

## ABREIVATED CLUB NEWS LETTER

**Note: Jimmy Neff our newsletter editor is out of commission for the time being so he didn't finish this months newsletter**

### San Antonio Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

7:00 p. m., July 14, 2022

Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd., San Antonio, TX 78216

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm//Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions by Club Vice President, Lloyd Swartz KF5ZHW

#### Presentation

David Rice//NB5K: Parks on the Air at Government Canyon State Natural Area. Very supportive of POTA. 269 activations so far. Fifth most activated park site in Texas. No pre-approval needed, unless a large group of people (let them know in advance). No generators permitted. During cooler weather, reservations may be needed to enter the park. Always check before making the trip to the park.

#### Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

#### Officer Reports:

**President** –Rosendo M Guzman, N5YBG. Not present

**President/Vice President** – Lloyd Swartz, KF5ZHW. Sign-up list available for volunteers to present at future club meetings.

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

**Treasurer** – Jon April KI5CSK – Reviewed recent sales from events, Silent Key, scholarship tickets.

**Chairman of the Board Report** – Harold Fleischer, AE5AS - The Board has not met since last meeting. No report. Next Board Meeting scheduled for August, where important reports will be presented, and budget proposed.

**Education and Training** – David Finell N7LRY – Need to find a new venue for a training, and would like to begin teaching amateur radio classes over Zoom.

**Emergency Communications** – JC Smith N5RXS: No report.

**Membership** – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ – New members: 11 since last meeting. 155 members, or 100% of last year's membership.

**Field Day** – The Acting Field Day Committee Chairperson, Harold Fleischer AE5AS, reported that Field Day 2022 at Shavano Park was a success. In general, it came off as planned with respect to set up, operations, the BBQ supper, more operations, and tear

down. There were many participants who participated on their own schedule. In addition, the site hosted VE testing on Saturday morning which had not been done before that was also successful. Shavano Park Mayor Bob Werner visited Saturday morning. He remains supportive of Field Day and the city has classed us as a non-profit group eligible to use their pavilion without paying rent. He urged me to get Field Day 2023 on the city calendar to reserve the dates for 2023. That was done on the Monday after Field Day 2023.

Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Harold Fleischer for his invaluable work in organizing this year's successful Field Day. Iron Radio Operator certificates were presented to Jon J. April KI5CSK, Jimmie Neff WJ4M, and Samuel D. Shafer WD6SAM.

Field Day Star certificates were presented to Richard Elder WB5ACN, Paul Guido N5IUT, Lloyd Swartz KF5ZHW, Rodney L. Brown AA5RB, Samuel D. Shafer WD6SAM, and Calvin Frazier KI5VXO.

A President's Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Jon April KI5CSK.

Certificate of Motivator Extraordinaire presented to Pat Knight for her contributions to

**Finance and Review** – Paul Guido N5IUT – No report.

**JOTA** – John Douglas W5NZK – No Report. Will be active later this year.

**Centennial Committee** – Tom O'Brien AB5XZ – Reported on swag sales from Field Day and Fiesta.

**Radio Fiesta** – Bill Craft KD2HIQ – Held June 17, 18 2022. Vice President awarded certificate to Bill Craft for his tremendous efforts to make Radio Fiesta a success. Certificates of Appreciation were handed out to those who volunteered for the event. Drawing held to award volunteers with left-over door prizes.

**VE Team** – Pat Knight AD5BR – If application/fee questions, contact ARRL VEC if not testing with us. [hamtest@gmail.com](mailto:hamtest@gmail.com) for local testing information.

**Newsletter Editor** – Jimmie Neff - June Bexar Wire newsletter announcement was sent to membership via email. Contributions of articles are welcome.

**Webmaster** – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ – Updates made to website, Groups.io list updated and reminders sent to subscribers. Social media posts sent about Radio Fiesta and tickets.

**Silent Key Committee** – Rodney Brown AA5RB – No updates.

**Monthly Activities** – Travis Few, N9EOD – On 7/23/22 from 9 AM to Noon there will be a foxhunt at McCallister Park.

**Executive** – No meeting since last meeting: No Report.

**Nominating** – Inactive.

**Scholarship Committee:** Tom O'Brien, AB5XZ – Matthew Bullington W5MB of Bixby, OK and Greg Westmoreland. K5GGG of Corinth, TX were each awarded \$1000 scholarships offered by the club. Frank Demo, Jr. AG5SR of Hutto, TX won a \$10,000 scholarship from a different, large foundation.

