

NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

July 2004

July Meeting

Texas QSO Party Warm-Up and Review NO5W's TQP Logging Program

The topic of the July club meeting will be the September Texas QSO Party, the next big NARS outing. H. O. - K5CX, TQP Coordinator, will have stats on last year's TQP, Texas maps, and a list of counties to aide in your planning for the 2004 Texas QSO Party.

Again, the goal this year is to bring the traveling TQP trophy home to NARS.

In addition Chuck, NO5W, will give a brief presentation/demo on the TQP module he has developed for his CQx contest logger including: route planning, efficient county changes, inclusion of route maps, logging and post-TQP log submittal features, as well as availability of the software and system requirements for its use.

Texas QSO Party Award



Jim Bobo W5ODD, President of the Alamo DX Amigos (left) presents the new Texas QSO Party 2003 1st Place Club Aggregate traveling trophy to Scott Pederson KI5DR (third from left), Vice President of the Central Texas DX Contest Club. Right is Bob Pack NX5M who placed first in Texas Multi-operator category with 1,407,520 points.

Important Dates

Friday, July 16, 7:30 PM - General Membership meeting, Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church - Eyeball QSOs, 7:00 PM.

Saturday, July 24, 8:30 AM - VE License Exam Session, Tomball Community Center, S. Cherry & Market streets (just South of Main).

Tuesday, July 27, 7:30 PM - Board of Directors meeting, Terra Nova Clubhouse, 5200 Woodville.

Contests

Jul 17-18 CQ WW VHF, NA QP RTTY
Jul 24-25 Russian RTTY WW, RSGB IOTA
Aug 1 SARL HF Phone
Aug 7 Euro HF Championship
Aug 7-8 NA QP CW, ARRL UHF
Aug 14-15 Maryland DC QP
Aug 21-22 NA QP SSB, NJ QP
Sep 25-26 TX QP, CQ WW RTTY DX

Wednesday Lunch Bunch

Jul 14 Casa Imperial Mexican
Jul 21 Strack Farms
Jul 28 Pepperchino
Aug 4 Luby's Cafeteria
Aug 11 Jason's Deli

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Jul 14 Fuddrucker's
Jul 21 Escalante Mexican
Jul 28 Jason's Deli
Aug 4 Luther's BBQ
Aug 11 Skeeter's

Monday "Tail Draggers" Lunch Bunch

12:00 Noon Aviator's Grill, Hooks Airport

Notice: NARS membership dues are \$20 per year, renewable on anniversary of last year's full payment.

Deadline for articles to appear in the next issue is the last day of this month.

BREAKFAST

at Victors

4710 W FM 1960

Saturdays

7:30 AM

President's Corner

July 2004

A decision was made - it was the correct decision - and now we move on.

As NARS is a Public Service Club one part of that SERVICE component talks to how we assist with communications to promote safety in many events. So was the case with the 2004 NARS Field Day. Here, safety began at home. Friday morning several members of NARS made a trip to the FD site to assess the situation. At that time, 10:00am, the field had many inches of water on it, the area where the tent typically gets set up was wet and starting to get muddy and it was still raining. The forecast called for an 80% chance of rain and heavy thunderstorms. The decision was made. The weather for the remainder of the weekend proved that decision to be correct. Even though there were many intervals of dry weather and even the occasional patch of blue sky the site was still under water.

Some club members looked for other groups to align with so they could participate. I would like to thank TDXS for extending an open invitation to join their team. (Something to be said for motor homes!!) Additionally, a couple members went to the Red Cross facility and ran up the CW Qs quite nicely. (Great job Colin - KU5B and Mark - K5GQ) Many of the rest of us got on from their home stations.

So, what do we do now? Well, we start by thanking everyone involved in the organization and planning for NARS Field Day 2004. We were ready to go with another fantastic NARS social event, dining event, and - yes - operating event. I can't name everyone, but let me name a few of the key contributors on our team.

Mike Lodge - Mike was, without a doubt, the most involved in the 2004 planning. I was successful in 'convincing' Mike that he would enjoy this annual task as it was "mostly automated". Looking back over the past months; well, he knows the truth.

Marty Fitzgerald - Marty was Mike's co-coordinator. Marty had all the bonus point activities lined up to help run our score up. He was even going to do slow scan TV.

Bill Stietenroth (aka. Uncle Zed) - Bill was our antenna man. He had towers, yagis, rotors, wires, pushup poles, guy wires, wire beams, dipoles, verticals, and the list goes on and on, ready to go to make the operations side of the event enjoyable. Well, now they are in storage waiting for 2005.

