



Bexar Wire

San Antonio Radio Club
W5SC



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New Club Non-Profit Status Bill Craft, KD2HIQ

I am pleased to announce that we are non an “official” IRS 501c(3). At the December Board meeting it was brought up that we missing out on donations because we did not have a 501c(3) status. As many of you may know the club was a nonprofit with the State of Texas and had non profit status with the IRS, but not as 501c(3), going back to 1974. So, what does this mean for the club? Well, Rodney Brown, AA5RB Silent Key Committee had an opportunity to accept a donation of lots of ham gear but the donor wanted to only donate to a 501c(3) for tax purposes. We can now accept donation that can be tax deductible for the donor, which is a benefit to them and us.

Whether it’s ham gear or food donations for field day, the donors can now write off their donations to the club. People who may want to contribute money to the scholarship fund now can take a deduction for those donations.

Sadly, Scholarship raffle tickets are not a deduction under the IRS guidelines.

Spooky Signals



Meeting October 13, 2022 will be 7 PM at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 251-2602 .

With Halloween coming up, there’s no better time to visit some of the scariest shows and episodes that old-time radio has to offer. They’re all available for free online, making for quality, affordable entertainment.

<https://www.artofmanliness.com/living/entertainment/scary-old-time-radio-shows/>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-horror-old-time-radio/id256493679>

<https://www.ghostpodcast.com>

<https://aiptcomics.com/2021/02/18/dead-air-horror-ham-radio-review-hicks/>

Firefighter/Ham Helps Rescue Group Stranded by Hurricane Ian

By **Deirdre A. Reilly | Fox News**



Dale Klonin, KC3TAU, a firefighter at Baltimore/Washington International Airport [in Baltimore](#), was off duty and busy running errands last Wednesday when he stumbled upon a chance to save lives.

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SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB

PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

NUMBER	PRECEDENCE	HX	STATION OF ORIGIN	CHECK	PLACE OF ORIGIN	TIME FILED	DATE
10	R		N5YBG		San Antonio, TX		October 2022
TO							

Hello Fellow Hams!

Rosendo is still recovering..

As Hurricane Ian blew away parts of Florida, Amateur Radio had another opportunity to serve, and serve it did. I found the story about the guy in Maryland who was able to help people stranded on Sanabel Island in Florida. This is not unusual. None of us can guess when we'll have the opportunity to do the same kind of service. I'm sure there are countless other, similar, stories to be told. But that is what Amateur Radio is about, a hobby with a purpose, helping people in need. We can practice by helping with the many public service opportunities that come up during the year, providing communications for parades, special events, etc. Then there are emergency communications organizations like RACES and ARES. Like the ham in the story, you don't have to be an experienced old-timer to put your skills to work helping others.

Noticed the bands are opening more and more. As I write this I listened to 10 meters and some DX was working stations coming in loud. So get on the radio and talk to the world, the world is waiting.

Don't forget to get your tickets for the Robert Rodrigues Scholarship Fund drawing next month, November 10. Super prizes and the money goes to provide a scholarship for promising young hams.

Good DX

Jim Neff, WJ4M, for 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 Meeting Minutes September 8, 2022

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m. at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Road., San Antonio, TX 78216. There were 31 people in attendance.

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS then led the members present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, then announced the death of Pat Knight, AD5BR, a long time member of SARC, a long time member of the SARC Board of Director, and the longtime Chairperson of the SARC Volunteer Examiners Committee. A moment of silence was then observed.

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, then introduced himself as Harold AE5AS and then in accordance with SARC custom asked everyone else to introduce themselves.

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, then introduced the program. The program was presented by Paul Guido, N7IUT, on Service Monitors and their Maintenance for 48 minutes from 7:05 pm to 7:48 pm. Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, thanked Paul Guido, N7IUT.

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, advised the members that Rosendo Guzman, NtYBG President, was still recovering and that Lloyd Swartz, KF5ZHW, Vice President, was just returning home from a vacation trip. Lloyd KF5ZHW had asked Harold AE5AS to emcee this meeting for him.

Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, then stated that whereas the minutes for the last meeting on August 11, 2022, had been distributed in the September 2020 Bexar Wire newsletter that unless there were corrections or objections that we would dispense with the reading of the minutes and approve them as written without objection by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports:

- President – no report as Rosenda Guzman’ N5YBG is still I recovery.
Vice President – Harold Fleischer, AE5AS, announced on behalf fo the Vice President that the Oct 13, 2022 presentation will by Bill Craft KD2HIQ, on UPS.
Secretary – Jack Bannin, N5JLB – not present, but August 11, 2022 minutes were I the Bexar Wire
Treasurer – Jon April, KI5CSK – presented a financial summary including balances on hand
Newsletter Editor – Jimmie Neff, WJ4M – current newsletter went out today 8 Sep 2022
Webmaster – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ – Various changes were made to the website including for JOTA.
Membership – Craft, KD2HIQ – 128 paid members, 160 members all together

Chairman of the Board Report

There was an email ballot taken on changing the Constitution and Bylaws I August. A sentence from the Constitution was moved to the Bylaws In response to a IRS request as part of our request to change our non-profit status to 501(c)(3). The measure passed, and Bill Craft, KD2HIQ, is continuing to work the issues to get us a 501(c)(3). The Board of Directors meeting planned for August was shifted to September because I wet to Wisconsin for 3 weeks. We will review year to date financials, Radio Fiesta, and Field Day.

Committee Reports

Education and Training – David Finnell – no report
Emergency Communications - JC Smith – no report
Executive – no meetings in last month to report
Finance and Review – inactive until January 2023
Field Day – Harold Fleischer – presented a Field Day Star Certificate to Paul Guido, N5IUT, for Field Day 2022.
JOTA – John Douglas – JOTA is October 15, 2022, at McGimsey Scout Park. You must do the safe scouting on-line training to participate, but everyone who can help will be appreciated.
Nominating – Paul Guido – has begun work on tis and asked one and all to volunteer for a position
Radio Fiesta – Bill Craft
• Eventbrite has been updated for 2023, Harold, AE5AS has secured venue contracts for 2023.
• Need to create a NEW RF committee for 2023.
• Need to update prices for 2023, post on ARRL & update Eventbrite.
Scholarship – Raffle ticket sales are on-going. Tom O’Brien has some that he can sell tonight.
Silent Key – Rodney Brown – he has lists with him tonight that you can review.
VEC – Technically vacant, but Benny Martinez is being passed the records. A permanent person to fill the position will be identified although replacing Pat Knightr AD5BR will be near impos- sible. The next test session is Oct 22, 2022 at 10 a m. in the Leon Valley Public Library
Centennial Committee – Tom O’Brien has no report, but has Centennial items for sale after the meeting.

Old Business (None – no carried over motions)

New Business (Must be presented as a motion, “I move that ...”)
None planed

Announcements For The Good of Amateur Radio (1 minute maximum per announcement)
Travis Few, N9EOD, announced a Fox Hunt from 9-11 a. m., on Saturday, September 2022, at O. P. Schnabel Park and everyone is welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p. m.

Harold C. Fleischer, III AE5AS
For
Jack N. Bannin, N5JLB
Secretary,

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Robert Rodrigues Scholarship Fund
Tickets are on sale for the November 10, 2022 drawing. All proceeds support the scholarship fund.
For Tickets:
Mail check to: Jon April, KI5CSK
PO Box: 17900
San Antonio, TX 78217

or PayPal treasurer@w5sc.org
Be sure to include your name,ad- dress,phone # and call sign. Ticket will be mailed to you
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Bob Rodrigues, K5AUW, Scholarship namesake, shows his ticket



