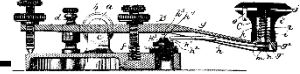




Bexar Wire

San Antonio Radio Club
W5SC



2021, No. 5

May 2021



First Tailgate of the season (Bill Craft, KD2HIQ)

Well, It may not have been the first tailgate of the season, but it was the first one I attended. Located in downtown Marion, Tx park, the tailgate had a fairly good attendance. Rosendo setup a table and sold some Flex radio parts and best of all he got to sell some Bob Rod, fund raiser tickets, and of course, Holly was there to greet everyone and show off her fetching skills.

The San Antonio Digital Radio Club was there demonstrating Yaesu System Fusion(C4FM) with a mobile radio and hotspot.

Our next club meeting will be at 7:00 p. m. (1900) on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Road, San Antonio, TX 78216. The program by Frank Dickey, KF5ZHR will be a short CERT overview.

Besides lots of items to buy, one guy was demo-ing an unusual antenna from Isotron. Manufactured by Bilal Company of Florissant, CO. He had a 40-meter antenna up and a 20m on the table, as you can see it is a very compact antenna.



I am always amazed to see some unusual gear in use and get some feedback on how well it performs. Visit their website for a complete listing of products and an explanation of how it works.

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<http://isotronantennas.com>

SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB
PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

NUMBER	PRECEDENCE	HX	STATION OF ORIGIN	CHECK	PLACE OF ORIGIN	TIME FILED	DATE
5	R		N5YBG		San Antonio, TX		May, 2021
TO		W5SC					

Hello Fellow Hams!

SARC is involved in many amateur radio activities. As it is with any organization it is created and sustained by the activities the membership enjoys together. SARC is no different. We have an outstanding Radio Fiesta each year due to those members who work for the good of the club. Don't forget Field Day is coming soon June 26-27. We have already reserved the park. Watch the web site for information.

Our newest program we have undertaken is the Robert A. Rodriguez K5AUW Scholarship Fund., which will be administered by the ARRL Foundation.

As a member of SARC we want to know what you would like to do as a member. What ideas do you have to promote amateur radio in the area?

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Remember Wear a Mask 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 Meeting Minutes

7:00 p. m., April 08, 2021

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

President called meeting to Order at 7:00 pm

Introductions by President Rosendo Guzman N5YBG

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

- Minutes approved with no changes, additions, or deletions without objection and by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports:

President

The primary purpose of the meeting Radio Fiesta and Field Day 2022

Appointments

Newsletter Editor: Jimmie Neff WJ4M

Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ

Education and Training: David Finell N7LRY

Emergency Communications: Joe Bruno, W5AUQ

Executive: Harold Fleischer AE5AS (By Constitution)

Finance and Review: Paul Guido N5IUT

Field Day: Joe Bruno W5AUQ

JOTA: John Douglas W5NZK

Membership: Bill Craft KD2HIQ

Nominating: inactive; no appointments.

Radio Fiesta: Bill Craft, Jeff Boyes, Joe Bruno, and Rosendo Guzman

VEC: Pat Knight AD5BR

Centennial and Scholarship Committee: Tom O'Brien AB5XZ

Vice President Lloyd Swartz KF5ZHW – Program: David Finell N7LRY: How to solder

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

Treasurer – Jeff Boyes, ND8B has purchased the radios for the raffle.

Newsletter Editor

- Jimmie Neff reported The April Bexar Wire newsletter was sent out on April 7th, 2021.

- The deadline for each issue is the Monday before the first Thursday of the month.

Webmaster – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ

- Website – Posted newsletter, created scholarship pages, including new raffle. Added ham page about visually impaired ham license testing. Updated Radio Fiesta pages.

Trading Post: added moderator security. Updated VE testing info. Groups.io –

Updated membership list. Updated calendar. Mail Chimp – Meeting notice, Zoom.

- Facebook Statistics Pages: March Total Page Views 47%. Website Statistics –

Sessions: 2105 – Up 138% vs. previous 30 days. Page Views: 4220 Up 114% vs

previous 30 days. New vs. Returning visitors – New: 89%. Returning: 11%. Device

breakdown: desktop 70%, tablet 5%, and mobile 25%- Membership – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ as 3/31/2021:

99 Paid members, 0 Free, 21 Family

Members, 41 ARRL Members, a total of members 120

Chairman of the Board Report – Harold Fleischer, AE5AS: No Report

Education and Training – David Finell N7LRY: No Report

Executive – Rosendo Guzman N5YBG: Raffle tickets for Scholarship Fund are available. Harold Fleischer described the intended use of the fund’s money, eligibility.

