



The Repeater

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Bob's Broadcast - from Bob Rodriguez, AARO President



The other day I overheard a conversation between two Hams. They were lamenting the fact that they were getting bored with Ham Radio. I was going to join the conversation, but thinking the better of it, I bit my tongue so hard I'm still lisping!

I wondered if they had tried the many modes available to us. Have they tried the

digital modes, satellites, DFing, CW, SSTV...?

In the more than 51 years I've been licensed, I have tried most of the modes available but they keep coming up with new ones faster than I can master the old ones!

In the late '50s and early '60s Single Side Band was considered an "experimental" mode. The old AMers banished those of us with the "Donald Duck" talking radios to small segments of the HF bands. If you wanted to operate on VHF FM in the early '60s, you had to obtain a used commercial radio, modify it and tune it for minimum smoke.

Ours is a technical hobby. By trying new modes we increase our technical knowledge. Much of this can be done with minimal financial investment. All we need to invest is our time and effort. That, combined with our operating knowledge, makes us more valuable as Hams.

There are many Hams willing to share their knowledge and assist us in trying new modes of operation. All you have to do is ask. Ham Radio – The same old, same old? I don't think so.

Bob Rodriguez
K5AUW

Got something to say?

This is your club newsletter. Send your articles, gripes, praises, to:
KD5ZSY @
satx.rr.com.

The autopatch code and website member's only password has changed. Didn't get yours? Contact Terri Thomas.

Join Us on 147.380+ and 443.875+ (both PL tone 162.2) for Newsline and the InfoNet - Monday Evenings at 8:30 p.m., followed by a SLOW "Learn CW" Net Night Owl Net - Saturdays at 10:30 p.m.; CW Practice Net - Saturdays at 10 p.m.
Also check out the club's web site - <http://aa5ro.org>

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The Amateur's Code

The Radio Amateur is CONSIDERATE..

never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

LOYAL... offers loyalty, encouragement and support to other amateurs, local clubs, and the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio in the United States is represented nationally and internationally.

PROGRESSIVE.. with knowledge abreast of science, a well-built and efficient station and operation above reproach.

FRIENDLY... slow and patient operating when requested;


friendly advice and counsel to the beginner; kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are the hallmarks of the amateur spirit.

BALANCED... radio is an avocation, never interfering with duties owed to family, job, school or community.

PATRIOTIC... station and skill always ready for service to country and community.

--The original Amateur's Code was written by Paul M. Segal, W9EEA, in 1928.

Thanks to Terri Thomas for making this article available to your newsletter.



Welcome! to AARO's Newest Member

David Ham (Associate)
Luke Ham (Associate)
Manuel Diaz Rodriguez (Associate)
Terry Tackitt (KB5EOR)
Mark Watson (KD6ZSQ)

Welcome Back! to

Meghann Johnson (KE5KDR)
Milton Johnson (N5HMJ)
Scott Renwick (WB5ZJI)

Thank You for Your Support!!



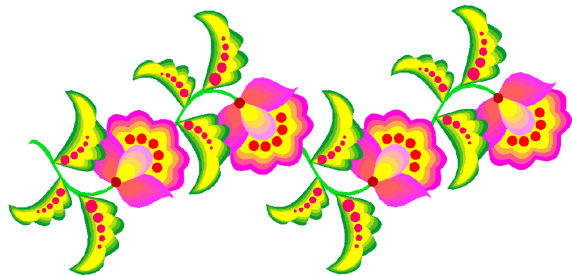
Nintendork.com - LogOff Warning

You have been on-line for 1 year.

Do you wish to Log Off and get a Life?

Yes NO

Remind me next year



Happy May Birthday Wishes to:

1 – Herm Haertel (N5CNH)
7 – Sharon Olson (KB5KZD)
12 – Jim Buck (W5CJB)
29 – Gordon Dial (K5SUZ)

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2009 BikeMS: Valero Alamo Ride to the River

An Update on the New Course *By Milton Johnson, N5HMJ*

The Valero 2009 Alamo Ride to the River, presented by H-E-B, will kick off with an Expo at our new start line, the Alamodome in San Antonio. The Expo is the last opportunity to pick up your packet before ride day.