Volunteer Examiners at Work

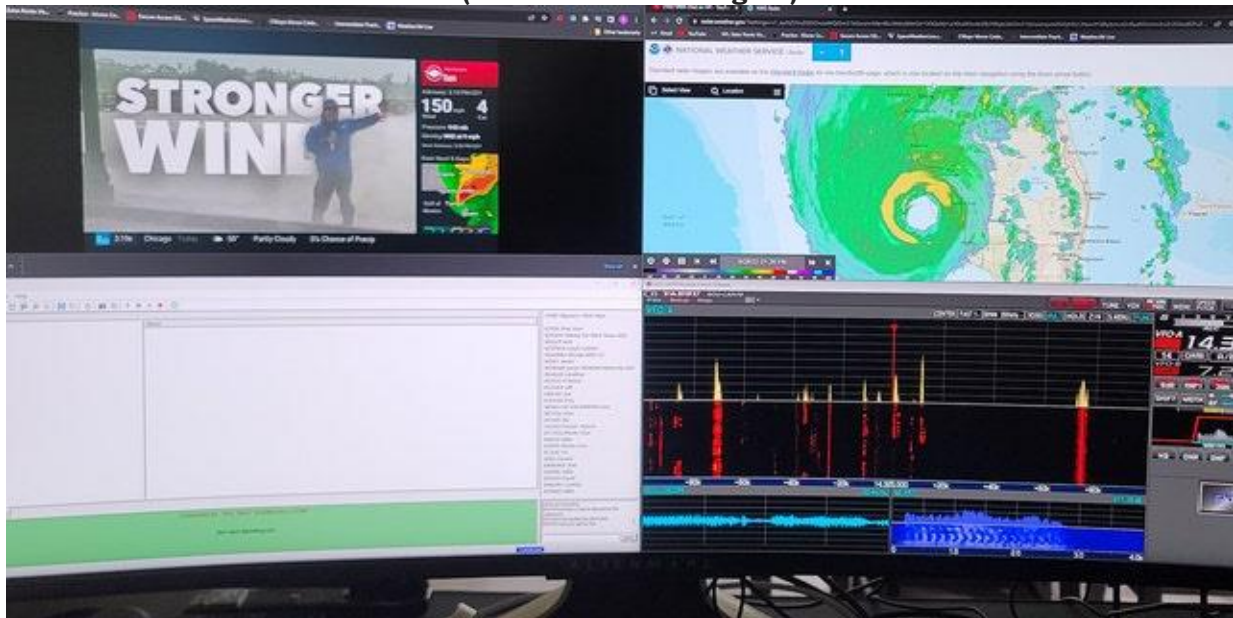


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Please pre-register at hamtest@gmail.com . If you plan to test, be sure to pre-register.

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Firefighter/Ham Helps Rescue Group Stranded by Hurricane Ian (Continued from Page 1)



Klonin, 46, lives in Hampstead, Maryland. As an amateur ham radio operator with an interest in "any news or weather event," he was keeping an eye and ear on [Hurricane Ian](#). "Of course, the hurricane was pretty big news," Klonin told Fox News Digital in a phone interview. Thinking about [family members](#) who live outside Sarasota, Florida, Klonin and his wife "were pretty concerned" about the storm, he said.

Klonin has only been involved with ham radio — also called amateur radio — for about a year, he said. Ham radio is a popular hobby and service that people all over the world use "to talk across town, around the

world or even into space, all without the Internet or cell phones," according to The American Radio Relay League website.

Klonin was tuned into several networks, or "nets," on his ham radio system that morning. "I had the Florida Emergency and the National Hurricane Center Emergency nets monitored," he said. Klonin said that after monitoring the nets for most of the morning, he and his wife went to drop off her car for a tune-up at their regular shop in Hanover, Pennsylvania, about 20 minutes away from his home.

That afternoon, he went to retrieve the car. As Klonin was settling the bill, he and Aly Ruiz, a service adviser, made small talk, he

said. "I said something like, 'How about this hurricane?'" he said. Ruiz shared with Klonin that her sister Kelsey, as well as Kelsey's boyfriend, were on Sanibel Island. "And she said, 'I haven't heard from her in four hours,'" Klonin said.

"She showed me pictures [from their texts] — Kelsey's boyfriend's truck was completely submerged," said Klonin, adding that other photos revealed the floodwaters were coming up to the second floor of Kelsey's boyfriend's home. Klonin said that Ruiz told him, "My sister is really stubborn. She wasn't taking this whole thing seriously. I'm really worried about her."

Klonin said he answered, "You know what? I'm an amateur radio operator. I've been listening to these networks all morning. Some of the emergency operation centers are listening. Let me try and get a message through, or at least let them know that these people might need help."

Ruiz readily supplied all pertinent numbers for the stranded group, Klonin said, including the number for their Garmin inReach, a satellite communicator.

