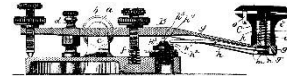




San Antonio Radio Club

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Special Field Day 2023 Issue, Come to Field Day!



**The 203 ARRL Field Day is June 24-25.  
(From your editor and ARRL)**

**Field Day is ham radio's open house.**

Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio.

The San Antonio Radio Club (SARC) will participate in Field day as usual. Priorities are: Have fun, be safe and eat barbeque

If that sounds insincere, it is not. The real objective is to give members experience in operating in an austere environment like may be faced in emergency situations and to bring ham radio to the general public.

SARC has operated from the field adjoining the City of Shavano Park offices on Military

Drive NW. They have been great hosts and friends of amateur radio.

What we do have are some good, friendly radio operators and a great place to work from. We typically have at least 4 HF radio stations and VHF/UHF stations sith antennas for each. While we are serious about the operating that is one of the Field Day goals, we don't want to make it like work. We usually score in the middle or lower middle of our class.

**Field Day is an excellent opportunity for new hams to experience field operating.**

There are several Extra class hams present who act as control operators so you don't even have to have a license to participate. You can learn a lot in a short time on Field Day.

It is not a time for guys only. Ladies



*The pavilion at Shavano Park Government Center*

participate too. It is certain that a female voice on Field Day draws a crowd on the air.

Our Field Day will be at the Shavano Par city offices in the pavilion. It is a great place, plenty of room and lights at night with two, huge ceiling fans to keep things cool. Parking is free and there are clean, indoor restrooms next to the pavilion.

**So plan to come out for an hour, a day or overnight!** Those who operate overnight Saturday/Sunday are usually given an “iron operator” certificate. It can get lonely.

Setup is Saturday AM and teardown when we stop on Sunday. Barbeque comes Saturday afternoon.



*Setting up the club's beam antenna*

If you want to bring a radio, contact Jon April, KI5CSK, he's coordinating the layout and antenna positioning plan.

A successful Field Day is when the club meets its primary goal; have fun, be safe and eat barbeque.

The antenna photo is from two years ago, the other photos are from the 2022 Field Day.

**Notice: Wear cool clothing**  
**Keep hydrated, cold water is provided**  
**Don't overdo it, Don't stress, relax its fun**  
**Bring bug spray, there will be "skeetere"**  
**We'll be in shade, but sunscreen is advised.**





## The Schedule

### **Saturday, June 24, 2023**

**8:00 am: Meet at 10660 W FM 78 Schertz to pull trailer, generators, and tower equipment out of storage**

**9:30 am: Set up antennas, emergency generators, computers, and radios at Shavano Park**

**1:00 p. m: Start Radio Operations**

**6:00 pm: Blanco's BBQ Supper**

### **Sunday, June 25, 2023**

**8:00 am: Breakfast Tacos**

**Late Morning: Start Tear Down of equipment no longer being used**

**12:00 pm: Leave Shavano Park for 10660 W FM 78 Schertz, TX**

**About 1:00 pm: Arrive at storage site.**

**About 2:00 pm: All equipment secure.**