With that said - what about next year. Well, at the Board of Directors meeting, held this past week, we discussed several ways not to allow this to happen again. One suggestion was to make plans for two different sites: our regular site on Hammerly and an alternate site with a covered pavilion. Also, this year we had a BIG EVENT planned. We discussed how to quickly reduce the number of stations and therefore the amount of equipment needed. I am sure there are many other suggestions out there and over the coming months a good solution with Plan A, Plan B and perhaps even Plan C will get worked out.

In closing I would like to once again state - this was the correct decision. Safety is a major component of Ham Radio whether in the air working on a tower, in your workshop working on the high voltage power supply for your KW, or on the ground setting up Field Day. Thanks to all for your understanding and continued support of the 2005 Field Day planning team.

Bruce Meier
NILN

Public Service Events

Your Radio Skills Are Needed

Events officially sponsored by NARS include Buffalo Bayou Regatta (May), SIRE Ride-A-Thon (October) and Sunmart Texas Trails Run (December). Events supported by NARS members include Houston Marathon, MS 150 and Wings Over Houston.

Plan to help with one or more of these events in 2004.

VE Session Results

There was no test session in June.

The next NARS VE Test session will be held on July 24, 2004. I'll see you there.

Norm Covey K5OS
NARS VE Session Manager

Highlights from the NARS Board Meeting

The regular monthly NARS board meeting was held on June 29 at the Terranova Clubhouse. The following board members were in attendance: Bruce Meier, Tom Hoherd, Jerry Whiting, Paul Frantz, Terry Myers, Chuck Sanders, Lee Kinard, Rob Nixon along with the following guests: Joe Sokolowski, Laurie Meier, and Mike Lodge. Highlights of the meeting:

- **Programs** - Terry reported that the July program will be a presentation on the Texas QSO Party led by H.O. Townsend. August will be a VHF program presented by N5BA, and October will be a presentation on Log Book of the World by Paul Frantz. Terry also proposed that the club fund an outside national speaker to present a program in 2005 on a topic of significant interest to the club. The board agreed to consider this idea and to canvas the club members to determine a topic of interest. Bruce agreed to contact other clubs in the area to determine if they would be interested in joint-funding and participation in such a presentation. Stay tuned for more on this topic in future club meetings and be thinking about a topic that would be of interest.

- **Field Day** - Co-coordinator Mike Lodge gave a brief review of the weather situation related to the cancellation of the 2004 Field Day and reviewed some near misses in the last few years. From his analysis it appears the club has been fortunate that 2004 is the only recent year in which Field Day fell victim to the weather. Fortunately the costs associated with the cancellation were minimal. Mike also reported on some investigation of alternate higher ground sites with covered pavilions that he has recently conducted. To a round of applause Mike also volunteered to be the 2005 Field Day Coordinator.

- **Voice Repeater** - Bruce reported that one of the outcomes of the Dallas Ham Com trip was placing an order for a new antenna from Force 12.

- **Texas QSO Party** - An interesting idea was proposed by Bruce and Laurie to make up for the cancelled Field Day by having a Field Day like operation for a fixed special event type station in the TQP. It was noted that the group could apply for a special call sign or could use the club call. With Texas being the target area in TQP it was felt that rates would be good even with possibly less antenna hardware than Field Day and that overnight operation would not be required since the first session of TQP shuts down at 2100 UTC. So this operation would be like Field Day but with not as much "heavy lifting". Some advanced planning and coordination would be required but not as extensive as Field Day. It could also provide a "dry run" at a potential new site if an available one is found. The board is interested in hearing from anyone wishing to volunteer to coordinate this special event.

On the last Tuesday of each month the board meets at 7:30 pm at the Terranova Club House to discuss club business and to set direction for the club. All members are invited to attend the board meetings and if interested should contact any board member if directions are needed or if they desire a specific item to be on the agenda.

C. W. Sanders, NO5W
NARS Secretary

Ham and "Sheez" News

Adopt-a-Platoon Update

Thank you for your contributions to the June care package for the troops. We included several travel-sized games, paperback novels, and ziploc bags. There was also a camera and film included (Thanks, Joe!). Since we have not yet heard directly from the platoon in Baghdad, I contacted the Adopt-a-Platoon organization to confirm the information we have for our troops. The response was that the information was correct and to continue to be patient since there is so much going on in that area of the world right now. We will continue to support the platoon and trust that they are receiving our weekly letters and monthly packages. We thank you for your continued support!

