

NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

April 2010



April Meeting

Roving During the Oklahoma QSO Party

Come to the NARS general membership meeting scheduled for Friday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. to hear the story of three Texans travelling to Oklahoma last month to enter the 2010 Oklahoma QSO Party in rover class.

The rover team included:

- Chuck Sanders NO5W
- Colin Jenkins KU5B
- Gary Schmidt W5ZL (from Austin)

From the 3830 reflector postings, it is evident that this team set a new record in the rover class. And, although the final scores will not be available for several months, I think they will win the class. I look forward to hearing how they accomplished such a feat.

We may also have Larry K5END to relate his story about participation on the OKQP. I hear it is a good tale that you will not want to miss. Below, Larry K5END encounters the Oklahoma winter as did others.

Keith NM5G



Important Dates

Friday, April 16th, 7:30 PM

Monthly Club Meeting,
Cypress Creek Christian Community Cntr,
6823 Cypresswood Drive

Saturday, April 24th, 2010 8:30 AM

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

Tuesday, April 27th, 7:30 PM

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

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - North

Marco's - Apr 14th
Spring Creek Barbeque - Apr 21st
Pei Wei's - Apr 28th
Luby's Cafeteria - May 5th
Jason's Deli - 1960 - May 12th
Baker Street Pub and Grill - May 19th

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Fajita Willies W. Little York - Apr 14th
Fajita Willies W. Little York - Apr 21st
Fajita Willies W. Little York - Apr 28th
Fajita Willies W. Little York - May 5th
Los Arcos (West at Beltway) - May 12th
Los Arcos (West at Beltway) - May 19th

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Southwell's Hamburger Grill - Apr 14th
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - Apr 21st
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - Apr 28th
Pappas Barbecue - May 5th
Morningside Thai - May 12th
Pronto Cucinino - May 19th

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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Community service is a big part of Ham Radio. Without help from radio operators of various disciplines, many of the events we support would have a difficult time. Events such as the CB & I Triathlon grow larger each year and will soon rival the SunMart Endurance Run that NARS has supported for many years. In many respects the CB& I event is no different than the SunMart Run. They need Hams with hand held radios and mobile units to pass traffic from remote locations. The Woodlands (CB&I) Triathlon is set to take place Saturday, May 1, 2010, at Northshore Park. The triathlon begins at 7 a.m. and will continue through mid day. We'll have additional information for you at the next NARS meeting on April 16, 2010.

The next volunteer opportunity on the NARS Calendar will be the



BP MS150 Houston to Austin Bicycle Race. The race starts in Houston early morning of March 17 and finishes late afternoon March 18 in Austin. This is a two day event with an overnight stay in LaGrange, Texas but keep in mind there are plenty of one day opportunities available as well. The event has closed registration at 13,000 registered participants. Add several thousand volunteers and support staff and you've got a small mobile mob. Radio operators are needed at the various check points along the route as well as in the event vehicles. To volunteer log onto the MS150 website, and click on Volunteer Opportunities.

Please consider giving your time and volunteer to help out in an upcoming event.

VE Session Notice

Keith Dutson - NM5G
NARS VE Session Manager

Saturday, March 27 VE Test Session Results at Tomball Community Center:

We had 1 candidate.

Congratulations to:

- Cecile Blake KF5FZC - new tech

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

- Jim Kirk KJ5X
- Terry Myers KQ5U
- Jerry Seay KE5PUT
- Martin Rogoff N5GPS
- Sarah Connell W0HXO

The next session will be held Saturday, April 24 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 2010 is \$15.

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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*
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