

NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

October 2009



October Meeting

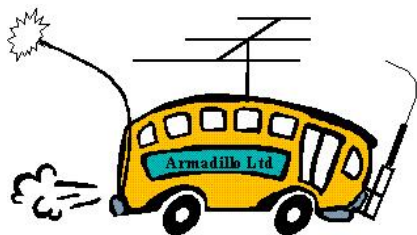
Old DXpedition Videos?

The **October** agenda is still open. I'm trying to schedule a guest speaker, but thus far my attempts have been fruitless. If I'm not able to secure a speaker by Friday we can watch one of those old DX-pedition videos from days gone by.

November's meeting will feature none other than Rick Heller W5RH from the Brazos Valley Amateur Radio Club. Rick will share his wisdom on practical wire and stealth. We've had some talk on the NARS reflector about stealth wire antennas for apartment and residential locations. Rick has done considerable research on this subject and may help us separate fact from myth. Rick promised to go easy on the theory, but a little bit may be required to bring some of the new hams up to speed.

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.

I sure hope everyone had as much fun in the Texas QSO Party as I did. Paul N5NXS and I made our way to Houston County Lake Friday afternoon to make preparations for the Saturday morning start time. Paul worked several of the mobile stations and half of Europe on 40M while yours truly worked most of the 48 contiguous states on 20M. The bands were long and Texas counties were hard for us to hear from our location. We managed to keep busy with the contest until about noon Sunday when we gave up and pulled down the antennas. I'm already looking forward to next year.



Thanks to Chuck NO5W for all the hard work he put into the TQP. Chuck invests a lot of time and money traveling to various events to promote the Texas QSO Party and deserves all the recognition we can muster.

Important Dates

Friday, October 16th, 7:30 PM

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

Saturday, October 24th, 8:30 AM

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

Tuesday, October 27th, 7:30 PM

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

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - North

Sweet Tomatoes Oct 14th
BJ's Oct 21st
Marco's Mar Oct 28th
Spring Creek Barbeque Nov 4th
Pei Wei Asian Diner Nov 11th
Luby's Cafeteria Nov 18th

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Los Arcos (West at Beltway) Oct 14th
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Fajita Willies W. Little York Oct 28th
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Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Jason's Deli Oct 14th
Buffalo Grille Oct 21st
Southwell's Hamburger Grill Oct 28th
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille Nov 4th
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet Nov 11th
Pappas Barbecue Nov 18th

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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I had a great time operating the Texas QSO Party last month. I didn't get to go mobile with Ken, KA5AKG, because he had something come up. Maybe next year we will go mobile. I may a quick call to Tom, KD5EIJ, who was going to work TQP from his lake house. He said I was welcomed to join him and don't worry about bring anything to eat. If you came to field day then you know why I didn't go hungry during TQP. I called my antenna man Rob, KD5BXZ. He made a 40 meter loop that you mount on 4 poles. We had used it on a previous TQP we work in Austin County. The weather was great but the band condition was not as good. I still managed to get over two hundred QSO's and almost half were multipliers.

It is getting to that time of year were we will be asking for some members to fill club office positions. We will be calling for nomination at the October meeting and have elections at the November meeting.

Before next meeting I will have driven a van for a new bike ride called Bike Around The Bay. It is to support the Galveston Bay Foundation. I have not visited the area since Ike came through so it will be my first look at the changes to the area.

At the meeting I will be asking for any volunteers for the Wings Over Houston Air Show to be held on October 31 and November 1.

We have two public service activities the first weekend in December. Jerry Whiting has a list started for the bell ringers. No radio needed for this one but it is a great activity for the club. The other activity will be the replacement for the Sunmart. The runners have lost their major sponsor but want to continue the runs. It will be called the Texas Trails Runs. I will need a few operators and will be asking at the October and November meetings for volunteers.

VE Session Notice

Eddy Reynolds - K5WQG
NARS VE Session Manager

Saturday, September 26th VE Test Session Results at Tomball Community Center:

We had 1 candidate. Congratulations to Robert Ramirz - KF5DHX - who passed element 2 for Technician.

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

- Sarah Connell - W0HXO
- Jim Kirk - KJ5X
- Jerry Seay - KE5PUT

The next session will be held on Saturday, October 24th 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.

NARS Bell Ringers



The Christmas season is just around the corner and we still have some bell ringer spots open. Only 1 hour of your time is being requested in the NARS support of the Salvation Army bell ringing. The place is the Wal mart store at 249 and Spring Cypress. The date is December 5th. Times open are between 1 pm and 3pm. Many will appreciate your involvement.

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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* section)

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