The theme for this month's care package is baseball. We will be sending items such as cracker jacks, baseball cards, articles from the newspaper, information about the upcoming All-Star game here in Houston on July 12, and other items that have a baseball theme. Separately, we have also received a general request from the Adopt-a-Platoon organization to send small packages of Kool-Aid mixes, individual packages of sugar, and small packages of Gatorade mixes. The troops are able to use these to mix with the water they carry in their canteens. We will include some of these drink mixes and individual sugar packages in the care package.

If you would like to contribute any items toward the monthly care package, please bring the items to the NARS meeting on July 16. If you would prefer to make a donation toward defraying postage expenses, there will also be a coffee can for donations at the meeting. Please also remember to bring items that we can include in our weekly letters -- newspaper articles, comic strips, postcards, drawings, etc. Thank you in advance.

June Activities

Several ladies attended HamCom and helped sell raffle tickets at the NARS table. In fact, we had one team at one end of the table (Schalee and Darlene) get the attention of folks in the major thoroughfare and send them down to the other end of the table to purchase tickets. On the way to purchase tickets, we also made sure that the folks were informed of the upcoming Texas QSO party! Due to Schalee's marketing talents, we included an enticing Chips Ahoy cookie (get it?? sort of a nautical theme!) with any purchase. We were creative in our selling techniques -- usually, we marketed the purchase of a ticket with a free cookie. But, around lunch time, we changed tactics and tried to sell cookies with the bonus of a ticket! We were tremendously successful in our sales and even topped our own expectations. We collected just over \$500 in raffle sales at HamCom. Anita was the top seller as she went to several HamCom vendors and sold

books of tickets. Many thanks to Schalee, Anita, Keri, Tina, Teresa, Darlene, and Frannie (Schalee's dog!) for their raffle selling expertise! You'll have to ask Schalee about Frannie's selling technique.

Our June meeting was held on Monday, June 28, at the Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church. Since we had so much fun a few months ago creating greeting cards, we decided to do it again. Many thanks again to Shannon for her generosity in allowing us to use her stamping supplies, her wonderful teaching skills, and her patience with us novices. (Shannon - We really appreciate you and had a great time!) Shannon brought two sample cards and the supplies to make the cards. Each of us used the samples as guides, added a little creativity along the way, and went home with two lovely greeting cards that we will be proud to use. At the end of the night, we concluded that we were becoming addicted to stamping! And, we decided that we need to schedule another card making party in the very near future. You'll see more about that later in this update. If you haven't been able to join us for a card making party yet, be sure to arrange to attend the next one.

Upcoming Activities

On Saturday, July 17, we will venture to the Sam Houston Race Park for the evening. The guys are cordially invited to join us! Quarter horses will be racing that night. We will be dining at the Winner's Circle restaurant. It has a lovely buffet dinner and a dining area on multi-levels to allow folks to watch the horse races. The cost for the buffet dinner is \$24.95 per person. More details can be found by looking at the website: <http://www.shrp.com>. If you want to find out more about the Winner's Circle restaurant, use the drop-down menus at the bottom right hand corner of the screen. If you would like to join us, please let me know absolutely no later than Saturday, July 10. I will be making reservations based on the number of folks who have said they will be attending. Trust me - you do not have to be interested in wagering on the races to truly enjoy the evening.

Our July meeting will be held on Monday, July 26, at the Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church. We are hoping to have a very special guest that evening and are coordinating schedules. More information will be sent shortly. We will also be packing the items that we have collected for the baseball theme care package. Hope to see you then.

We have also decided on a few activities for August and September. The dates are yet to be decided; however, allow me to whet your appetites! In August, we will have another Bunko ladies night out. The first of these events was a really great time. Also in August, we will have our third card making evening. We will be

working with a friend of Shannon's who is a Stamp It Up distributor. She will bring supplies for us to make five greeting cards. The cost will be \$5 for five cards -- a true bargain and a lot of fun! Then, in September, we will have our second annual couples wine tasting party at the Sinclair's. Tina has graciously offered to host the party. This was one of the true highlights of last year. More details to follow shortly.

As usual, you can see that the ladies of Ham and "Sheez" are very busy. The number of ladies that attend our meetings and activities continues to grow. We really enjoy welcoming new folks to the group and hope to see many more new faces at the upcoming activities.

