

NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

November 2005

November Meeting – Elections and Awards

This month we will elect a new slate of officers. Also, awards will be presented recognizing members for their service to NARS and the local community.

Tomball Field Day Announcement

As you all know, Tomballians are a little slow to move on issues and somewhat laid back.

This year's Tomball Field Day exercise will start at 6 PM on Friday the 11th of November and carry on through 6 PM on Saturday the 12th of November.

Field day will be held at the Athletic covered area behind K5IHK's Step by Step school on Cherry Street (South of Main a few blocks in Tomball). There will be signage at the road in.

We will have a portable tower and beam for 10/15/20 meters and a Steppir vertical for 40 meters and some wires for the other bands. We will have emergency power and also 120 available from the site. At least two radios with 200 watts power for operators. There might even be a vintage AM station there.

Operators will get on the radio when they choose, whenever an operator on station gets tired or loses his concentration (or is hungry). Voice, CW and maybe even one of those new fangled machine modes may be available. We will even have a paper log to fill out (bring your own pencils).

Young Hams; bring them along; this is an ideal place for them to get their feet wet on the radio.

Food: If anyone wants food, bring it on. We will have plenty of hungry folks (Tomballians are always hungry). Could someone bring the Blue Bell and rolls at mid-night?? [Cinnamon rolls will be brought hot out of the oven – Ed]

Junk stuff. We aren't planning any formal swap meet, but if you have stuff to sell and a table, bring them with you too. There is plenty of room to park it under the roof and Saturday will be an ideal time to swap stories and junk, when you're not on the radio.

Help. If you are so inclined and have a little time, come on over Friday afternoon and help put up the stuff. We will start about 2 or 3 PM, depending. Could use some help so try to make it if you can. Might be nice if you could let me know ahead of time.

While this all sounds laid back, it has a serious side. Ham Radio and field day exercises are all the more important given the world we now live in. This will truly be an exercise to set up portable and useful communications, not for any contest or score, but to give us all a chance to play at the real life side of portable operation.

Hope to see you there!!!

Cal White WF5W
Tomball Repeater Group/NARS/TDXS

Important Dates

Friday, Nov 18, 7:30 PM – General Membership meeting, Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church – Eyeball QSOs, 7:00 PM.

Saturday, Jan 28, 8:30 AM – VE License Exam Session, Tomball Community Center, S. Cherry & Market streets (just South of Main).
NOTE: NEXT VE SESSION IN 2006

Tuesday, Nov 29, 7:30 PM – Board of Directors meeting, Ponderosa Fire Station, 17061 Rolling Creek drive.

Contests

Nov 11–12 Tomball Field Day
Nov 12–13 WAE DX RTTY, SARL Field Day
Nov 19–20 RSGB 1.8 MHz CW
Nov 19–21 ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
Nov 26–27 CQ WW DX CW
Dec 2–4 ARRL 160M
Dec 10–11 ARRL 10M
Dec 17–18 Stew Perry Topband Challenge

Wednesday Lunch Bunch

Nov 9 Pepperchino
Nov 16 Luby's Cafeteria
Nov 23 Jason's Deli
Nov 30 Neal's Restaurant
Dec 7 Olde City Pub & Grill
Dec 14 Farm To Market Grill

Wednesday Lunch Bunch – West

Nov 9 Charlie's Hamburgers
Nov 16 Cafe Express
Nov 23 Chili's
Nov 30 Fuddrucker's
Dec 7 Escalante Mexican
Dec 14 Jason's Deli

Monday "Tail Draggers" Lunch Bunch

11:00 AM 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 Denny's
7720 Louetta
Saturdays
7:30 AM

President's Corner

November 2005

Greetings Fellow NARSians

Our thanks to Walter Holmes (K5WH) for his excellent program on APRS at last month's meeting.

COME TO THE NOVEMBER MEETING AND SUPPORT YOUR SOCIETY!

The November general meeting program will be election of officers and the annual awards presentations. As I wrote in last month's column, the board has decided to move the awards presentations out of the banquet to allow more time for the celebration of NARS 20th year of amateur service to the Houston community. We need your support at the November meeting. See you there on the 18th.

