The SO2R Mini

SO2R In Your Palm!

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What This Is...

- SO2R Mini Overview
 - How it came to be
 - Design background
 - What it does
 - What it doesn't do
 - How you can get one
- What this isn't...
 - Anything to do with how to do SO2R
 - Ask Randy or Doug!

Why SO2R Mini?

- Late Fall, 2018, W1UE asks NN1C for audio switching box!
- Prototype used at HQ9X for ARRL CW 2019
- "Let's make it a real SO2R box and sell a few!"
- The journey begins

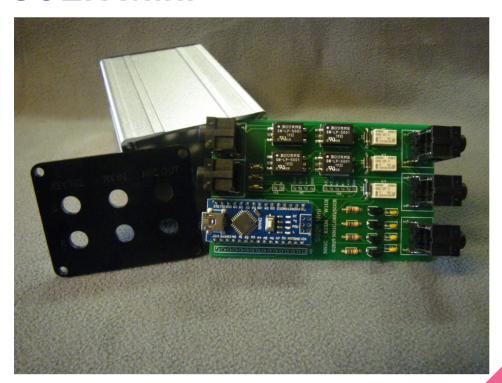
Design Principles

- Cheap and easy.
- Arduino-based.
- No custom enclosures.
- Hackable and accessible.
- Does a few things well, not everything to everyone.

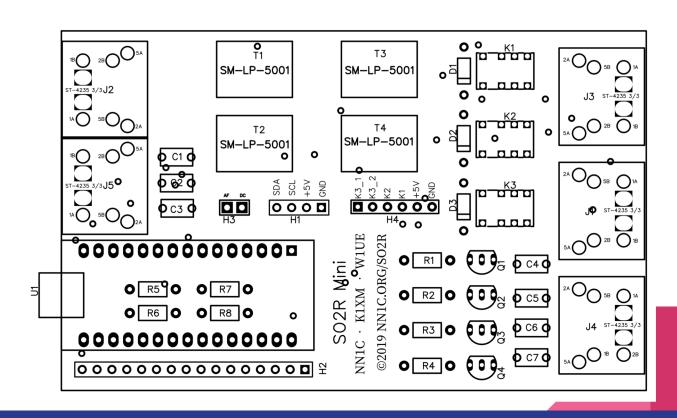
Design Timeline

- March, 2019 Initial Designs
- May, 2019 First PCBs Made.
 - "Does it fit in the case?"
 - "How many traces did Marty screw up?"
- Summer 2019 Not much, Marty is busy.
- September, 2019 it works!
 - K1XM joins to help with some hardware, writes SO2R Mini Connector.
- October 2019 Case designs are finalized.
- November 2019 Initial Orders.
- January, 2020 All orders fulfilled.

The Built SO2R Mini



SO2R Mini PCB Silkscreen



Unit Features

- Laser Cut "end panels" to make for easy production.
- The normal audio stuff
 - Transformer isolated RX audio switching (Relay switching)
 - Mic audio switching
- The normal keying stuff
 - PTT/CW keying built in WinKey emulation
- Headless Ships with no switches/knobs
 - All computer control
- Computer control via Arduino Nano
 - "Speaks" K3NG WinKey emulation library with K1XM addition.
 - Hardware supports adding LEDs and switches for TX/RX focus
 - Can add speed pot.

"Bonus" Features - Hardware Supported

- "Aux" Header
 - Dual Paddle Support
 - Dual Footswitch Support
 - Speed Pot
 - PTT interlock (Handy for SO3R, M/xx)
- I2C Interface
 - Remote control head in the works
- LED Interface
 - Resistor and LED wire pads on board for indicators
- Antenna Switching
 - Not fully developed, nag K1XM if wanted.

What We Lack (YCCC SO2R Comparison)

- Serial Device, not HID (It has a COM port)
- No front panel interfaces
- Only 2 radio supported
- Relay RX audio switching

Software Notes...

- SO2R Mini Connector Program
 - Speaks to SO2R Mini
 - Speaks OTRSP and WinKey to your logger
- Any logger that can handle OTRSP and WinKey can handle SO2R Mini.
- Rumor has it that SkookumLogger support is coming.

SO2R Mini Connector

Uses two virtual com port pairs.

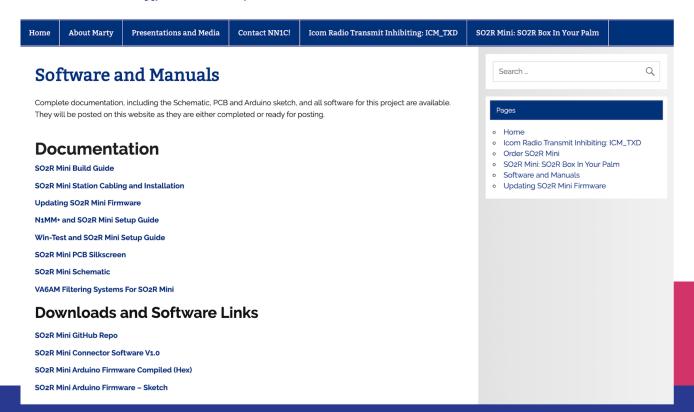
Instructions for the popular loggers on the website.



Website With More Info...

NN1C — Blog, Products, and Productions

The home of Marty Sullaway, NN1C



Buying SO2R Mini

- Online
 - \$60 as a kit (1 hour to build)
 - \$110 assembled and tested by W1UE.
- Today
 - \$50 cash as a kit (\$53 via PayPal)
 - \$100 cash assembled and tested (\$103 via PayPal)
- Lots of documentation online.
 - SO2R.org

Questions?

- I contest, please work me.
 - NN1C@K1VR ARRL DX CW If you're somewhere warm, work me.
 - NN1C@ZF1A ARRL DX SSB If you're freezing, work me.
- I'm outta here.
- This talk will be on nn1c.org by the time you wake up tomorrow.