Emergency Communications – Joe Bruno, W5AUQ: No Report

Field Day – Joe Bruno, W5AUQ: No Report

Finance and Review – Paul Guido N5IUT: No Report

JOTA – John Douglas, W5NZK: No Report

Silent Key Committee – Bill Craft KD2HIQ: No Report

Radio Fiesta

- Bill Craft KD2HIQ: Reserved Schertz Civic Center, updated Eventbrite ticket site.

Tickets go on sale March 1, 2022. Dates: June 17th – June 18th, 2022.

- Rosendo N5YBG: West Gulf Division Hamfest Application has been submitted to the ARRL.

VE Team – Pat Knight AD5BR:

Next license exam session

We will have outdoor VE sessions under a covered pavilion on April 24 and June 26, with no walk-ins. Contact the VE team at hamtest@gmail.com to register, or with any questions.

FRN now required before exam session

If you know someone who is not a ham yet who wants to take a license exam, let them know that they must obtain an FRN before going to an exam session. Hams have an FRN on their ham licenses. <https://apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/regEntityType.do>

NEW FCC \$35 application fee (new licenses and renewals) is not yet in effect. ARRL expects that it will go into effect this summer. That fee will go directly to the FCC. We still will collect a separate \$15 VE session fee that offsets ARRL’s costs to process license session paperwork and postage.

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

Scholarship Committee – Tom O’Brien AB5XZ: Held a Zoom meeting and call to Bob Rod, followed by a draft document sent to ARRL Foundation. ARRL Foundation prelim feedback received; 3rd draft is in the works. Purpose is for ARRL to manage the scholarship.

Nominating Committee: Inactive.

Treasurer’s Report: Jeff Boyes, ND8B, summarized income/expenses for the month, current account balances.

Old Business (Motions carried over from previous meetings): None. **New Business (Must be presented as a motion):** None.

Announcements for The Good of Amateur Radio:

- David Finell: Classes likely to start in June.
- Informal Field Day in Brackenridge Park .
- City of Hondo has a well-stocked Radio Shack.

Meeting Adjournment @ 8:49 P



Volunteer Examiners at Work



This is the May 2021 Bexar Wire report for the VE team.

Thanks to American Legion Post 300, Post Commander Steve Troudt KE5WYV, and Canteen Manager Cynthia Gilsinger, we were again able to hold a VE session outdoors under their covered pavilion. Eleven candidates earned Technician licenses, four earned General upgrades, and one earned an Extra upgrade. Congratulations!

Thank you to all the Volunteer Examiners and one assistant who helped.

We plan to have another exam session the morning of June 26, Field Day. Contact the VE team at hamtest@gmail.com to sign up for that session or with any questions.

73,

Pat Knight AD5BR

210-273-5927 iPhone

First Tailgate of the Season (Continued from Page 1)



San Antonio St, Marion, TX 78124) If you are in town stop in and get lunch. Thanks to “RED”, KG5SFT for inviting us.

Radio Fiesta 2022 Approved

Bill Craft, KD2HIQ

I am pleased to report that ARRL West Gulf Division Director John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, has approved the Radio Fiesta in Schertz on June 17 -18, 2022, to be an ARRL sanctioned hamfest.

This hamfest will be posted on the ARRL Hamfests and Conventions Calendar on the ARRL Web page (<http://www.arrl.org/ham-fests-and-conventions-calendar>). It will also be included this in the June, 2022, edition of QST’s Convention and Hamfest Calendar column.

Besides picking up a few items, I had some great BBQ at Mr. G rail road BBQ. (409 E

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. Since we are not having Radio Fiesta in January, 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.

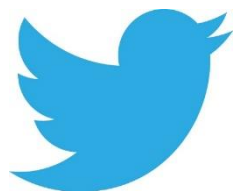
Several members have asked where are the notices, schedules and codes for Zoom meetings?

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 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

you, but Paul is known to be on it.

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

Amateur Radio License Classes
For more information, contact:
David Finell, N7LRY
Instructor

SARC Meeting Dates for 2020
January 14, 2021
February 11, 2021
March 11, 2021
April 8, 2021
May 13, 2021
June 10, 2021
July 8, 2021
August 12, 2021
September 9, 2021

License Testing Dates for 2021
Due to Covid restrictions the normal testing site is not available. The VE Team will schedule tests as sites become available. See the VE report in this newsletter for the latest information. 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 has a website:
w5sc.org

Field Day 2021
June 26-27, 2021 at the City of Shavano Park's City Hall Complex
Where SARC proves they are an eating group with a radio problem.

Radio Fiesta 2022

January , 2022

Sadly Radio Fiesta 2021 was cancelled due to Covid-19. Be watching for news about Radio Fiesta 2022.

JOTA

Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air

Pending Covid restrictions for 2021