



# San Antonio Repeater Organization

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## BULLETIN

*“Serving the Amateur Community for 44 Years.”*

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### Next General Membership Meeting January 27, 2012

**SARO NET WEDNESDAYS AT 8:30 P.M. ON 146.94- (179.9)**

#### The Presidents Corner:

It is hard to believe that another year has come and gone. The board has made some progress last year. The 146.820 machine is back on the air. The new controllers are on the 146.940/444.100 and the 147.360 group. The 147.140 machine is still not up to speed, however progress has been made. A new updated contract is in place. We have been working on a climbing crew. The problem in getting a crew is all the cell phone 4G expansion. Hopefully shortly a crew will be available at a reasonable price.

At the October 28<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting we had 9 members in attendance. Don Kirchner, W5DK reported on the balances in the checking, savings, and CDs. Don also reported 43 members paid their dues in 2011. Gordon Dial, K5SUZ and Stan Stanukinos, KA5IID reported on maintenance and engineering.

The major activity of the evening was to nominate new board members. Four of the existing Board members; Gary Tangrady, K5GST; Pat Knight, AD5BR; Lee Besing, N5NTG; and Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW terms expired at the end of 2011. I want to personally thank each one for the time they have served this organization. The floor was opened for nominations the following four people were nominated: Chuck Kenworthey, WB5FWI; Scott Renwick, WB5ZJI; Stan Stanukinos, KA5IID; and Lyle Turner, KB5BSU. Since no other members wished to be nominated, these four members were running unopposed; a motion was made from the floor and these four members were elected unanimously by acclamation, without opposition from all members in attendance.

At the Board Meeting in January the board members elected the new officers for the coming year. I will remain as your President; Chuck Kenworthey, WB5FWI is the vice-President; Secretary is Lyle Turner, KB5SU; Don Kirchner, W5DK will remain as

Treasurer; and the three remaining Stan Stanukinos, KA5IID; Scott Renwick, WB5ZJI; and Gordon Dial, K5SUZ will serve as Directors.

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## Next Meeting

SARO's next meeting is January 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the "El Jalisco Lindo Grill" the restaurant is located near the intersection of Wurzbach Rd. and Watercress Dr. Their address is 5309 Wurzbach Rd. Suite 115. To get their from 410, go northwest on Bandera Rd. turn left at the first light on Wurzbach Rd. after the "S" curve the restaurant will be on your right in a small shopping center.

If you are west bound on Loop 410 take exit #13A, this is the second Bandera Rd. exit.

***Please note it is not necessary to purchase a meal to attend the meeting. The restaurant is happy to host SARO.***

Bob Rodriguez, K5AUW will put on a presentation on how to build a super simple antenna made from leftover PVC pipe, a few fittings, a tape measure and some other miscellaneous parts.

As an added incentive to come to the meeting and join SARO, an anonymous benefactor has donated a door prize that will be given to one lucky SARO

member in attendance. If you are interested in what the door prize might be you will just have to come to the meeting Friday night and find out. But you need to be in attendance and an active member of SARO to be awarded the prize.

## YOUR HELP

SARO is the organization it is because of its numerous volunteer members. However our organization can always use more help with the "heavy lifting". I would like you to consider, as a newly licensed Amateur Radio Operator many years ago (to many to mention, but not as many as others); I had difficulty wiring up a light bulb. But I could carry a 50 pound power supply up a flight of stairs.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with any of the Committees please contact one of the Chairpersons or a Board member. I promise, you will not be expected to climb the tower for the 146.140 "Buzzard Roost" but you may be asked to carry a tool bag up a couple flight of stairs or help with mailing this Bulletin, or being part of a ground crew replacing an old antenna or be part of the crew that gets the 146.940 repeater back on the air by simply replacing a fuse in the power supply.

My point of all this rambling is we would like to here from you, if you have some time to spare and are interested in volunteering your help, please contact one of the Board members or a Committee chairperson.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The San Antonio Repeater Organization maintains one of, if not the largest number of repeaters in the San Antonio area. SARO's repeaters are available for use to all licensed Amateur radio operators, and Membership in SARO is available to all licensed Amateur Radio Operators.

The new Board of Directors needs your support. The larger our membership the more we can accomplish together. SARO works with the other radio clubs in the area providing a pool of licensed radio operators and a vast array of equipment available for community service. SKYWARN and the Rainfall net utilize the 146.940- repeater and 444.100 is the backup machine for shelter communication during evacuations.

Please consider joining or renewing your membership in SARO. A renewal application is below, simply fill out the application and mail it to the SARO P.O. Box, or better bring it to the meeting on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup>. You might just be the lucky member, and be awarded the door prize.



### SAN ANTONIO REPEATER ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION FORM

P.O. Box 1753, San Antonio TX 78296-1753

Are you an ARRL member?  No  Yes  Life

Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, St., ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Put Your Call Sign on Your Check*

Annual **DUES \$15.00** (Previous Member)  
First Time Applicant **\$10.00 Initiation** Plus Dues  
(i.e. \$25.00 for a new applicant at start of the year)

- New Member** (Copy of license must be enclosed)  
 **Renewal** (include copy of license if revised/renewed)  
 Some info has changed, please review record.

In accordance with Privacy and Freedom of Information Acts, the following applies: Failure to check the following blocks indicating that you ***DO NOT WANT*** the information published in the SARO Directory constitutes agreement with its publication.

Check if you ***DO NOT*** want your:

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I volunteer for the following committees (NOTE: telephone number and e-mail address will be given to the committee chairperson).

- Membership  Maintenance  Engineering  
 Public Service  Public Relations  Newsletter

I understand communications of a business or commercial nature have no place on SARO repeaters. I will comply with the policies of SARO and will not engage in any activities that might bring discredit to the Organization.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

SARO General Membership meetings are held quarterly, the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday in January, April, July and October. The SARO general information and training net is held every Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m. local time

**Board of Directors**

President  
 Royce Taylor, K5OHJ  
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 Secretary  
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**Committee Chairpersons**

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 Eric Olson, WB5ZJQ  
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 Royce Taylor, KA5OHJ  
 Newsletter  
 Eric Olson, WB5ZJQ  
 Web Master  
 Lee Besing, N5NTG

**Trustees & Repeaters**

PL = 179.9 Hz

WB5FWI  
 146.940-  
 444.100+  
 WA5FSR  
 145.100 Digi  
 146.820-  
 223.580 Digi  
 KG5QW  
 146.780-  
 K5SUZ  
 52.13/53.13  
 147.360+  
 224.380-  
 444.125+  
 W5DK  
 440.700+ D-STAR  
 K5PWX  
 147.140+



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