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

**New Business** – Harold Fleischer AE5AS made a motion seconded by Jack Bannin//N5JLB that reads: “I move that the San Antonio Radio Club officially commend Bill Craft KD2HIQ for leading it in executing a successfully Radio Fiesta 2022.” No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Harold Fleischer AE5AS made a motion seconded by Jack Bannin//N5JLB that reads: “I move that the San Antonio Radio Club officially commend Rodney L. Brown AA5RB for the excellent job that he has done with the Silent Key Committee in assisting Silent Key families, processing donations, inventorying donations, and selling on hand silent key equipment of all types and getting it back into circulation.” No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Announcements:**

- WinLink exercise scheduled in August this year.
- Richard Elder let members know that sometimes people mistake W5EC's call sign our club call sign. W5SC.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:13 PM

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**OCT 15, 2022 Jamboree On The Air**

Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 9:00am to 5:00pm

McGimsey Scout Park

Please join us for the 65th Annual Jamboree on the Air (J.O.T.A.) event and enjoy worldwide communications via Amateur Radio and the internet. J.O.T.A. is the largest Scouting event in the world with over 1.8 million Scouts participating across 150+ countries. Scouts of all ages are welcome to come and participate. This year's event will be held at McGimsey Scout Park, in the Cub Pavilion area.



Anyone wanting to help with this event will need to go to the Alamo Area Council scout website and do the Youth Protection Training (YPT). **Note: *The training certificate is only valid for 2 years. Those who took training in 2020 will have to do it again.***




Link to training and maps of the park are located on our website. ( <https://w5sc.org/jota-volunteer-2/>) also complete the Volunteer form on the page and click send to let John Douglas know you are planning to participate.

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## ARRL- Keeping Up With Information

As ARRL members, most of us are aware of the monthly publication **QST**, which arrives via the mail each month. But are you aware that this is not the only magazine/journal that the ARRL publishes? The ARRL publishes the following:

	<p>QST is the monthly membership journal of ARRL. Each issue is your source for equipment reviews, technical tips, projects, and news. <a href="http://www.arrl.org/qst">www.arrl.org/qst</a></p>
	<p>On the Air is a suite of ARRL benefits for new ham radio licensees anchored by the ARRL bimonthly magazine. Covers a range of ham radio interests and topics, delivering introductory techniques and stories to help anyone with a beginner-to-intermediate-level of experience. It is an alternative monthly membership journal of ARRL. <a href="http://www.arrl.org/on-the-air-magazine">www.arrl.org/on-the-air-magazine</a></p>

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When you subscribe, you have the choice of either receiving the paper copy of **QST** or **On The Air** each month as a basic membership benefit. The good news is that for no extra cost, you can read the three remaining publications online for free as a member. Here is the link to the ARRL Magazines page where you can access all of them- [www.arrl.org/arrl-magazines](http://www.arrl.org/arrl-magazines).

There is also a written guide to the magazines available at [www.arrl.org/files/file/QST/PageSuite/UserGuide.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/QST/PageSuite/UserGuide.pdf). If you would prefer a print version, you can also subscribe, for an additional cost, to any of the publications.

## Free Sample Issues

If you are not currently a member of the ARRL (**you really should consider joining**), you can receive a free printed copy of all four publications by visiting- [www.arrl.org/ota-sample](http://www.arrl.org/ota-sample). Check all four boxes to get a sample of each publication. To view a sample online version of **QST**, you can also visit [www.arrl.org/digital-qst-sample-form](http://www.arrl.org/digital-qst-sample-form).

While you are at it, you might want to also request a free sample of **CQ Amateur Radio** magazine by visiting- [www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq\\_offer\\_new\\_ham.html](http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_offer_new_ham.html).

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## Back to the Publications, Digging Deeper

In addition to the current issues, as a member of ARRL, you can utilize several features to access previous issues and additional resources.

- ARRL Periodicals Archive and Search- [www.arrl.org/arrl-periodicals-archive-search](http://www.arrl.org/arrl-periodicals-archive-search)
- QST Annual Indexes- [www.arrl.org/qst-annual-indexes](http://www.arrl.org/qst-annual-indexes)
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- QST Binary Files by Issue Date (1965-2010)- [www.arrl.org/files/file/QST%20Binaries/](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/QST%20Binaries/) (links for files in later versions of QST are directly accessible via the online version of QST)

## Mailing Lists

There are two types of ARRL mailing lists Announcements (often referred to as Bulletins) and *discussion* groups (groups.io).

## ARRL Bulletins:

Receiving W1AW bulletins via e-mail is easy for ARRL Members: Go to your online *member profile*. Click “Opt-In/Out” under “Communications”. Click “Edit” and select the categories of bulletins you wish to receive. Non-ARRL members can also receive W1AW bulletins via e-mail: Send an e-mail message to [w1aw-list-request@arrl.org](mailto:w1aw-list-request@arrl.org) with the Subject: Subscribe [your e-mail address]. To unsubscribe: Send an e-mail message to [w1aw-list-request@arrl.org](mailto:w1aw-list-request@arrl.org) with the Subject: Unsubscribe [your e-mail address]

The screenshot shows the ARRL website's 'MY ACCOUNT' page. The user is logged in as Anthony Luscre. The page has a navigation bar with links for ARRL HOME, MEMBERSHIP, DONATE, LEARN, SUBSCRIBE, and SHOP. The main content area is divided into sections: DEMOGRAPHICS, MEMBERSHIP & PARTICIPATION, EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION, and PURCHASES. The 'COMMUNICATION' section has a red box around the 'Opt In/Out' link, with a red arrow pointing to it. The 'OPT IN/OUT' section is expanded, showing a list of topics with checkboxes. The 'EDIT' button is highlighted with a red box and a red arrow.

