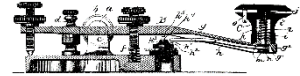




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San Antonio Radio Club
W5SC



2023, No. 4 April 2023

Cray Lester, SK



1 Cray Lester, K5MUG

Cray Daniel Lester went silent key on March 21, 2023, at his home in San Antonio, Texas. Cray was born in Rocky Mount, North Carolina in 1939.

Cray lived a life of service, serving 20 years in the Air Force and another 20 as a civilian for the Army. His work took him around the world and he enjoyed time

in Thailand, Germany, Alaska, and (of course) San Antonio.

In retirement, Cray enjoyed bowling and was also an avid radio operator (K5MUG). His depth of radio knowledge and great Morse code skills made him the go-to person at club meetings and during Field Day events, and he enjoyed participating in weekly Radio Fox Hunts (Transmitter Hunting).

He was married to Renee Dynes Lester for 45 years (died 2010). He is survived by his sister, Ginger Shoemaker; his children Cray and Cathy Lester, Paul and Mellie Lester, Debbie and Alun Jones, and Kelly Lester and Tuck Couhig; his grandchildren Colin Jones, Cray Lester, and Mayle Lester; and countless cousins and in-laws across the country.

Cray was generous with his money and his time, donating to veterans' charities, and actively participating in both the San Antonio Radio Club and the Valley Hi Neighborhood

The next meeting, A, 2023, will be 7 PM at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 251-2602 . Steve Cerwin, WA5FRF will do the presentation

Association, Cray was also stubborn, funny, and full of stories. He will be missed.

Cray's family will be spreading his ashes at the (Gulf) coast

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society, a veterans' charity, or your local radio club.

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Editor's Note: A true CW op, I remember Cray proclaiming he did not have a microphone. If he really did, he didn't use it much. -...-

Good info for April -- Bill Craft KD2HIQ

Thanks to JC Smith, N5XO sending me a link to the Bob HEIL presentation to ARES. Out of that presentation you will find some good information on how to adjust your rig for "good" audio for listening and transmitting. Here is the link to that ZOOM Meeting, providing in entirety Bob's presentation.

https://youtu.be/Mo_zk4pU2TI

It is well worth watching not only for the history but you will get some great tips for operating.

ADJUSTING YOUR RIG'S DSP SETTINGS

<https://heilhamradio.com/dsp-settings/>
Modern Amateur Radio transceivers offer a wide variety of features that may include Digital Sound Processor (DSP) -based adjustments for your SSB audio. Follow this guide for simple instructions on how to get your rig set up so that you sound great on the air.

There a listing of adjustments for each major brand of ham rigs. -...-

SAN ANTONIO RADIO CLUB PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

NUMBER	PRECEDENCE	HX	STATION OF ORIGIN	CHECK	PLACE OF ORIGIN	TIME FILED	DATE
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TO							

Hello South Texas,

I was deeply saddened to learn about the passing of Cray Lester, K5MUG, SK, and I wanted to extend my heartfelt condolences to his family. Cray was a remarkable radio operator, and his dedication to the art of radio operating and passion for CW will be sorely missed on the air and at club events.

I am sure Cray would have attended the club POTA event this coming weekend April 15, 2023 at Government Canyon. More information for this event can be found online.

See you there!

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Paul Guido, N5IUT

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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., March 9th, 2023

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

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

Introductions

Presentation: Lloyd Swartz, KF5ZHW. Topic: US National Radio Quiet Zone.

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 – Paul Guido, N5IUT: Went to Houston Hamfest with Harold Fleischer to sell some SK equipment and to interface with several people. Details available at the w5sc.org website in the newsletter.

Vice President – Lloyd Swartz, KF5ZHW. Let Lloyd know if you are interested in doing a presentation at a club meeting.

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

Treasurer – Jon April KI5CSK –

Scholarship and Radio Fiesta prizes have been purchased and are on their way. Scholarship raffle tickets are ready for sale at \$25 each. Only 400 total tickets will be sold.

Scholarship Prizes	1st	FTDX10
	2nd	FT-991A
	3rd	FT-710
	4 th	FT-5DR
	5 th	FT-5DR
Radio Fiesta Prizes	1 st	IC-718
	2nd	FTM-6000R
	3 rd	Baofeng UV-5R
	4 th	Baofeng UV-5R
	5 th	Baofeng UV-5R

	6 th	Baofeng UV-5R
	7 th	TO AUTO DS90

Chairman of the Board Report – Harold Fleischer, AE5AS

There were no Board meetings or email ballots since last month so there is no report by the Chairman of the Board. Board will meet after this meeting to address a budget item.

