

NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

June 2009



June Meeting

ARRL Field Day 2009

It's hard to believe it's time for ARRL Field Day 2009. You may have read some of the messages on the NARS reflector concerning Field Day activities and the planning that takes place before the big day itself. Those messages will increase in intensity and importance as the day draws near. Keep an eye on those posts as some will be asking for your help setting up and taking down of antennas and towers. We have some great people working on setting up the various stations and gathering equipment.



Our phone station captain is Marty W5MF. So far Marty has all the equipment he needs to run a successful phone station but as always he'll need operators to cover the night shift.

Collin KU5B has all the equipment he'll need also but again he'll need help with set up and night shift operators. Ken Wilson is our official field day coordinator and in charge of making sure it all comes together. I know he's still trying to tie down a few loose ends such as a VHF/UHF station captain and someone to man or woman the talk-in station. Any and all volunteers are welcome. Please attend our next meeting on 06/19/09 and sign up for an operating time slot. Good luck and stop by and see us on field day June 27 and 28.



I'll be cooking BBQ again this year. It won't be a fancy feed, just the basics like chicken, a few pork ribs and some Chapel Hill sausage. Supper will be served between 5:00PM and 7:00PM so there shouldn't be a line to wait in. Just grab a plate and help yourself. We'll have ice tea but if you want something special bring it. We'd also appreciate it if you could put a few dollars in the jar to offset the cost.

Field Day

June 27th & 28th

Important Dates

Friday, June 19th, 7:30 PM

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

Saturday, July 23th, 8:30 AM

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

Tuesday, June 30th, 7:30 PM

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

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - North

Baker Street Pub and Grill Jun 17th
Sweet Tomatoes Jun 24th
BJ's Jul 1st
Marco's Jul 8th
Spring Creek Barbeque Jul 15th
Pei Wei Asian Diner Jul 22nd

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Skeeter's Mesquite Grill Jun 17rd
Café Express Jun 24th
Princes Hamburger Jul 1st
Fajita Willies W. Little York Jul 8th
Fajita Willies W. Little York Jul 15th
Fajita Willies W. Little York Jul 22nd

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Prima Pasta Jun 17th
Jason's Deli Jun 24th
Buffalo Grille Jul 1st
DJ's Old Timey Hamburgers Jul 8th
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille Jul 15 th
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet Jul 22nd

Tail Dragers 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 June - 2009

Ready or not, the 2009 Hurricane season is here. Now is the time to pull out your emergency supply list and check your supplies. Go to the store now before a storm is in the gulf and the crowds will not be so bad and the shelves won't be bare. Getting ready was the message at the Houston Hurricane Workshop at the George R. Brown Convention Center. I saw many of the same people that came there last year. There were a lot of new people that came this year because of Hurricane Ike. I saw at least 5 home generator businesses having a lot of people asking questions about home backup and portable power generators. I saw a new product using a large plastic container set in the bath tube to keep water in. You could use this water for drinking or cooking. There were some new window covering products that protect windows without cutting out all day light. I enjoyed my time there and I would encourage you to attend next year's.

NARS is getting ready for our annual ARRL Field Day. I hope all of our members come out to the new site at Burroughs Park. We had some one say that the park might be to far north for our members but I hope every one would make the trip and stay to enjoy a very nice county park. Look for more information in this issue.

We need some members input on the programs we had so far and need some suggestion for the next couple of meetings. If we are not hitting a topic you want to see a program on then let a board member know what you want to see. Don't just stop coming to the meetings. Not everyone will like all the topics we will cover. This club needs your support to survive. I am glad that some members in the club have put on a program when asked. Would you like to volunteer to do a program?

VE Session Notice

Eddy Reynolds - K5WQG
NARS VE Session Manager

Saturday, May 23rd VE Test Session Results at Tomball Community Center:

We had 4 candidates.

Please welcome 3 new General Class licensees:

- Ralph Diguilio - KF5AHC
- William Jenkins - K5WAJ
- Kenneth Busbee - KB5ESQ

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

- Sarah Connell - W0HXO
- Keith Dutson - NM5G
- Jerry Seay - KE5PUT
- Bob Walworth - N5ET

The next session will be held on Saturday, July 25th at 8:30 a.m. at the Tomball Community Center, located at the corner of Market St. & S. Cherry St.

Note There will NOT be a test session in June because of Field Day.

The July test session will be July 25th. 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.

Remember, the fee for 2009 will increase from \$14 to \$15.

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Around the Circuit

Amateur Radio Aboard the USS Texas NA5DV

The annual "Museum Ships Weekend" which fell coincidentally on D-Day this year was a new experience for me. The man sitting to my right logging contacts is Frank Cooper of BTARS and the Trustee for NA5DV. The Radio Room itself is one deck below, and is still under restoration. Once restoration is complete, they will use the ship's radio for these events.

I'm told the USS Texas is the only remaining dreadnought in the world, and only one of two ships still around that served in both World Wars. The USS Texas was at Omaha Beach on D-Day, at the Iwo Jima invasion, and at the Okinawa invasion. Like any good Texan, She has a history of which we can be proud. I felt very privileged to operate from this historic warship, especially given that it was the anniversary of D-Day and She is docked at the San Jacinto Battleground of 1836. Many thanks to Frank and BTARS for all they do. Here are a few pictures. Larry K5END at the controls.



Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

NARS sends it's deepest condolences to Paul Owen's N5NXXS and is family on the passing of his father.
Mr. Don Bedel KA3BKU will celebrate his 93rd Birthday June 27th. Congratulations Don!

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2-Meter Wednesday Night: 8:00 PM,
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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
column)

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