The Wednesday night net has been re-started and has been going for about 6 weeks. Ken Harlan (KA5AKG) volunteered to get it started again and Rick Aikman (KZ5E) has been moderating as net control and doing a great job. Now we are looking to broaden the topics on the net and are open to suggestions. We would also like to have a group of folks who can share the net control duty on a rotation basis so that no one individual does it every week. Come on and volunteer. It is relatively simple, a broadening experience and most of all it is fun. Any bumbles you might make will only be made fun of for a week at most and then you will get your turn at the next guy. Actually, it is very good training for participating in ARES and any disaster net that you might find yourself volunteering for. This is great experience with nothing to loose and everything to gain. Broaden your horizons and do the net next week!

Topic suggestions can be based on technical information, operating skills, your latest project you would like to share, maybe a discussion of a new mode you have tried and what you have done to make it happen, antenna projects or selection parameters for HF, VHF or UHF antennas, ARRL happenings that we should all be aware of, various hints and kinks around the shack, coming attractions in Amateur Radio for the next weekend – special event stations, contests, QRP sprints, etc. If we all think about it and provide our participation in the net, we can keep the interest up and have a lively net each week that others will want to join. We have a tremendously broad spectrum of skills and abilities in the NARS group and I know we can generate lots of interest in the net. Let's go – go – go guys and gals!!

73, Lee

Public Service Events

Your Radio Skills Are Needed

Events officially sponsored by NARS include Buffalo Bayou Regatta (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 2005.

NARS members are needed to provide radio communication for the SUNMART TEXAS TRAIL ENDURANCE RUNS on Saturday, December 10, 2005. We are looking for volunteers and their Ham radios. We need about 12 people to help with this event.

About 1000+ runners traverse a course through the tall pines of Huntsville State Park. They will be running in two races, one is 50 kilometers and the other is 50 miles. Yes I said MILES. This will last all day long. All of the runners, which are ages 18 to 80, have been the most appreciative for our continued help with this event.

12 volunteers will allow us to work in relief. Some will be needed in the morning and the other will be afternoon. You don't have to worry about lunch or refreshments. These will be provided by the race committee.

With this event, you can have a dinner, too!!! All volunteers, and spouses, have been invited to attend a pre-race banquet at the Sheraton North Houston on JFK Blvd. Friday December 9, 2005 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Dress is extremely casual. What a deal!!!

So mark your calendars for December 10 and contact me to sign up for a most enjoyable time. If you don't believe me, ask someone who was there last year.

Paul Owen N5NXS

VE Session Results

The VE session was interesting – we needed a lawyer or at least it seemed that way. We had more technical issues in this session than I've had since becoming a VE but we made it.

We administered two Element 1 exams and had one candidate pass; six Element 2 exams with five candidates passing; five Element 3 exams with two passing and five Element 4 exams with two passing.

Please welcome Martyn Gregory as a new Extra Class licensee. Martyn took Elements 1–4 and passed them all with flying colors. Martyn has moved to Cypress, TX from the UK and decided that it was time to get his US license. I didn't get his UK call, shame on me. John Richard Downey–KI5KW of Kingwood, TX passed the Element 4, another one who passed with style, to gain his Extra Class license; nice job, John, congratulations on your upgrade.

The new Amateurs to join the hobby are Technicians; Jack Grubbs of Spring, TX; Charles Largent of Cypress, TX; John Ritter of Porter, TX and David Cook of Montgomery, TX, my congratulations to these Amateurs.

Mr. Patrick Atkinson of Spring, TX–W5CRN has applied for a paper upgrade to General from Tech Plus; John Ritter of Porter, TX has applied for an upgrade to General after passing Elements 2 & 3 and has applied for Element 1 credit under an expired license, we will know more about this within a few days.

I think that accounts for all of those who passed or upgraded. It was an interesting day, to say the least.

My special thanks to the VE's and helpers in attendance; Tom Rom–KD5QO; Jim Kirk–KJ5X; Kirby Van Horn–K7EC; Paul Frantz–W5PF; Eddy Reynolds–K5WQG; Keith Dutson–NM5G; Nora Stovall–KB5FYJ; Jerry Whitting–KB5VGD and Rob McClure–KC5RET. We had a lot of help this session and I am very grateful to all of you. Remember, these sessions can't be done without you.

73

*Norm Covey/K5OS
NARS VE Session Manager*

DX News

“For All the NARS DX News Fit to Print”

October appears to have been an extremely slow month for the many NARS DXers as very, very few reports were submitted. Let's hope the cooler weather improves our participation on the bands.