The Expo will feature health and wellness vendors, bike shops, event sponsor booths and an opportunity for a pasta carb load!

On October 3, cyclists will embark on a new and exciting

journey along country roads from San Antonio to New Braunfels. Whether you choose the 75-mile route or the 100-mile route on day one, you will enjoy the small town charm of La Vernia, Seguin and Gruene along the route on both days.

Texas Lutheran University will play host for Lunch on day one. Then it's on to fun in the sun at the best water park on the planet, Schlitterbahn, as cyclists wind down for the day.

Attention Century Riders: In keeping

with Bike MS tradition, we have added a century loop just for you. The century ride will include a 25-mile loop along River Road from Gruene to Sattler and back.

At the Overnight on Saturday, join the celebration. There will be live music and a meal provided by Hooters.

On Sunday morning, enjoy a hot breakfast to get you in gear for the 60-mile ride back to San Antonio. At the Finish Line complete a victory lap inside the Alamodome and

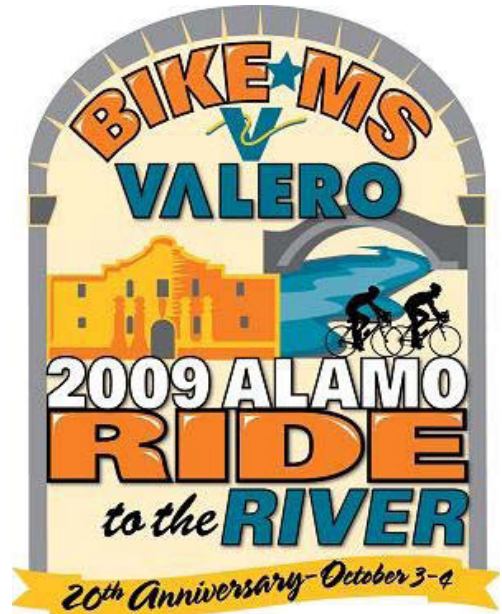
celebrate with 3,500 of your new friends.

Visit <http://nationalmssociety.org/chapters/BikeMSValero2009AlamoRidetothetheRiver/AbouttheRide/index.aspx> to get all the details for a safe and enjoyable ride this October.

Field Day Updates at:
<http://www.sanantoniohams.org/calendar/index.htm>

Upcoming Statewide Events

5/16/09 Smithville Hamfest - Riverbend Park @ Bastrop	- Ham-Com 2009 - Friday and Saturday, June 12-13 Plano Centre	Texas City Hamfest July 11th, 2009 Doyle Convention Center 8AM - 2 PM
November 14 North Texas Emergency Communicators Hamfest Azle TX		



Calendar of Events

- ✓ 5/13/09 AARO General Membership Meeting, Martha's Mexican Restaurant, 5822 Babcock Road. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.
- ✓ 5/8/09 SARC General Membership Meeting, K-COMM, 10815 Gulfdale, 7:00 p.m.
- ✓ 5/9/09 Medina County ARC General Membership Meeting, Hondo Community Center, Hondo, TX. 9 a.m.
- ✓ 5/9/09 McARC ARRL VE Test Session, Hondo Community Center, 1014 18th Street, Hondo, TX, Appointments required. Contact Ray N5VRE @ 830-931-9301.
- ✓ 6/27/09 SARC-Sponsored ARRL VE Test Session, Great Northwest Library, 9050 Wellwood, 9 a.m. (Call 210 522-6167 for confirmation of this date)
- ✓ 5/16/09 K-COMM Tailgate/Swapfest, 10815 Gulfdale, 9:00 a.m., 344-3311

Check www.sanantoniohams.org for more upcoming events in the Amateur Radio Community.



AARO Membership Meeting
(second Wednesday of each month)
Wednesday, May 13th, 2009
Martha's Mexican Restaurant, 5822 Babcock Road
Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Meeting at 7:00 p.m., sharp

