

NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

June 2008



June Meeting

Field Day June 28-29



The main topic of discussion at our June 20th meeting has traditionally been Field Day. We've planned our every move and now it's time to put those plans into action. Station Captains will be available with rosters and need your help to cover all the available time slots. This year's phone station captain is Keith Dutson NM5G. Our CW station captain will be none other than Colin Jenkins KU5B.

And for the new, inexperienced or even unlicensed operators our GOTA station will be coached by Bill Skipper KB5BS and Paul Owens N5NXS. Contact one of the above referenced captains to volunteer your time. If you're not interested in operating but want to help out we have several options available for you. Saturday morning June the 28th we will set-up rigs, erect antennas and route assorted cables to the four corners of the world. Sunday afternoon will be just the opposite. We'll need help breaking down the equipment and returning the site to its original or better condition. Free hotdogs and refreshments will be available at regular intervals Saturday and Sunday so no one will go hungry. I would recommend that you bring your own chair, sun block, mosquito spray or other items required to maintain your personal comfort level.



See page 2 for directions!

We hope July's meeting will be a tad more interesting. Have you ever received a QSL card with a request to reply? How does this Logbook of the World work? What in the world is an SASE. Would you like to have proof that you actually talked to a guy in Russia? How much postage is required for a letter to ? Well come to the July NARS Meeting and some of the club's most prolific QSL'ers show you how and answer any questions you may have.

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Important Dates

Friday, June 20, 7:30 PM - General Membership meeting, Cypress Creek Christian Community Center - Eyeball QSOs, 7:00 PM.

Saturday, July 26, 2008 - 8:30 AM - VE License Exam Session, Tomball Community Center, S. Cherry & Market streets (just South of Main).

Tuesday, June 24, 7:30 PM - Board of Directors meeting, Ponderosa Fire Station, 17061 Rolling Creek drive.

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - North
Spring Creek Barbeque Jun 18th
Pepperchino Jun 25th
Luby's Cafeteria Jul 2nd
Jason's Deli Jul 9th
Baker Street Pub and Grill Jul 16th
Sweet Tomatoes 23rd

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West
Jason's Deli - Katy Fwy Jun 18th
Skeeters Jun 25th
Fajita Willies W. Little York Jul 2nd
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Fajita Willies W. Little York Jul 16th
Fajita Willies W. Little York Jul 23th

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Medical Center
Fred's Italian Corner Jun 18th
New Orleans Cajun Kitchen Jun 25th
Jason's Deli Jul 2nd
Buffalo Grille Jul 9th
DJ's Old Timey Hamburgers Jul 16th
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille Jul 23rd

"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 Road
Saturdays
7:30 AM*

President's Corner May - 2008

Well, the big event is soon upon us. No, not the annual banquet, even though that is one of our prime events. Better said, I guess, is "summer event"- Field Day!

Even if you will not be active as an operator, this is the place to be on June 28 and 29. Saturday morning through to evening seem to be the big visit times. Then again, the next mid-morning Sunday. Come sit in the shade and visit with fellow members. There will be hot dogs with all of the "fixin's" and assorted soft drinks.

Again, all members and guests are most welcome anytime. Also, please try to tell all of the new hams you know and any ham-interested-curious friends you have to stop out and operate the GOTA station. The GOTA station can only be operated by 12 month or less licensed hams or unlicensed individuals interested in ham radio. Paul Owen, N5NXS, will be the GOTA Captain / Control operator. He will need ops!

Sometimes it's difficult to get much visiting done prior to our monthly meetings, but not so during Field Day. There is plenty of time.

If we can garner sufficient interest (prior to FD) by both the experienced ham-members and our newer operators, we want to have an informal 'tech-school' on Saturday afternoon under the Field Day pavilion roof for one or two hours.

We will try to work this two-fold: One: Several of us come prepared to show the newer operators a trick or two. For example, I plan to demo the MFJ Antenna Analyzer. Secondly: We need the newer licensed members and guests to be at the Field Day site Saturday afternoon. I will accept questions PRIOR to Field Day to discuss/demo...whatever, come Saturday afternoon. Email me via my email address on the rear of this newsletter. From that request I will get someone to present it Saturday. I think it is best to limit each session to say fifteen minutes. Email me with your ideas or what you would like to demo. This isn't the Army; get your hands out of your pockets and volunteer!