John, W5PDW, was detracted as perhaps others by the activities at Hooks Fly In. He was able to get a one man guided tour of a B-17 by an ex-WWII B-17 pilot Bill, K5JHP. And you know John had his camera with him all the way. He must sleep with that camera!

John is ready for the winter radio season as he pulled some preventive maintenance on his TH-6 DX yagi tribander. That is well to do right now with this super autumn weather: not hot; not cold. Didn't know that kind of weather existed here in South Texas! "PDW" also received his "Route 66" certificate and a bunch of related QSL cards. Congrats John!

Bruce, N1LN (a.k.a. K5PTC) is doing the finals on his backyard Beverages for the season. In the cool months his backyard is about like mine: wires (Beverages) everywhere. He was able to pick up some new band counters this month:

CX5BW on 160m CW (#113)
9G5TF on 80/30 CW
VR2XMT on 17m SSB

Bruce also reports a lot of much improved DX contact activity on all bands; not new-ones, but interesting areas:

V73RY on 10m SSB
6W7/F8PDR and EA6UN on 17m CW
5Z4DZ, XU7AYY, 5N5NDP, JT1CO on 20m
R1ANT on 30 and 40m CW
5X4/UA4WHX, VK5XE, 4X4BP and HB0/SP2FAX on 40m CW
FO/N6JA and HA9RT on 75m SSB
Worth looking into folks!

Bruce also hosted a NARS-member CQWW SSB all-band M/2 operation the weekend of 30/31 October. Rough recap:

1873 QSO's, 130 zones, 436 DXCC countries for 2,590,016 points.

Interesting notes: First time DXCC on 40m from K5PTC with 101 countries. 55 DXCC countries on 75m. All of this in the low of the sunspot cycle! It was slow at times during the deep night; but during the sunset/sunrise and daytime, the bands were relatively hot!
DX IS folks!

Cal, WF5W, has been in the house remodeling business recently taking him away from his radio. Got that house sold so now we expect to have some good DX reports from him. "Mr. Straight Key" also let us know that there are only two more sessions of SKN, held the second Tuesday of each month. Someone will be chosen as "Fist of the Year" from the participants. I think the yearly "Chosen-One" will be awarded a very nice traveling trophy. Cal also advises that the official Tomball ARC Field Day will take place on 12-13 November in Tomball.

I am assuming that Cal will be using his "K9AY" low-band receive antenna again this year. It seems to have worked pretty good for him last year. It's a small two loop-type of wire antenna for four switchable directions of the compass. The system provides a cardioid directional pattern in four different directions. Also includes a 15dB preamp and a bandpass filter covering the 160 and 80 meter bands. Others of you might be interested in this close spaced antenna for your low band receive antenna? I, also have one of these that I am experimenting (playing) with. This year I have the horizontal runs about six feet up (VS: 3-4 feet) to avoid QR-Deer interference.

Mike, K5UO: for myself, it has been a last minute maintenance opportunity with the "my kind of weather" putting the new Beverages up and replacing the Teledyne T12 LP original boom truss setup with an improved arrangement. Ms. Rita's visit sort of made that necessary. I don't mind running up and down the towers when it is 65-75

degrees F. So far there hasn't been any QR-Deer damage; but that will happen I am sure. There is a small herd of maybe ten deer that homestead every night in our side and backyard. They come in and go out along the fence lines where my Beverages are either terminated or fed; where they are the lowest to the ground. In years past I have put florescent ribbon, reflectors and tiny bells at the feed and terminate points with questionable results. I think deer may be like antelope and are nosy. Interesting new band-counters for this month:

ON4WW on 160m CW (#124)
CX5BW on 160m CW (#125) First time ever heard Chile on 160m.
HA9RT on 80m CW (#241) He was 599 here.

Important QSL's received:
9M6NA 17m CW. (20 day QSL turn-around from the JA operator!)
KH9/W0CN on 12m, 15m, 17m (QSL turn-around was about the same!)

With the light member reports I will list some nice DX alerts from the bulletins:

1. Cyprus, 5B4: DL7AFS and DJ7ZG will be active until November 16. 160-6 meters all modes.
2. Tonga, A35: A35BO (HB9FBO) 80-10 m until November 18
3. Greece, SV: Special event station SX1W until October 30 celebrating 60th anniversary of the end of WWII. 80-10 meters.
4. Chagos Isl, VQ9: Larry, VQ9LA has been a regular all over the bands it seems. Also heard (not worked!!) VQ9X during CQWW SSB on 40m. Probably from the same station as VQ9LA.
5. Cambodia, XU: Two Belgium operators from IOTA AS-133, Koh Tas Isl from October 30 to November 10. XU is always a good one to catch!

