



# Bexar Wire

San Antonio Radio Club  
W5SC



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## SARC ELECTION FOR OFFICERS



Hey, its election time at SARC. At the November meeting we will vote on new officers for 2023. The slate as presented is as follows:

- President** - Paul Guido, N5IUT
- Vice President** – Lloyd Swartz, KF5ZHW
- Secretary** – Jack Bannin, N5JLB
- Treasurer**-Jon April, K15CSK
- Board Member** to replace Pat Knight – Benny Martinez, NU5P
- Board member** to replace JC Smith – Rodney Brown, AA5RB

Individual nominations from the floor can be made at the meeting for qualifying members who are present to commit to serving if elected.

Any member who is current with payment of dues may be nominated for and elected to office within the San Antonio Radio Club. -...-

## Robert A. Rodriguez K5AUW Scholarship Raffle

The event we have been waiting for is finally arriving, Robert A. Rodriguez K5AUW Scholarship Fundraiser Raffle



- The prizes are:
- 1st Prize:** ICOM IC-7610 HF/50MHz Transceiver
  - 2nd Prize:** Yaesu FT-891 HF/50MHz Mobile Transceiver
  - 3rd Prize:** ICOM IC-2730A VHF/UHF FM Transceiver
  - 4th Prize:** ICOM V86 VHF VM Hand Transceiver

Note: You can still buy your tickets, <https://w5sc.org/robert-a-rodriguez-scholarship-fundraiser/> or purchase before the meeting starts.

Someone is going to win a new radio, but more importantly the Scholarship fund will be funded for another year.

## Website update.

There is a new item, “for new hams” <https://w5sc.org/for-new-hams/> It’s a link to other ham club’s website that has created quite extensive list of FAQ’s (frequently asked questions) for new hams. Of course, it can be used for old timers as well. Rather than trying to create something similar, I created a link to their website in Utah. I added some other links to list of ham radio/electronics vendors and a you tube series on how to get started in vhf/uhf radio. All three of these links will provide tons of valuable information, think of it as an electronic “elmer”.

Just note that some of the frequencies listed are in Utah not San Antonio. A list of San Antonio Area frequencies are listed on our site at <https://w5sc.org/san-antonio-frequencies-list/> & <https://w5sc.org/stx-emergency-frequencies/>

**Next meeting November 10, 2022 will be 7 PM at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 251-2602 .**

# SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

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

Hello Fellow Hams!

Rosendo is still recovering..

A lot of things happening this month. I hope you voted for the "mid-terms" and hope you are pleased with the outcome. Voting is fundamental to our national foundation. Speaking of voting, it is also fundamental to our club. We have a slate of officers for next year and we need to vote in our next year's leadership. Thanks to the people running for office. Without them we could not have a club.

This meeting will be the occasion of the big Robert A. Rodriguez (K5AUW) scholarship raffle drawing. Likely ticket sales are open until the last minute. Chances are pretty good as only 400 tickets are available for purchase.

Another recurring item, it is dues time again. If you renew before January 13, 2023, or before the first meeting of the year you will get a discount to \$12 for the year. A buck a month is a small price for the comraderie and benefits we get from our club, one of the oldest continuously meeting clubs in the nation.


Check the announcement later in the newsletter about the tailgate event scheduled for December 3, 2022 from 8 AM to 2 PM.

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

November 13, 2022

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

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm//Pledge of Allegiance

### Presentation

None, due to limitations of the venue.

### 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. Harold Fleischer provided an update on his wellbeing.

**President/Vice President** – Lloyd Swartz, KF5ZHW.

Upcoming presentations (tentative):

November: Michael Mitchel: CERT

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

**Treasurer** – Jon April KI5CSK – No report.

### Chairman of the Board Report – Harold Fleischer, AE5AS

The Board met via Zoom on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Subjects were:

- Budget- We will make budget for the year. The very bright spot is Silent Key sales, which is over \$5700 thanks to Rodney Brown.
- Officers and Directors election which Paul Gudio N5IUT will report to the members as Chairperson, Nominating Committee
- Radio Fiesta - it was a success in that we made money, but it was weak when compared to previous years. More promotion on attendance is needed.
- Field Day – for future Field Days, we will need at least two people to stay overnight with the equipment and to operate the radios. We refer to these people as “Iron Radio Operators,” and for safety, will need commitments from two people my May 1. Otherwise, we will end Field Day on Saturday after supper.
- Scholarship - We need to push hard to cover expenses and get us the balance needed for the 2023 scholarship cycle by Nov 10, 2022, next meeting.
- New Business: There was one motion to change the Constitution and By-Laws. The motion was to allow the President to appoint a director to be the Chairperson when there is an unexpected vacancy in the position. That person would remain as Chairperson until the President retires from office. The old language forced the President to retire at the next election.

