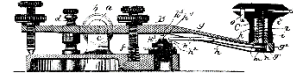




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San Antonio Radio Club
W5SC



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June 2026



ARRL Field Day! Field Day 2026 takes place June 27 – 28 and will bring together more than 30,000 amateur radio operators for one of the most popular on-the-air events in the US and Canada.

This year's Field Day theme is "Amateur Radio: A National Resource." Combined with the [ARRL Year of the Club](#), it provides the perfect opportunity for radio clubs to set up stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill, and service to our communities and our nation. The San Antonio Radio Club will be joined by The Alamo Area Radio Organization and members of the San Antonio Digital Radio Club. This year we'll use the SARC callsign, W5SC.

The overall objective for Field Day is to contact as many stations as possible, and to learn to operate in less-than-optimal conditions with portable equipment, temporary antennas, and off-grid power.

The next meeting, May 14, 2026, will be at 7 PM at Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 251-2602. Program will be about Field Day



SARC will set up Four High Frequency Stations are set up and operated sim-

ultaneously. A Very High Frequency/Ultra High Frequency Station is also set up and operated simultaneously. A Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) is set up and operated. The purpose of the GOTA station is to get newly licensed ham radio operators on the air and members of the general public. In fact, under supervision of an appropriately licensed ham radio operator, members of the general public can operate any of the radios.

Power to the radios, lights, and logging computers is provided by two (2) inverter generators owned by SARC. SARC also owns a portable trailer mounted beam antenna and many other antennas. An antenna farm containing a mix of SARC and member owned antennas are set up in the vicinity of the tent. While SARC owns some radios as a club, many of the radios at Field Day are member owned.

Field Day is 24 hour operation that includes all of Saturday night. SARC insures that no one starves. Catered BBQ is served for Saturday night super. Since it is usually hot during Field Day, plenty of water is kept on site as well.

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Hello South Texas,

Today I was looking back at the archive of old newsletters that Bill Craft, KD2HIQ submitted to the Internet Archive, link below, I reviewed some Field Day notes and data from the past.

There was a nice note from 71 years ago in the July 1955 issue of the "Gutter Dope" as it was called back then, "...Thank everyone who participated" at Field Day. Later the newsletter was called "The Exciter".

Pulling out the data from old QST magazines, I see that the San Antonio Radio Club had a 1950 Field Day score of 2988 using four transmitters and 14 participants. In 1954, we exceeded expectations with a score of 10113 using eleven transmitters and 28 participants!

This year for Field Day we will be using the donated FTDX101MP - 200W HF/50MHz transceiver again, limited by menu to 100 watts for Field Day. It is going to be packed up for use in rack mount portable cases that keep it safe and transportable. It will be set up with more extras including a foot switch for transmit.

We are upping the game on the rotor by installing a board in the controller that allows easier manual control and the addition of computer control.

There are plenty of things to do at Field Day 2026, including testing!

Please come out, get on the air, volunteer, have fun, and be safe!

Paul Guido, N5IUT, President SARC

<https://archive.org/details/dlarc?tab=collection&query=san+antonio+radio+club>

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The due date for articles is the **Monday** before the first **Thursday** of the month

Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM May 14, 2026

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM//Pledge of Allegiance//Introductions

Presentations: Bill Craft, KD2KIQ: Radio Fiesta.

Jimmy Neff: V-Band. Morse code virtual CW band from Ham Radio Solutions for practicing sending and receiving CW without the need to have a license, radio, antenna.

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

There being no additions or changes, the minutes were passed without objection by unanimous consent.

Officer Reports:

President – Paul Guido, N5IUT –

- The club is in good financial shape.
- B-Sides upcoming: if interested in volunteering, email Paul.
- Other upcoming events: Radio Fiesta, Field Day.

Vice President – Kelly Randal, WB5MZT – No report

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

Treasurer – Jon April, KI5CSK –

- Working to get the club's account switched to RBFCU, collecting required documents. Once created, club's money will be transferred from Credit Human account.

Chairman of the Board Report – Bill Craft, KD2KIQ – Board approved funds for Phase 1 of Harold Fleischer’s build of a go box for the new club radio. Harold will begin building for use at Field Day.

Education and Training – Marvin “Marlo” Brown (KJ5BQV) & Travis Buhler (KI5TXG): No report.