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Ham and "Sheez" News

October in Review

After an extremely hectic August and September, the Ham & Sheez spent most of October with family, friends, and work. Some of the ladies found at least two occasions to get together this month.

The last meeting of the Stampin Up ladies was held at the home of Schalee Lodge on October 16th. This was an extraordinary meeting because we had some of the most challenging projects of the year that were completed by most of those that attended. We had a great time and I heard that some of the ladies stayed until early evening. Schalee must have been serving that prize winning wine from the previous month's wine tasting. After completing some of the projects, the wine may have been used for medicinal purposes.

The regular monthly meeting of the Ham and Sheez was held at the church on Monday, October 24th. This was another opportunity to learn something new. Schalee Lodge and Cheryl Tompkins brought bags of yarn and knitting needles in hopes of teaching us some knitting techniques. While not everyone could accomplish the objective of a finished pin cushion, it was still a great experience for all

of us and especially for those who might have picked up some "stitches" that they had previously dropped.

We also took some time to discuss the next major project for the Ham and Sheez, a fund raising cookbook. There is more to a cookbook than recipes, so many of us were asked to do some preliminary research into the different fund raising companies that sponsor cookbooks. We will bring our findings to the next regular meeting of the Ham and Sheez, so please be sure to attend. We need to vote on how we plan to proceed with the project. Also, you ladies who have some recipes that you don't mind sharing, we will let you know in the next few weeks how, when, and where to submit them.

Upcoming Activities

Monday, November 28th – The regular scheduled monthly meeting of Ham and Sheez will be held at the Presbyterian Church on Spring Cypress. We will continue our discussion about the Ham and Sheez Cookbook and finalize our plans for the Christmas Gift Exchange. This will be the last regular meeting of the 2005 calendar year. We will ask Mary to give us an update on the

plans for the January NARS Banquet. I have it on good authority that the menu is changing this year, so we certainly do not want to miss it.

Saturday, December 10th – The Annual Christmas Gift Exchange. We all love to get presents, but this is your opportunity to buy a \$15.00 gift and see how much fun we can have passing it from one person to another. We call this the Yankee gift swap. Some people have no problem taking the present you have chosen and making it their own. In years past, this was a very entertaining evening. We limit the number of times a gift can change owners to three, so if you really want to hold on to your present, hope that you draw a number that puts you at the end of the line. Please plan to bring a Christmas food item for everyone to enjoy during the party. We have set the date, but the time and location need a little tweaking, so stay tuned to next month's newsletter and email for the details.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and that we all have an opportunity to give thanks for our many blessings.

Best Wishes
Anita – N5AOK

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6. Tunisia, 3V: 3V8A made a big play in the CQWW SSB test and was workable amongst the NA east coast and EU DX-ers. The ops will be there until October 31. Always a nice on to fetch.

7. Temotu Province, H40: Nendo Island, OC-100 in the Solomon Island group. A fairly big operation planned by the Korea DX Club from November 5-11. Six operators working all HF bands including 6m. They will have

five Yagi beams and two verticals. They will use the call sign of H40HL. Before and after Nendo they will be on Solomon, OC-047 as H40HL, also.

8. Glorioso, TO4G: The long planned operation is still "on go" after the hurricane season for March 17 through April 7, 2006. The team is made up of French forces and transport by French tactical military. This always brings up the risk of last minute postponement or cancellation. There will be eight

operators, if possible and equipment for five stations. All bands, all modes.

Thanks folks and see you next month. If there is any kind of additional information the membership would like to see in the report; kindly let me know. It will be my pleasure to include this. Please send me your DX activity reports in late November!

Tnx es 73, de Mike, K5UO

QUA* Bill Buoy N5BIA?

My latest interviewee documents a wide variety of subjects. I hope to do a good job chronicling the life of N5BIA, Bill Buoy. Well, here it goes. . .

Bill is a true native Houstonian. For those who grew up in the area, He claims to have escaped from Helms elementary, then Hamilton Jr. High in the Heights and then Reagan High School.

