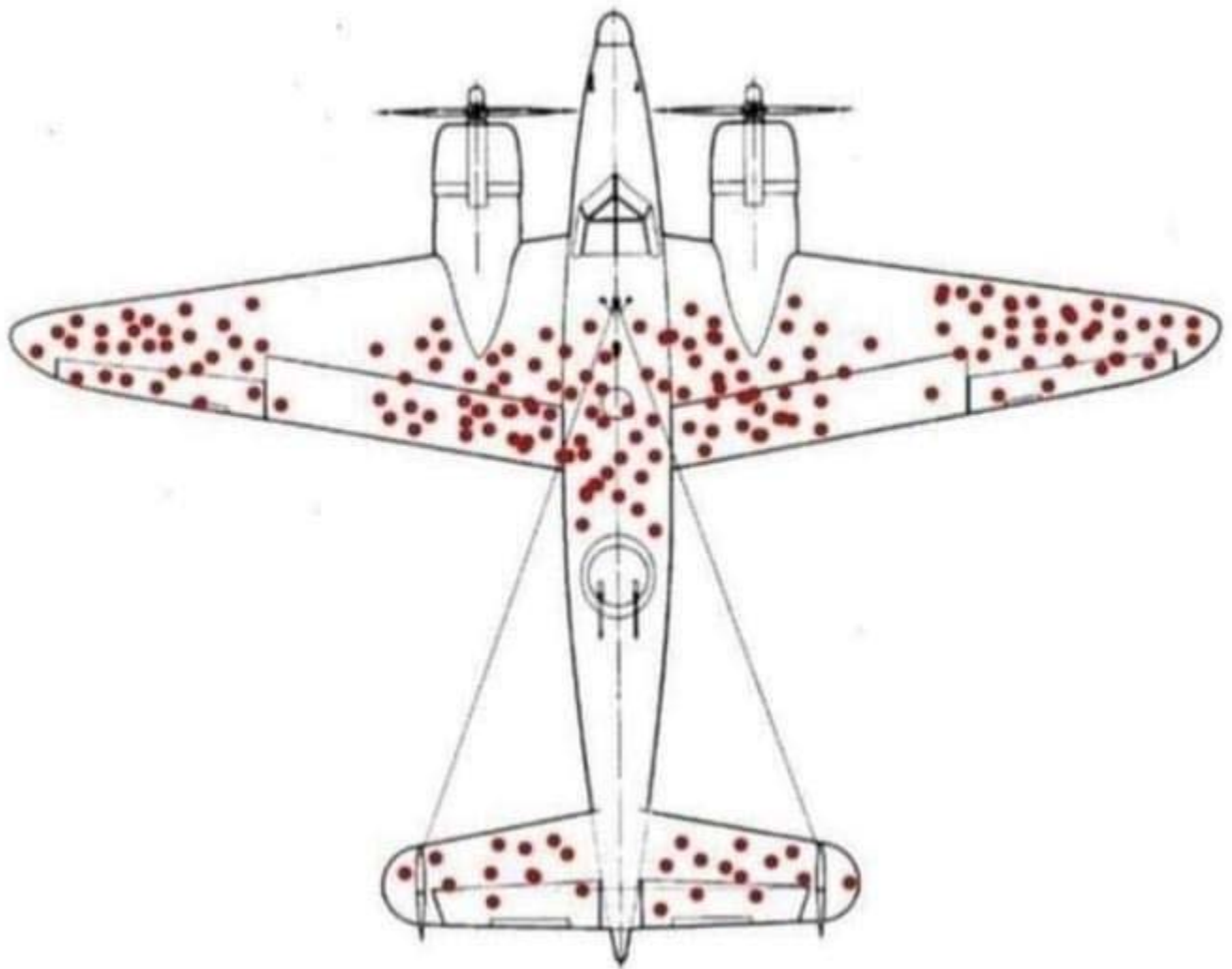
Official review

The author investigates the humor behind amateur radio, a hobby that has captivated numerous people throughout the world for almost a century. Contrary to popular belief, the hobby continues to grow as it develops and incorporates new technologies, including digital communications, computers, internet, satellites, and so on. While some are into building their own equipment, others are more focused on chasing faint signals in distant lands or competing for bragging rights in various contests. Most would gladly consider themselves as nerds for it takes a lot of dedication and knowledge to obtain a license and successfully operate a radio station. Among all the technical mumbo-jumbo, however, there is a lighter side, which is brought out in *Hogwash for Hamsters*. When we take ourselves less seriously, we become even better ambassadors to the world. So enjoy the limericks, songs, riddles, one liners, and stories. It might just make your day a little brighter.

Purchase:

<https://www.amazon.com/Hogwash-Hamsters-Jerry-Spring-ebook/dp/B003YL4IU0> Borrow:

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/browse/ebook/popular>



Something I found very interesting about lateral thinking.

During World War II, fighter planes would come back from battle with bullet holes. The Allies found the areas that were most commonly hit by enemy fire. They sought to strengthen the most commonly damaged parts of the planes to reduce the number that was shot down.

A mathematician, Abraham Wald, pointed out that perhaps there was another way to look at the data. Perhaps the reason certain areas of the planes weren't covered in bullet holes was that planes that were shot in those areas did not return. This insight led to the armour being re-enforced on the parts of the plane where there were no bullet holes.

The story behind the data is arguably more important than the data itself. Or more precisely, the reason behind why we are missing certain pieces of data may be more meaningful than the data we have.

Trading Post

Did you know we have a TRADING POST classified section on our website? <https://w5sc.org/classifieds/> Yes, and it's FREE for members to use. Items are listed for 30 days by default, but can be extended by request to webmaster.

Does it work? Yes most have sold everything posted. However, remember your audience...Hams. So, will your car or boat sell here? Maybe not, but your antenna or tower will. You can post and sell your stuff for **FREE**. Recommendations, add picture, manufacturer, model number in description and of course contact info and price.

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.

If you haven't signed up for group.io, you should. Groups.io is our primary email messaging method to all club members. It is FREE for all members.

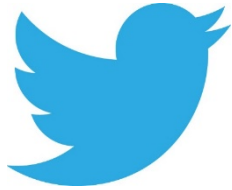
Several members have asked where are the notices, schedules and codes for Zoom meetings?

1. The groups.io calendar has a schedule of Zoom meetings and access codes.
2. The calendar can be accessed directly from the club web site <https://w5sc.org/events-calendar/> NOTE: it is the same groups.io calendar.

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 Pa

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

For more information, contact:
David Finell, N7LRY
Instructor

SARC Meeting Dates for 2022

January 13, 2022
February 10, 2022
March 10, 2022
April 14, 2022
May 12, 2022
June 9, 2022
July 14, 2022
August 11, 2022
September 8, 2022
October 13, 2022
November 10, 2022
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

License Testing Dates for 2021

Please contact Hamtest@gmail.com for more information and to pre-register for the session. Pre-registration is required. Masks are not required, but please wear one to help protect everyone around you.

We will have a VE session, with the regular \$15 exam session fee, at 10 AM Saturday morning, February 26, 2022, inside at:

Leon Valley Public Library
6425 Evers Rd.
Leon Valley, TX 78238

The FCC is NOT yet collecting the new additional \$35 Amateur license and upgrade fee. It is now expected to go into effect in 2022, but the FCC should give us 90 days notice before it goes into effect. For more information, please see

<https://www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fee>

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.

Radio Fiesta 2022

June 17-18, 2022
Radio Fiesta 2022 has been moved from the previous January time frame to June..

Emergency Communications

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

Field Day 2022

FD 2021 was great, FD 2022 is coming sooner than you'd think!

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