

# NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

December 2009



## December Meeting

### Show and Tell

December is traditionally show and tell month. Not many people homebrew anymore but we've had some interesting projects show up at the December meeting. I've been working on a multi-band balcony antenna. I know Larry has a device that allows him to send code via his 2M HT to the NARS Repeater. What have you got to show off? Bring it and let's see your creative side.

### Annual Awards Banquet

Another year is coming to a close. 2010 is but a few weeks away and the NARS Awards Banquet is soon after. This will mark the 24th year that NARS has been in existence. It's only fitting that we celebrate, once again, our good fortune by gathering together to enjoy good eats, pleasant conversation with our companions and guests, and to recognize the accomplishments of those who have worked so hard to keep NARS what it is today.

Our plans are to keep the cost of \$20 per person, as in the past. For that, you get a nice buffet meal, great desserts, and ambience that fits the occasion. We're still deciding on a variety of menu offers and will announce our decision at a later date.

We urge you to please consider your attendance for 2010. Send in your check to NARS, P.O. Box 90387, Houston, TX 77290-0387 and indicate names of those attending. Do it now. NARS needs your support!

### Election of NARS 2010 Officers

The election of NARS 2010 officers took place at the November meeting. Jerry Seay KE5PUT and Martin Rogoff N5GPS were elected to two-year Director terms beginning in January 2010.

We will have an election at the December meeting to elect a vice president. Keith Dutson NM5G has submitted his name for consideration for the office of NARS vice president. We will also solicit nominations from the floor at the meeting.

If you have names to submit for the office of vice president contact Marty Fitzgerald W5MF 281-251-4301 - [fitz6@swbell.net](mailto:fitz6@swbell.net), or Martin Rogoff N5GPS 832-603-0036 - [n5gps.tx@gmail.com](mailto:n5gps.tx@gmail.com).

## Important Dates

### Friday, December 18th, 7:30 PM

General Membership meeting,  
Cypress Creek Christian Community Cntr,  
6823 Cypresswood Drive

### Saturday, January 23rd, 2010 8:30 AM

VE License Exam Session  
Tomball Community Center  
S. Cherry & Market streets  
(just South of Main)

### Tuesday, December 29th, 7:30 PM

Board of Directors meeting  
Ponderosa Fire Station  
17061 Rolling Creek drive.

### Wednesday Lunch Bunch - North

BJ's Dec 16th  
Marco's Dec 23rd  
Spring Creek Barbeque Dec 30th  
Pei Wei Asian Diner Jan 6th  
Cafe Express Jan 13th  
Jason's Deli Jan 20th

### Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Los Arcos (West at Beltway) Dec 16th  
Fajita Willies W. Little York Dec 23th  
Fajita Willies W. Little York Dec 30th  
Fajita Willies W. Little York Jan 6th  
Fajita Willies W. Little York Jan 13th  
Fajita Willies W. Little York Jan 20th

### Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Buffalo Grille Dec 16th  
Southwell's Hamburger Grill Dec 23rd  
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille Dec 30th  
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet Jan 6th  
Pappas Barbecue Jan 13th  
Morningside Thai Jan 20th

### Draggers Lunch Bunch

11:00 am, Aviator's Grill, Hooks Airport

**Notice:** NARS membership dues are \$20 per year, renewable on anniversary.

**Deadline for articles to appear in the newsletter is the last day of this month.**

## BREAKFAST

at Denny's

7720 Louetta Road

Saturdays

7:30 AM

## President's Corner

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Congratulations to Martin Rogoff, N5GPS and Jerry Seay, KE5PUT on being elected to serve as directors on the NARS board. We will need to vote at the December meeting for Vice President. Keith Dutson, NM5G, has asked that his name be considered for Vice President.

We had a good time at the Texas Trail Runs in Huntsville this past weekend. I had about 10 NARS members and 4 operators outside NARS to work the scaled down version of the Sunmart. The day was perfect for the runners with temperature starting at 25 degrees and only got into the 40's at mid afternoon. It made for a quick race because we started taking down the main station about 3:30 PM. Roger Soler said that they will keep the same two races and will try and grow the number of runners first.

Jerry Whiting said that the bell ringers all had a good time too. The weather put everyone in that giving spirit. I would like to thank Jerry for coordinating the effort to help the Salvation Army in their fund raising efforts.

This meeting will be our show and tell about the projects you have been working on. Please bring it to the meeting. Everyone will enjoy hearing about it and maybe some will be inspired to start a project of their own. Even a picture or two of that new wire antenna you are working on.

Speaking about kit building, Jerry wants to start some on the young members of the Redd School on kit building and he is looking for some funding that the board will consider at the next board meeting. I would like to ask if individual members would sponsor a kit for Jerry's kit building project. I know that he would be delighted to see more students get their own kit to build.

Please don't forget to reserve a few seats for the NARS banquet in January.

## NARS Rings Bell for Salvation Army

Once again Narsians came out in force to assist the Salvation Army in their annual fund raising campaign. Sixteen of our members volunteered their time on Saturday, December 5th and manned the collection buckets at Wal-Mart at US 249 & Spring Cypress Road. Over eight hundred dollars was collected that day due to the generosity of Wal-Mart customers. Event coordinator, Jerry Whiting KB5VGD, managed to enlist the required volunteers insuring another successful public service activity. Many of our bell ringers took pride in the fact that they were contributing their time and effort for the betterment of others less fortunate and are looking forward to a repeat in 2010.



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2-Mtr Wed. Night: 8:00 PM, 146.06/66  
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### REPEATERS (KA5AKG)

2-m: 146.06/146.66 MHz Tone: 141.3  
70 cm: 444.375/449.375 MHz Tone: 103.5

### 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  
listed on front page in *Important Dates*  
section)

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