He then attended three years of college each at a different one! Lee College, San Jacinto, Baytown and the University of Houston. He was working toward his EE degree, with an ulterior motive of avoiding the draft. But as happens to many, was distracted by marriage.

Then the draft notice arrived, anyway. Bill determined that there weren't many tanks in Viet Nam, so he should become a mechanic. His Basic was at Ft. Bliss, Texas and training at Ft Wachuca for training on wheeled vehicles and then Ft. Sill to learn track vehicles. Michael will be interested in this because he grew up in Lawton and lived there during the same time period!

Most of the classes went to Viet Nam, but Bill's entire class was sent to Germany. He served there for two years, one month and one day. He mused that it is interesting how those details stay with you for years.

He was stationed near Nuremburg at Arlangen. He lived off base and had two years of high school German, which helped him quickly acclimate. His wife traveled with him, but did not like the restrictions of Army life. He almost decided to stay in Germany, but realized he would always be under pressure to maintain a Green Card.

When he moved back to Houston his marriage dissolved. They had two children, BL, whose main interest is auto racing and Tammy, who has provided his three grand-children – Kelsey, Killian and Chris.

He began working at a TV repair shop. He was the skinny one who could climb through small spaces and install antennas in those hot Houston attics!

He then found a job at a turn-key banking system company. They would install pneumatic tubes, bank vaults, closed-caption TV's, etc. He was with them two years when a friend convinced him to come to work at a company called Vetco. They managed pipelines, a growing business in Texas. There he met Darlene. They were married and she then went to work for Tubescope. He remained for fifteen years.

He found his favorite job with a small company through a friend, C.T. Peterson, who holds a PhD in Physics. Bill was fascinated with his ability to discuss a mathematical equation and in the next sentence boil the concept down to terms a student could understand.

Bill commented that he is probably the only person he will ever meet to have had an experiment on the Space Station. I would imagine!

CT is also known as W5VAH. When he brought his equipment home he removed the mike and only worked CW! This piqued Bill's interest in radio.

He and his wife had a second hobby of following eclipses. They would pack-up and travel anywhere in the world to witness one.

CT designed GPR, Ground Penetrating Radar equipment. It could find pipelines buried a foot below the surface, or find objects several hundred feet deep.

Unfortunately, this business was bought by someone who ran it into the ground . . . pun intended!

Bill then worked with an under-water cable company.

He began technical writing at Vetco and expanded his experience to training

manuals at the GPR Company.

He now works for Aesbus in technical documentation. He is working on HP projects.

He and Darlene have two children, Quinn and Shannon; whom we all know and love! They also have Rufus, a five year-old cocker spaniel Sarge has met at the card-making parties.

N5BIA was licensed in 1973, upgraded to General two years later and two years ago qualified for Extra at HAMCOM in Dallas.

He has an ICOM 703, a Kenwood 520 and an ICOM 2350. His antenna is a G5RV at the back of the house. And a low di-pole vertical under the eaves. He's trying to stay under that deed restriction "radar".

Most of Bill's contacts are "rag-chews". He is not a contester and only talks with people that interest him.

As a child Bill built airplane models with his father and maintained an interest in aviation through his life. Four years ago he took a discovery flight at Hooks and was officially "hooked". He joined the Compaq ACE aviators for their ground school and began lessons. He now has approximately 220 hours. His next goal is to be Instrument Flight Rated.

He also loves photography and was able to keep this up even in the service, with labs on base for personal use.

He and Darlene both enjoy driving trips and have also traveled to Mexico City Canada and Alaska.

Bill commented that he hopes he is not on the final chapter of his life, because he has lots more to write. Well, Bill, we look forward to being part of the material!

*Schalee Lodge, KD5WLL
Ham & Sheez Reporter*

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

The 20 Years of NARS

One of the things that really stand out to me in reading all the old NARS NEWS first published in August of 1985, is how rich the tradition the club is in two specific areas, public service events and for many years, Novice/Tech classes. Almost from the beginning the founding fathers wanted to enhance our hobby by helping out in providing communications assistance to many public service events. Helping in these events honed their skills for when a disaster hit and good reliable communications was needed. In recent times events like hurricanes Katrina and Rita, these public service activities have provided a vital role. I read accounts that the governmental communications during Katrina failed real early on and for a good period of time the only communications between some of these agencies were provided by Ham Radio operators. Some of those operators were from our club and the from the Houston area in general.