Education and Training – David Finell, N7LRY – No report

Emergency Communications – JC Smith N5RXS – No report

POTA - Jon April

Club announcement

Announcing/presenting on SARC POTA event

When: 15-APR-2023 09:00-17:00

Where: Government Canyon State Natural Area

Field Day – Aubrey Mason – No report

Finance and Review – Kelly Randal WB5MZT conducted the annual review. No anomalies found.

JOTA – John Douglas W5NZK – No report

Centennial Committee – Tom O’Brien AB5XZ – Centennial Committee: \$55 in cash sales, check sent to club PO box.

VE Team – Benny Martinez, NU5P – No report

Newsletter Editor – Jimmie Neff – Newsletter sent to membership on March 8, 2023

Webmaster – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ –

Activities for February

1. Web Site
 - a. Posted newsletters
 - b. Updated Radio Fiesta pages
 - c. Added a ARRL video, “Why be a ham?”
 - d. Update Testing dates for VE sessions
 - e. Updated scholarship page with new prizes
2. Groups.io
 - a. Updated membership list
 - b. Updated calendar
3. Mail chimp — Meeting notice, Zoom, Radio Fiesta Notice
4. Twitter
5. Facebook -Meeting notice

Membership - Bill Craft, KD2HIQ

Membership As of 3/9/2023

Paid 125

Free / Mil 7 First Last Call

FOX HUNT

Sunday, 16 April, 0900 – 1200 at McAllister Park

Here are the details for the April Fox Hunt.

We will have the next Fox Hunt at McAllister Park on Sunday, 16 April, 0900 – 1200. Hud, W5ZBR, will be hiding the MicroFox (15mw) again this month. The Fox will be transmitting once a minute on 146.565Mhz.

Hunter’s starting point is any parking lot for the park. No need to wait for the group. As soon as 0900 hits, you can begin 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://www.sanantonio.gov/Portals/0/Files/Parks/hike-bike/McAllister%20Park%20Trails.pdf?ver=2021-01-12-153950-147>

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@...

If you need instructions on how to build a simple directional antenna to aid in direction finding, please navigate to www.n9eod.com

RADIO FIESTA June 16 &17, 2023

If you know someone who might not have heard about our Radio Fiesta (Hamfest), don't hesitate to talk it up.

Also, it is time to volunteer for Radio Fiesta.

The more people who come to Radio Fiesta the better. This event earns a major portion of the funds needed to keep the club going throughout the year. Although the people who visit Radio Fiesta are important, the people that buy (flea market tables) who bring their goods to sell or trade, are just as important. We do have a great number of flea marketers who come every year, but there is also a significant number who come only once. We have to fill those slots with new table buyers. If you need information, or want to set up as a vendor/flea marketer, see the information on our webpage at: <https://w5sc.org/radio-fiesta-2023-information/> See attachment

We have one **FREE** member's table set aside for our members who have a **few items** of their own that they want to sell. You should limit yourself to whatever you can get on about a 2 x 2-foot square (or equivalent) of table space, but exceptions will be considered. **This is a on first come basis. -limited to 3 active spots on 6’ table, we will make a wait list if there are more than three signing up.**

The idea is to provide a little space on a shared table for those members who don't have enough items to make a full table worthwhile. There is, of course, a catch - If you put something on the table, you have to spend some time behind it to help promote what you and others are trying to sell.

When you sell out- the next member on list gets your spot, it's meant to be a "shared resource".

Put your asking price and your call sign on what you're selling and make a list with your "minimum price" on it for whoever is watching the table to reference if needed. If you are interested, or have questions, call or email me: Aubrey Mason, WA6DMI 210-602-4291 <akengineering@...>



Volunteer Examiners at Work



No report as of publishing time.

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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.

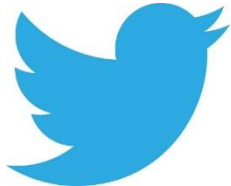
Several members have asked where are the notices, schedules and codes for Zoom meetings?

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 2023

January 12, 2023
 February 9, 2023
 March 9, 2023
April 13, 2023
 May 11, 2023
 June 8, 2023
 July 13, 2023
 August 10, 2023
 September 14, 2023
 October 12, 2023
 November 9, 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

Radio Fiesta 2023

Radio Fiesta is scheduled for June 16 – 17, 2023 at the Convention Center in Schertz, Texas. It is an ARRL sanctioned Hamfest. Make a date to attend!

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, 2022. 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

License Testing Dates for 2022
License Testing Dates pending for 2023
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.

Field Day 2023
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.