Monthly Recipe

Peach-Glazed Barbeque Pork Chops and Peaches (Cooking Light Annual Recipes 2004)

3 cups chopped peeled peaches (about 1 1/2 pounds)
1 cup dry white wine
1/4 cup sugar
1 t salt, divided
1/4 t black pepper, divided
2 T white wine vinegar
2 T molasses
1 t chili powder
1/2 t paprika
1/4 t ground red pepper
6 (6 ounce) bone-in center-cut pork chops (about 1/2 inch thick), trimmed
6 peaches, halved and pitted
Cooking spray

Combine first three ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer for 25 minutes. Uncover and simmer 5 minutes. Place mixture in a food processor or blender, and mix until smooth. Add 3/4 t salt, 1/8 t black pepper, vinegar, and next four ingredients. Pulse to combine. Let stand 5 minutes. Place half of the mixture in a large heavy-duty ziploc plastic bag, and reserve the other half for basting. Add chops to the bag, seal, and refrigerate for 30 minutes to 4 hours.

Preheat grill. Remove pork from bag, and discard the marinade. Sprinkle pork with 1/4 t salt and 1/8 t black pepper. Place pork and peach halves on grill rack (coated with cooking spray), and grill 10 minutes (turning once) or until pork is done and peaches are tender. Baste pork and peach halves with reserved peach mixture every 2 minutes during the first 6 minutes of cooking. Serves six.

Enjoy!

*Best regards,
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QUA* Cheryl Tompkins KD5AXC?

There have been many benefits to our Ham and Sheez group and one specifically has been a pleasant surprise for me. I have a neighbor, just two houses down who is also a HAM (so is her husband). We have had the opportunity to get to know each other better in the past year than we have in the prior six! Cheryl Tompkins KD5AXC is a wealth of information on a wide variety of topics. But, most of all, it's just fun to spend time with her.

Cheryl was born in Elgin, Illinois to parents Dorothy and Lowell Dougherty, also friends through my Grandmother, better known as Gram. She graduated from Larkin High School and then went to Champaign Urbana to attend the University of Illinois with a major in German. She laughs as she says the German because who knows why we pick those majors.

Between her Junior and Senior years she went on a hiking trip across Germany. (I'll bet she put that study to good use!) She returned home with \$2 in her pocket! Looking back she is amazed at the risks we are willing to take when we are young.

She received her teaching certificate and took a position in Kin Loch, Illinois, which she describes as a hamlet surrounded by the city. There is only one road into the area and it is a tight-knit community of black people and Cheryl was the only white person in the school. This environment brought some interesting experiences. At the time Cheryl had hair down to her waist and it was common for the students to run their fingers through her hair. She became so used to the experience that she often didn't even turn to look and see who was touching her hair. The students took odds to see how long she would last and the average was one month. She actually stayed for three years. She didn't quit even when frustrated because she didn't want to face her dad.

After a while she forgot she was different until she would reach down to point to a student's book and see their hands side-by-side and be briefly surprised at the difference in their skin color.

She met Bill Tompkins in 1968, while in college. He was dating her roommate, but wanted to wait until he was out of Medical School and had established a practice before he married. The roommate wasn't

patient, but Cheryl was and they were married in 1975.

Cheryl decided that she didn't have the personality for teaching and had a bookkeeping job for three years. In 1977 she and Bill moved to Tomball to set-up his practice. She was his bookkeeper/nursing aide.

Soon after came children: Jay in 1979, Josh in 1982 and Becky in 1985. Jay has now graduated from Stephen F. Austin and married Jodi. They have the first grandchild, born on April 16: Ethan Scott Tompkins. Doesn't that sound like the name of a great leader?

Bill believes that the best format for learning about each state is to visit its capital. There you learn history, facts, and get to see some fascinating buildings. So, with kids in tow, they have been to all the state capitals, with one exception. They were about 200 miles from Bismarck, North Dakota and Cheryl was tired and just wanted to go home. The kids were small and so they didn't take the turn into the state. She rue's the day. I think they should make a real celebration of that final capital trip, don't you? How else do you make North Dakota exciting?

Becky was a baby when they visited Yellowstone Park. She had a habit, at that time, of taking her clothes off. Cheryl was re-dressing her and Bill and the boys went ahead to the over-look. She walked up and put her chin on Bill's shoulder and asked what he was looking at. It wasn't Bill. But the stranger was pleasantly surprised!