In the October 1985 edition of the NARS News, the first efforts of forming a study group type class was proposed to help members in upgrading their license. It would be a group of club members that would meet informally to help each other in theory and code. Higher licensees were encouraged to lend their helping hand as "Elmer's". Member David Taylor, WB5IPO, was among those wishing to form a study group and agreed to help organize the first such team. Mark Schaeffer of Heath/Zenith Electronics 5050 FM 19670 West, led an attempt to form a Novice class. In the February 1998 issue, the first Novice Licensing class was announced, it would be held at the Lincoln Institute, 7622 Louetta Rd. The March issue '86 announced that 36 people registered for the new class to begin on March 5th at the Lincoln Institute.

This Novice class tradition continued until just a few years ago, when it became more and more difficult to find students that wanted to sit through two weeks of theory and Morse code practice. With the reduction of Morse code and technical requirements, it was much easier to find all that information on the Internet. They could also get theory more quickly than before and they could receive their license in just a few days. In the April issue it was noted that the FCC was

taking up 2 months to process the paper work and get the licenses out. We've had as many as 68 students in those annual classes. It's difficult to get a handle on just how many students went through those classes and how many of those got some level of license. Looking at the NARS roster, many of the Hams that are around now got their license in one of those classes and eventually many of them upgraded to Advance and Extra class. It was a sad day when NARS said goodbye to the traditional Novice/Tech class.

Another one of the NARS traditions is participating in public service events. In the November 1985 issue of the News, an article appeared entitled "Emergency Preparedness Plans Being Formulated by NARS." It mentioned that NARS has contacted local emergency preparedness officials and soon will begin inviting members to join ARES. Contact was made with Roger Schaper who has agreed to meet with NARS at a future meeting to explain the function of this group. In the October 1985 issue there is information on the Mexican earthquake and how NARS members made efforts in breaking pileups to pass health and welfare traffic on the behalf of Houston-area residents concerned about friends and relatives in the disaster zone. This is first mention that I could find of Public Service work by the club. Mike Pate, KA5LUD was announced as the new assistant emergency coordinator and liaison to ARES. He would help Dick N5DRM, NARS emergency coordinator.

The May '86 News asked volunteers to participate in the Kodak Liberty Bike Ride. It was a national fund raising event for the Statue of Liberty. In the years to come, NARS members would participate in many other events. Those would include many bike rides, Scouts Jamboree On Air (JOTA), Air shows like Wings over Houston, political conventions, marathons, walks to raise money for things like Muscular Dystrophy, Cancer research, Amateur Radio Serving Children (ARSC), hurricane disaster relief, Buffalo Bayou Regatta, Sierra Club Bike Hike, and the list goes on. In 1993 when I was president a lady came to one of our monthly meetings asking us to provide

communication support for an organization called SIRE (Self Improvement through Riding Education). In the October 1993 addition of the news reports the first event to be a success. The small group in attendance was Mike KD5WQJ, Vince KC0LM (SK), Waldo AB5FT, Brad WD5GNI and myself. It was reported that they raised \$2500.00 at the location near Cut and Shoot Texas. We covered this event from another location up until a couple years ago and I'm sure a lot more money was raised than the first time we did it.

In reading through the old news, another NARS tradition should be mentioned. The first VE session was held on March 26 1992 in conjunction with the Novice/Tech class. 39 elements were administered with 26 successfully passed by 23 candidates. On April 18th the first of the monthly VE sessions was started at the Tomball Community Center on Cherry St. Except for a short period of time the VE sessions have remained at the Community Center.

The traditions at NARS continued to grow. The membership is growing and I'm sure the operating skills of our members over the years have been greatly enhanced by participating in all the public service events, some in very uncomfortable and varying conditions and situations.

Another interesting fact the News reveal is, NARS held their first official meeting on August 23rd 1985 at the Cypress Creek Emergency Center, 16650 Sugar Pine. Because of growing membership a larger facility was needed. In February of 1994 the meeting place was moved to the Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church, 6000 Spring Cypress Road, and we continue to have the monthly meetings there.

I am still looking for some club pictures from the 1985-1992 era. If you have some let me know.

I hope everyone is planning on attending the banquet in January that will be dedicated to the 20th anniversary of NARS.

Bill Denton W5SB

Welcome, Congratulations and Condolences

Welcome new members John Miller KD5AUO and Jorge Serralles N0VPC.

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