**Education and Training** – David Finell, N7LRY – No report.

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

**Membership** – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ – As of 9/30/22:

Paid: 129	New Members		
Free / Mil: 8	First Name	Last Name	Call
Family Members: 24	Jerry	Franklin	??
ARRL Members: 66			
Total Membership: 161			

We are now over 110% of last year's membership.

**Field Day** – Harold Fleischer AE5AS – See Chairman of the Board report, above.

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

**JOTA** – John Douglas W5NZK – Not present. No report. Will be active in October. Volunteers must complete the Youth Protection course with the Scouts (<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>)

**Centennial Committee** – Tom O'Brien AB5XZ – We still have some swag for sale.

**Radio Fiesta** – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ – Eventbrite has been updated for 2023, Harold, AE5AS has secured venue contracts for 2023. We need to create a new Radio Fiesta committee for 2023. Also need to update prices for 2023, post on ARRL & update Eventbrite. For 2023, the event will be the third weekend of June.

**VE Team** – Benny Martinez, NU5P – Benny accepted the position to coordinate the club's VE services. Test session next Saturday at Leon Valley library. Contact Benny @ [benny@nu5p.com](mailto:benny@nu5p.com).

**Newsletter Editor** – Jimmie Neff – Newsletter sent to membership on XXXX

**Webmaster** – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ – September activities:

- Posted newsletter
- Updated Groups.io membership list and calendar
- Sent meeting notice via MailChimp

**Silent Key Committee** – Rodney Brown AA5RB – Traveled to Belton to sell some SK equipment. Sold nearly \$1,000 of equipment.

**Monthly Activities** – Travis Few, N9EOD

Foxhunt results:

Lloyd KF5ZHW has found the Fox in all three scored hunts and has been the first to find twice, and Hud W5ZBR has been the other first find.

April	Name	Found	First Finders	Number of First Finds	Total Hunts		Total Hunts Completed	
1	Lloyd KF5ZHW	Yes	Lloyd KF5ZHW	2	Lloyd KF5ZHW	3	Lloyd KF5ZHW	3
2	Joseph N5JYQ	Yes	Hud W5ZBR	1	Joseph N5JYQ	2	Hud W5ZBR	1
					Hud W5ZBR	1	Karl K5OEL	1
August					Karl K5OEL	1	Crissy K5RUF	1
1	Hud W5ZBR	Yes			Crissy K5RUF	1	Chris KK4SNY	1
2	Karl K5OEL	Yes			Chris KK4SNY	1	Oscar AI5AG	1
3	Crissy K5RUF	Yes			Oscar AI5AG	1	Gabriel UL	1
4	Lloyd KF5ZHW	Yes			Gabriel UL	1	Joseph N5JYQ	1

5	Chris KK4SNY	Yes			Travis N9EOD	1	Travis N9EOD	1
6	Oscar AI5AG	No			David NB5K	1	David NB5K	1
7	Gabriel UL	No						
8	Joseph N5JYQ	No						
September	Lloyd KF5ZHW & Wife	Yes						
	Travis N9EOD	Yes						
	David NB5K	Yes						

Here are the details for the October Fox Hunt.

We will have the next Fox Hunt at Phil Hardberger Park on Sunday, 23 October, 0900 – 1200. Hud, W5ZBR, will be hiding the MicroFox (15mw) again this month. The Fox will be transmitting once a minute on 146.565Mhz. Hunters’ starting point is any parking lot for the park. No need to wait for the group. As soon as 0900 hits, you can start hunting. If you can’t be there at 0900, that’s ok. The hunt will continue after the first person finds it. The Fox will still be transmitting and hidden till 1200.

Please consider bringing non-hams out with you—especially kids who really seem to enjoy this activity. Fox Hunting is an excellent event for newcomers to radio as it doesn’t require a transmitter to find the Fox.