They have now expanded their horizons, beyond the United States. Last August they went to the Galapagos Islands. They learned that Darwin classified all the animals in six weeks. No additional animal has been found since. The most interesting is the Blue Footed Booby. He has webbed feet and the male does a dance for the female, lifting one foot and then the other for her to see. She ignores him for a while and when she decides he is OK she shows him her feet in the same dance. There are some of the islands that have Red Footed Boobies. And one island has (this is for you, H.O.) a Booby with a prehensile toe. He sits on a bush that is only on that particular island.

(Ask H.O. the next time you see him about

prehensile animals - if you have lots of extra time).

They are now planning a cruise in September to the Greek Isles. Some of the stops are Santorini, Crete and Rhodes.

The Tompkins have a dog, of the Shih Tzu variety, and a cat that found itself in a "Have a Heart" trap in Bill's office attic. His name is Trapper Tom, M.D.

On November 8, 1987, a year after Becky, Cheryl read for the Bat Mitzvah, which means "girl of the Commandment". She grew up in the Evangelical Covenant Church and wanted to completely understand her adopted religion. But she was REALLY glad she didn't have to go through the ceremony required of a male!

Over the past few years I have been able to ask her the English definition of a Hebrew word to clarify my study of the Old Testament. A couple of months ago Cheryl taught the HAM and Sheez group to write their names in Hebrew on a magnet. It was fun and interesting to learn some of the characters.

Cheryl received her Technician license in 1999. She was in a very large training class taught by Jim Kirk, John Dougherty and others. Bob Helton has worked with us on morse code, but I'm afraid we have disappointed him. There is still hope. Cheryl was a much quicker study than me.

When I first asked she said she had never been on the radio, but I did find out that she has. When they are traveling and Bill is hiking they each have their HT's and she has used it. Yea!

I was in a meeting with Cheryl in April and the question was asked . . . "What is your best trait?" Cheryl responded that hers was that she is tolerant. I would also personally add that she is kind. I'm sure, if you get the chance to spend time with her you will be the recipient of her kindness. She also makes great fudge and this is good because she says "fudge is the answer to all life's problems!"

*Schalee Lodge, KD5WLL
Ham & Sheez Reporter*

* QUA: "Q" signal meaning "Have you news of . . . ?"

DX News

“For All the NARS DX News Fit to Print”

Hello fellow DX fans. As most of you I was sorry to see the NARS field day canceled this year. June was a miserable month for weather but by the time this is read, it will be sunny and hot again. I made a feeble attempt at doing a 1D from home but it just wasn't the same when you're by yourself. No new countries worked in June but did get a couple of cards in. XF4IH for 20 and 15M phone contacts and like most a 3B9C contact on 15M Phone. That put me at 219 confirmed on phone. With a little luck I may make the Honor roll about 10 years from now. Enough about me.

Colin, KU5B sent in a great report for June

For Field Day I went and helped out the ECHO Society at the Red Cross on SW FWY and Kirby. We had 13 people there including myself and Mark K5GQ. We operated 3F and I estimate we worked over 850 Q's, 650 of which were made on CW by me and Mark. Great job on Digital and SSB with wires.

June has been a very active month for me. On 40m new band countries were: GW0, PJ4, UA3, P4, and EA6 bringing the total to 52 worked. 30m was extremely active this month with SM5, YS3, CT, HB0, ZA1, and G3 bringing that total to 25 worked. On 20m new band countries were: SV9, FO, ZK1, OD5, V73, ES1, 8P6, VP2, ZA1, EJ7, CE0, ON7, 4J, and 4L bringing that total to 147 worked. On 17m not too much activity but EA3, HK4, FO, OZ8, EU3, UR6, ES1, SP9, MM5 and LY2 worked bringing that total to 33 worked. On 15m only one new band country was worked: IK4.

Got G3 confirmed for a new one on 80m CW. I'm hoping July will be just as great with IARU contest!

Colin, sounds like a fine month indeed.

Cal W5FW sent in this report

Just received the XF4 card. Got the new mini TA33 WARC (6 foot boom, 4 ele and fits into a 4' long case) and today (June 28) put it up for the first time on short pole to tune. Think Mosley got some JA to write his little How To manual - had to call them up and get some explanations. But, will go in the ski case, ready for shipment to VP8!

July 11 big day at Keith's we will put all

antennas up, simulate the VP8 op.

So your right - not much on the bands, but lots of fun getting things put together. Ham COM was a blast!! Bought and sold a radio in 15 minutes!

One BIG contact June 28!!! First EVER 6 mtr contact - W5PF, the TS480HX with 160 dipole on 6 mtrs!! May just do that some more.