Emergency Communications – Patricia Colley, Bexar Co. ARES – JC: Bexar County ARES meeting first Tuesday of June at Bexar County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). New antennas installed on rooftop. Considering creating an ARES bulletin board. ARES leadership will be at Radio Fiesta. HF net is held 2nd and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

Web Site – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ

Activities for March

1. Web Site – Recent problems with the web site related to software crashing.
 - a) Posted newsletter
 - b) Added page for license study tools
 - c) Radio Fiesta pages updated
 - d) Online Radio Fiesta volunteer sign-up added
2. Groups.io
 - a) Updated membership list
 - b) Updated calendar
3. Mail chimp- Meeting notice, Zoom Notice
4. Twitter

Membership – Bill Craft, KD2HIQ	As of 5/6/2026		
Paid 132	New Members for 2026		
Free / Mil 7	First	Last	Call
Family Members 15	Mike	Wille	KI5KGA
Free / RF 5	Nathaniel	Olson	
Free / VE 29	Ashley	Casillas	
ARRL Members 96	Bren	Winbrock	
Total Membership 188			
Notes: • Radio Fiesta volunteer signup form unavailable at the w5sc.org website temporarily. • Rodney needs help to load Radio Fiesta items on 5/28 and taking items to Radio Fiesta on 5/29 for setup. • He also requested help transporting items from the venue following the event.			

POTA: When scheduled, information is published via the club's Groups.IO and Facebook account. Seeking someone to chair a club POTA committee.

Fox Hunt – Steve Ortiz – KJ5HIH – One will be conducted at the BSidesSATX event, June 13, 2026.

Newsletter Editor – Jimmie Neff – Newsletter distributed May 13, 2026. Contact Jimmy if you want to contribute an article for publication. Deadline is the Monday before the monthly meeting.

Field Day – Jon April:

- Shavano Park, Saturday, 4th full weekend of June (June 27-28, 2026). Late start at 2 PM.
- Volunteer signup is available at club web site. Help needed to load up equipment for transport to Shavano Park and to load/unload back at storage. A volunteer is needed to pick up BBQ and deliver to site.
- Iron Operator opportunities are available: people who stay overnight with the equipment. At least two are required for safety.
- Unlicensed visitors can get on the air with the club's call sign.

Finance and Review – No report.

JOTA – John April: Held in October each year.

Centennial Committee – Tom O'Brien AB5XZ – Memorabilia for the club's centennial are available.

Radio Fiesta – Aubrey Mason –

- Volunteers needed: send email to webmaster@w5sc.org. Volunteers get free admission to the event and ticket for drawing.
- Still 60 unsold tables. This may lead to the event not bringing in more than it costs to have the event.
- Education, sales, and community fun at the event.

VE Team – Benny Martinez, NU5P

SARC tests are at the Leon Valley library, unless otherwise noted.
6425 Evers Rd
Leon Valley, TX 78238