Park maps can be found at:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5ced61149faae90001b35306/t/60d49299f53bd744061e3a3c/1624543906920/LandBridgeTrailMap-updated.pdf>

Those that find the Fox will need to follow the instructions on the card with the Fox to get credit.

The first person to find it will get the option to hide the Fox next month.

Hud will monitor the AA5RO repeater 147.38 PI 162.2 for talk-in and hints if needed. Tips will be provided after 1100 if requested. He will also be monitoring 147.435 if you can’t reach the repeater.

If you have any other questions, please let me know at [n9eod@n9eod.com](mailto:n9eod@n9eod.com)

If you need instructions on how to build a simple directional antenna to aid in direction finding, please navigate to [www.n9eod.com](http://www.n9eod.com)

**Executive –**

**Election Committee –** Paul Guido, N5IUT. Harold Fleischer identified the current slate of officers, and the status of director candidates. The slate of candidates will be voted on at the November, 2022 membership meeting.

**Scholarship Committee:** Tom O’Brien, AB5XZ – this is a moving target on the raffle. Sold 29 tickets at Belton on Sep 30 and Oct 1. We plan to visit SARO, and ROOST at their meetings this month. Have already attended AARO’s meetings and sold some tickets. We were close to covering expenses as of 6 Oct 2022. We need to sell about 80 more tickets to accomplish the goal. Deadline for ticket purchase is 6:59 PM on the day of the November 2022 meeting. Harold Fleischer provided an explanation on the odds of having a given ticket draws. He noted that the club’s board members also purchase raffle tickets, and assured the members that the selection of raffle tickets is complete above board. Raffle tickets can also be purchased at the club’s website, W5SC.org.

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

**New Business –** None

**Announcements:**

- Richard Elder: Provided information about CQ magazine for those interested in contesting.

Meeting Adjourned @ 7:42 PM

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## Volunteer Examiners at Work



No report as of publishing time.

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### New Program AmazonSmile.

We have signed up for a new program to get donations for the Scholarship Fund. It will help supplement our fundraising efforts in the raffle.

Amazon has a special foundation (AmazonSmile) to generate donations for non-profits through Amazon sales. We have signed up to be a member of this program since we are now a 501c(3) non-profit.

#### How does AmazonSmile work?

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from over one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

Our unique charity link.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7429697>

You can use this link to go directly to AmazonSmile and SARC is already selected, so you won't have to search for our club among almost a million other organizations. *You also have the option to select another organization if you so choose.*

You continue on to Amazon and make your orders as usual.

**Note: You do not incur any extra fees, etc. It comes from the AmazonSmile foundation based on the amount you spend on Amazon.**

#### How does SARC receive the donations?

Each quarter, the AmazonSmile Foundation makes donations to eligible charitable organizations by electronic funds transfer. Donations will be transferred approximately 45 days after the

end of each calendar quarter. To account for Product returns, a portion of the quarterly donations will be withheld until the next donation cycle, subject to any reduction due to returns from prior quarters.

We will have donation links on our website and Face Book page.

If you have any questions, etc contact Bill Craft at [membership@w5sc.org](mailto:membership@w5sc.org).

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### TAILGATE EVENT Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 8am-2pm

Admission

Buyers FREE Sellers-\$5 donation

To support library programs

Commercial Vendors welcome

SARC 's third Tailgate event for those interested in selling or buying some used ham radio gear and equipment. This is an opportunity for sellers to bring their Ham gear, open their trunks and let your stuff find a new home! Buyers can walk the parking lot looking for good deals from local hams you can trust.

For more information go to <https://w5sc.org/tailgate/>

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### Membership Renewal

Now is the time to renew your membership; don't forget!



SARC can accept your credit card online for payment of dues. Remember, the early discount only applies if you pay prior

to January 13<sup>th</sup> – or by the first meeting of the year.  
Pay online <https://w5sc.org/membership/>

Thanks to the Board of Directors for containing club expenses to allow us to keep membership dues at the same level since 2008.

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It's a bargain at the discounted \$12 for a year. That's \$1 per month, what else can you buy for that price?



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.

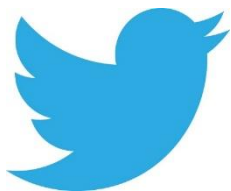
Several members have asked where are the notices, schedules and codes for Zoom meetings?

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](https://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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.