List of Bulletins:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>ARES E-Letter</b></li> <li>● <b>ARRL Board</b> meeting agendas and minutes</li> <li>● <b>ARRL Club News</b> - (monthly notification)</li> <li>● <b>ARRL Contest Update</b> (bi-weekly contest newsletter)</li> <li>● <b>ARRL Current</b> - (monthly digital notification)</li> <li>● <b>ARRL Instructor/Teacher</b> E-Letter (Radio Waves)</li> <li>● <b>ARRL Legislative</b> Update</li> <li>● <b>ARRL Letter</b></li> <li>● <b>ARRL Member Bulletin</b></li> <li>● <b>Division and Section News</b></li> <li>● <b>IARU E-Letter</b> (International Amateur Radio Union)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Notification of ARRL membership expiration</b></li> <li>● <b>Notification of license expiration</b></li> <li>● <b>Publication Announcements and Special Offers</b></li> <li>● <b>W1AW - DX</b></li> <li>● <b>W1AW - General/Special</b></li> <li>● <b>W1AW - Propagation</b></li> <li>● <b>W1AW - Keplerian</b></li> <li>● <b>W1AW - Satellite</b></li> </ul>

## Discussion Groups

ARRL currently has ten mailing groups:

- ARRL-Groups
- ARRL-Contesting
- ARRL-Education
- ARRL-New-Hams
- FeedbacktoARRL
- Antenna Law and Policy Forum
- ARRL Logbook of the World (LoTW)
- Regulatory Affairs
- ARRL HF Band Planning
- ARRL Awards



These groups are rather recent and new ones will probably be added over time based on member feedback and needs. To join any of these groups go to

<https://groups.arrl.org/groups>

## ARRL Forums

The ARRL website has online forums- [www.arrl.org/forum](http://www.arrl.org/forum)

Some of the forums are active and others are relatively stale. Here is a list of categories and individual forums:

- Awards
  - DXCC
  - VUCC
  - WAS
  - A-1 Operator Club
- Contesting
  - HF Contesting
  - VHF Contesting
  - Beginner's Corner
  - QRP Contesting
  - Digital Contesting
- Technology
  - General discussion about technology and policy
  - General Technical Q & A

ARRL Forums			
Forum	Topics	Posts	Active
Welcome to the ARRL Forums These forums are for conversations among ARRL members. Feel free to discuss the topics as they are posted, or start your own topic. The forums will be monitored by ARRL staff, so you may also ask questions of staff or fellow members.	394	1,465	New ARRL website / chang 20 hours, 1 minute ago by
Awards			
Forum	Topics	Posts	Active
DXCC Welcome to the DXCC forum. This forum will be moderated by ARRL HQ staff on a weekly basis. Please post questions and comments about anything related to DXCC.	75	262	Silent Key "W2LT" # on 4/1/22 by michaeltinge
VUCC Discuss the VUCC award process and applications.	6	22	Contact Stamp Question # on 30/1/20 by WB1GCM
WAS Join the discussion about the Worked All States award.	39	85	How long does it take to certificate # 3 days, 13 hours ago by
A-1 Operator Club Join the discussion about topics associated with the A-1 Operator Club	2	13	CW Error Handling # on 23/6/21 by WSJ
Contesting			
Forum	Topics	Posts	Active
HF Contesting Questions about contesting on 150 through 10 Meters	89	306	Power Level Abbreviation on 19/2/22 by KC3D

- RFI - Discussion and Q&A
- Vintage Gear - Restoring and Operating
- Equipment Testing and QST Product Review
- Antennas, feed lines, baluns and antenna tuners
- Digital modes and operation
- Software Defined Radio and DSP
- FM and Digital repeaters
- VHF and up "Weak Signal" Operating
- Propagation Satellites and Space
- Construction and homebrewing
- Emergency power (solar, batteries, generators)
- QRP operation and techniques
- Voice modes — Operating and technology
- CW operating and technical techniques
- AM operating and techniques
- Software in Amateur Radio
- Education
  - Can't Find a Licensing Class?
  - Can't Find an Emergency Communications Class?
- Amateur Radio in the Classroom
  - Welcome classroom teachers
  - Radio in the Classroom/ Curriculum Connections
  - Satellite Operations in the Classroom
  - Receiving Weather Satellite Images
  - Exploration of Wireless Technologies
  - Bulletin Board

## Division & Section News

Each Division and Section manages their own news and web presence. You can view a log and read all emails sent out to Division or Section members at [www.arrl.org/section-division-email-log](http://www.arrl.org/section-division-email-log).

To subscribe to individual Division or Section messages/newsletters, see the Division or Section information pages [www.arrl.org/divisions](http://www.arrl.org/divisions) & [www.arrl.org/sections](http://www.arrl.org/sections).

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