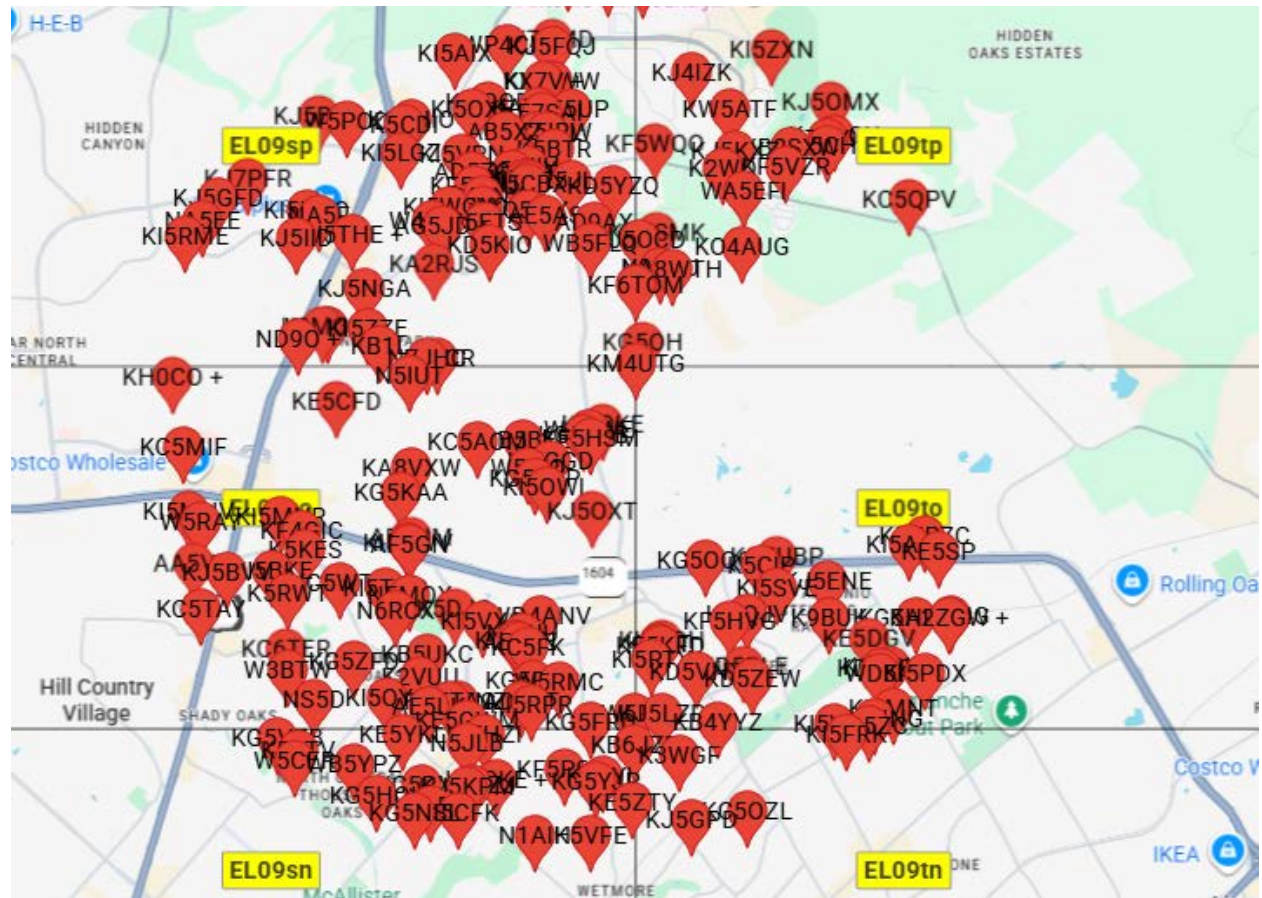
Amateur Radio License Map

Bill Craft, KD2HIQ

Sometimes, you may be curious as to what hams live around you. While the raw information is available from the FCC, it's not in an easily digestible format. Once again, using the power of Google, someone has solved that problem by putting together a web page called Amateur Radio License Map (<https://haminfo.tetranz.com>).

Initially, you get this web page, asking for a zip code:

Try it you will be surprised at the results. Note you can expand so you see each one separately.



Radio Fiesta Photos
Jim Neff, WJ4M



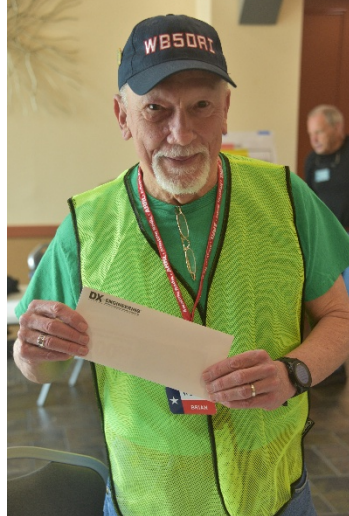














Volunteer Examiners at Work



From Bennie Martinez, NU5P, VE Coordinator

Next Testing Session:

June 28, 2026 (Field Day) from **12-2 PM**

900 Saddletree Court, Shavano Park, TX 78231)

<https://w5sc.org/field-day-2/>

Register at HamTest@w5sc.org

Other info at W5SC.org click "Getting Started" then "Testing."



SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

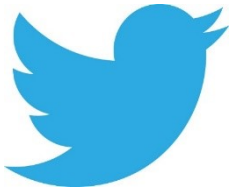
If you haven't signed up for group.io, you should. Groups.io is our primary email messaging method to all club members. It is FREE for all members.

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.



Reminder: there are two active X (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



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.

Radio Fiesta 2027

Radio Fiesta 2026 was a great success. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible! Soon the planning will start for Radio Fiesta 2027. We hope to make it bigger and better

Field Day 2026

Field Day is upon us, June 27-28, 2026. It will be at Shavano Park government area, close to the intersection of Military Highway and DeZavala road.

Amateur Radio License Classes

For more information, check
the club web page, W5SC.org

SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ
Billc851@gmail.com

SARC Meeting Dates for 2025

January 8, 2026
February 12, 2026
March 12, 2026
April 9, 2026
May 14, 2026
June 11, 2026
July 9, 2026
August 13, 2026
September 10, 2026
October 8, 2026
November 12, 2026
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

License Testing Dates for 2026

SARC does all of its licensing testing as a part
of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator
(VEC) or- ganization so all of the Volunteer
Examiners in SARC are duly authorized Vol-
unteer Examiners of ARRL's VEC.

Register at HamTest@w5sc.org

Other info at W5SC.org click "Getting
Started" then "Testing." If not other-
wise noted, testing site is Leon Valley Li-
brary, 6425 Evers Rd, Leon Valley, TX
78238

Scheduled for 2026

2/21/26, 12-2 PM
4/25/26, 12-2 PM
5/30/26, 1:30-3:30 PM, at Radio Fiesta,
1400 Schertz Pkwy, Schertz, TX 78154
**6/28/26, 12-2 PM, Field Day, 900 Sad-
dletree Ct., Shavano Park, TX 78231**
8/22/26, 12-2 PM
10/24/26, 12-2 PM – At Leon Valley Fire
Station
12/19/26, 12-2 PM

Emergency Communications

If you are interested in emergency communications, contact:

JC Smith, N5RXS
ARES Bexar County EC
210-522-6167