That's it for this month. WF5W

Well Cal we will be looking for you and Paul on the Falklands. [Ed: and Madison and Keith]

Mike, K5UO sends in some really good contacts for June.

Here is a few that only represents a few hours of operating this month:

New band-counters:

1. YI9ZF 7.005 6/18 0130z
2. ZA1DX 10.115 6/21 0137z
3. 3B9FR 18.071 6/26 1312z

Mike, I hope you have better luck then me getting a card from Robert 3B9FR, of course with the recent 3B9C expedition it's now a mute point for me.

H.O. always comes through, H.O. do you ever sleep?

Here's the K5CX report for June 2004. 43 DX contacts wondered into the log representing 34 countries. Of the 43 contacts, 34 were on 20-meters, and 9 were on 17-meters! 13 CQ zones were in the 43 contacts. Here are the countries: Albania, Balearic Island, Belgium, Canada, Canary Island, Cayman Islands, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Dodecanese, Easter Island, England, European Russia, Finland, France, Greece, Guyana, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Madeira Island, Moldova, Netherland Antilles, New Zealand, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Scotland, South Korea, Svalbard, Sweden, Switzerland, and the Ukraine.

You might think this was enough, but I am also very happy to report that the DXCC card checkers at HamCom checked over 300 cards toward my 5BDXCC award. Now to get more cards in on 40- and 80-meters! A big thanks goes to Bob

N5ET for doing the bulk of the card checking. I now have another 200 cards to be checked for 15-meters. Guess I'll wait until I hear back on this initial submission.

73 es gd DX H. O. - K5CX

Good Job.

Bruce, NILN always has a good report.

>> Still moving closer to DXCC - 160:

As of May 28th: 103 worked / 85 confirmed

As of June 29th: 103 worked / 89 confirmed

Added: EI7M - Ireland; J6/WA1T - St. Lucia; ON6CC - Belgium; VK6VZ - Australia

>> New Country QSLs - (318 confirmed / 320 worked)

R1FJ - Franz Josef Land - 40cw, 30cw, 20 ssb and cw
TO4E - Europa - 40, 30, 15 CW and 15, 17 SSB

As for any new ones - NOTHING. The radio was not often on this month. A very bad habit!

Well Bruce, I think you were out of town a lot in June and you have had radio problems. Not too shabby to me.

Jim K5JDB had a fair month in June.

Had 55 DX contacts. Most were on 20 meters. Of mention were FO/ON4AXU (OC-067), EA8AOC (AF-004), CS94MD (AF-014, SV1CEI/8 (EU-067), EA6AZ, and 6W1RW. As you can see, I am an IOTA chaser. Several cards were received. CN8TW (Morocco), ZK3SB (Tokelau), 5U7JB (Niger), S05X (Western Sahara), GJ6UW/P Jersey, and ZK1DKF (Mangaia Island OC-159) were received. I am still trying to figure out how to get on 160 meters, but have not succeeded yet. Having great fun! 73

Well that is it till next month. Hope to hear you all on the bands.

73
Al Fritsche W5ADF

NARS 2004 Raffle

Ticket sales at HamCom were very successful. Thanks to all who helped sell tickets at the NARS table! To date, the total amount that has been collected for raffle ticket sales is just under \$1,400! This means that we are just about at the point of covering all our costs -- cruise gift certificate, family radios, top seller gift certificate, and cost of printing the raffle tickets. In fact, we are less than \$150 from doing just that.

To make this year's raffle a true success, we now need YOU to help sell tickets! The race for the top seller is fairly close right now. The highest

individual sales are \$210. If you have taken raffle tickets to sell, please make every effort to sell the tickets and bring the ticket stubs and monies collected to the July meeting. If you haven't purchased any tickets, you may consider doing that also. At the end of the meeting, a report will be given about the total sales.

If you need more information about the raffle, please go to the NARS website for further details. There is also a document available for those of you who are selling tickets. The document can be found at: http://www.w5nc.org/raffle_inst.pdf

One of the goals of the raffle is to raise enough profit to defray some of the costs of the banquet in January. Since the banquet is available to all club members, wouldn't it be appropriate for all club members to help with the selling of the raffle tickets?? With your help, we will be able to reach our goal!

If you have any questions or need further information, please let me know.

Happy selling!
Laurie - NIYXU

Ham Com Photos



Ham Com Photos



Welcome, Congratulations and Condolences

Welcome new members Bobbie Benedict KE5BOM, Mel Benedict KE5BOL, John Laird KE5BOO and Leroy McLean KE5BON.

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