"I initially just thought, 'If something bad were to happen or even something good, you know, if someone picks them up, they would know that they were being looked for and get back in touch with us [through ham radio communication]," Ruiz told Fox News Digital in a phone interview.

"But it was a much bigger deal," she continued. "He [Klonin] was in contact with people. I don't think I realized how much he could really help in this situation."

Klonin, who has an inReach himself for hiking trips, said he uses his when cell phone communication may not be possible.

"Hardly anybody I know has one," said Klonin, marveling that the group on Sanibel Island did have one.

Klonin began his 20-minute drive home — and during the ride Ruiz texted him, saying her sister had reached out via the inReach. They were "safe, but stranded," explained Klonin. "Aly texted me again saying, 'By the way, there's eight other people there [in their group on Sanibel] and a dog,'"

Klonin said. "I've been a firefighter for 20 some years, and I teach emergency preparedness," said Klonin. "And I said, 'Aly, I don't think they know how much danger there really is.'" Asking for a "better idea of where they are," and knowing that the inReach could supply critical location coordinates, Klonin said he knew his job was not over.

"So, she sent me those, I get on the radio and I call out to the Florida emergency net — and that controller comes back and acknowledges me," he said. "And I said, 'Hey, I have someone here in Maryland, and they are receiving messages from their loved ones on Sanibel Island — the island is destroyed, their house is battered, and it's flooding. They may need possible rescue,'" Klonin continued.

The Florida emergency net took all the information, said Klonin, and they in turn "brought up another station who took all the information, too," he added.

He continued, "Florida State Emergency Operation Center called back and asked for more information" — and Klonin was soon emailing all the needed information over to them.

"Before I was even done talking on the radio, the authorities knew exactly where they were," he said. He continued, "She said, 'They're OK. The authorities are texting with them.'"

Klonin said people should know that ham radio operators are out there listening — and that they care. "You know, ham radio operators do so much behind the scenes, and they never get any credit," he said.

"How do you think the Cajun Navy gets their locations, in order to rescue people? Often, it is someone communicating on a ham radio." He added, "Usually the ham radio operators after a disaster are the ones that are getting in there and, through their networks, getting all the information until the authorities can get there. They do this out of the kindness of their hearts," he said.

Ruiz said that before she knew her sister was safe, the situation had her "wildly upset and scared." She said, "I think that Dale could

feel that, with him being a paramedic and a firefighter for so long — and he just turned to action." She added, "I didn't ask him to do any of that. He offered. And he was in direct contact with me all night on Wednesday, back and forth, between not only just my family, but friends of my sisters who needed help and were looking for family and friends that had been on the island."

Klonin's wife has also been "wonderful," said Ruiz. "He's taken a lot of time to be helping these people so far away, you know? And he's doing this out of his own kindness." "He just jumped into action, which is obviously in his character."

Deirdre Reilly is a senior editor in lifestyle with Fox News Digital.

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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.

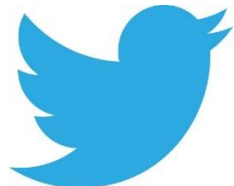
Several members have asked where are the notices, schedules and codes for Zoom meetings?

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 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

Amateur Radio License Classes

For more information, contact:
 David Finell, N7LRY
 Instructor

SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

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

JOTA

Club members participated in JOTA and JOTI the largest Scouting event in the world at McGimsey Scout Park with the Alamo Area BSA on Saturday October 16th. Volunteers set up several stations including mobile installations and allowed scouts to contact stations as far away as England.

Emergency Communications

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

Radio Fiesta 2023

Watch for news of the next Radio Fiesta. Radio Fiesta 2022 has been moved from the previous January time frame to June..

Field Day 2022 June 25-26

FD 2022 was great, FD 2023 is coming sooner than you'd think!

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

License Testing Dates for 2022

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We expect to be testing at
Leon Valley Public Library,
6425 Evers Rd
Leon Valley, TX 78238

June 17-18 Testing at Radio Fiesta gym, 1:30 PM
The following dates planned, with no test session in December.

June 25, 2022 (Field Day) at Shavano Park FD location
August 27, 2022
October 22, 2022

Pre-register at hamtest@gmail.com . If you plan to test, be sure to pre-register.

We will also have a test session June 18 at Radio Fiesta in Schertz, TX.

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.