For this to work, it's going to take input from you newer operators. What do you want to see presented/discussed/demo-d?

See page 3 *President's*

VE Session Results

Eddy Reynolds - K5WQG
NARS VE Session Manager

Saturday, May 24th VE Test Session Results:

We had a total of 3 candidates. Please welcome the latest additions to the hobby:

- James Lowry - KE5UVI, who passed both element 1 and 2 for General

Congratulations to the upgrades:

- Milam Mueller - KE5UIS - General
- Ed Stallman - N5BLZ - Extra

Special thanks to the VEs in attendance for their time and hard work:

- Keith Dutson - NM5G
- Bob Walworth - N5ET
- Paul Frantz - W5PF
- Gregg Erlenbusch - W5IDX
- Sarah Connell - W0HXO

Because of Field Day, there will be no test session in June.

The next session will be held on Saturday, July 26th at 8:30 a.m. at the Tomball Community Center, located at the corner of Market St. & S. Cherry St.

Parking is in the rear (south side) of the building. The entrance is on the S. Cherry St. (west) side of the building.

2008 Field Day Location

The NARS 2008 Field Day site will be located in Tomball at:

- 1119 South Cherry Street,
- "The Step By Step School."

We will be in the pavilion around the east side (at the rear of the property).

At Main (FM 2920) and Cherry Streets, turn south on Cherry St. on the east side of Tomball.

If you are coming from SH-249, turn east on Theis Lane on the north side of WalMart. Go east to Cherry Street and turn north (left).

This location is courtesy of Jerry Green, K5IHK, owner of the private school.

Around the Circuit

Mike Bragassa - K5UO President's Column (cont)

You are going to be required to be at the FD site probably around 1:30PM.. No show; no go! Arrive late Saturday afternoon: too late. Too late is a "no-go", Sorry It's going to take a few of you more experienced members to contribute fifteen minutes or so presenting this information.

Either component is lacking, it won't work. It's up to you and your fellow members.

For you experienced members the field of presentations is endless. Maybe we can get Marty, W5MF, to give us a certain, fixed time to demo satellite operation. (Probably be a bunch of

experienced hams in the student gallery, eh? Me, anyway.)

Maybe Chet, KG5YF, will give us a fixed time he will be available to demo the proper way to solder PL-259's and the like?

Maybe some of our antenna-impaired or restriction-impaired members can discuss stealthy antennas. If there are any trees remaining without antenna's, maybe one of our club shooters or "hired guns" (Rob or Tom) can demo their tennis ball shooting for rigging wire antenna's. For sure they will probably be hired out in the morning helping rig up the FD antennas.

The list is endless. Oh, yes; in addition to the educational benefit, the newer

club members (or guests) receive, the clubs Field Day effort receives bonus points for a successful educational effort.

But, please, members, it "takes two to tango". Please participate.

Last but not the least is that we will need lots of help in setting up Saturday morning probably starting about 8:00AM (After a breakfast nearby at Norm's favorite place?)

Come about 1:00PM Sunday it all comes down. We will need lots of help to tear it down and pack it away.

Please show up.....

Field Day is almost upon us!

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Clark - KK5LD



*Joyfully Announcing
Our Marriage*

Dan and Kathy Clark

*May 8, 2008
Fredericksburg, TX*

That's correct, Mr. & Mrs. Dan Clark! Wow! Congratulations you two. For better than ten years, Dan held court on the NARS 66 machine in the early drive-time hours, and again in the afternoon drive time. But now, clearly Dan has a new boss. He sure picked the right girl. Kathy always sports a big Texas smile! Once again, congratulations from the NARS Bunch.

Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

Welcome to our newest members:

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MEETINGS

Monthly General Membership

Third Friday each month at 7:30 PM
Cypress Creek Christian Community
Center, 6823 Cypresswood Drive

Saturday Breakfast

Denny's, 7720 Louetta, 7:30 AM

Wednesday Lunch 11:30 AM

Various locations (Info on 146.660 and
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column)

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