

NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

December 2010



December Meeting

Show and Tell 2010

Our last general meeting of the year is upon us, and it is the meeting each year that we have reserved for *Show and Tell*. This is a great place to bring your pet project to our meeting and demonstrate it and tell us about the challenges you encountered and how you managed them.

Consider this a general call to all members of NARS to submit your Show and Tell to Tom Atkins, outgoing President of NARS 2010. He will need to know what you will need to support your presentation, eg., tables, projectors, power cords, etc. We will stay flexible on the order of presentations. **DO THIS RIGHT AWAY. THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME LEFT.**

This is my favorite meeting of the year. Everyone gets something from this one.

See you there.
Jerry-KE5PUT

NARS & Salvation Army Red Kettles

Gerry Whiting KB5VGD

The great HAMS at NARS raised \$481.74 at the Wal Mart Main Door and \$365.57 at the Food Door last Saturday for a GRAND TOTAL of \$847.31.

Please extend our thanks and a Merry Christmas to all that participated. See you next spring at field day.

Kelvin Scott KE5NPD
Red Kettle Coordinator
Houston Northwest Corps
Salvation Army

Important Dates

Friday, December 17th, 7:30 PM

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

Saturday, January 22nd, 2010 8:30 AM

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

Tuesday, December 28th, 7:30 PM

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

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - North

Cafe Express - Dec 15th
Jason's Deli - Dec 22nd
Baker St. - Dec 29th
Sweet Tomatoes - Jan 5th
BJ's Restaurant & Brewery - Jan 12th
Marco's Mexican Restaurant - Jan 19th

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Please contact Mark Tyler K5GQ for details.

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Pappas Barbecue - Dec 15th
Morningside Thai - Dec 22nd
Pronto Cucinino - Dec 29th
Jason's Deli - Jan 5th
Buffalo Grille - Jan 12th
Southwell's Hamburger Grill - 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

December - 2010

I want to thank everyone for their support during my term as President of NARS. Thank to all who stepped forward and volunteered to help. Thanks chairmen, coordinators, team leaders and volunteers who did the work. We've had another successful year and I'm looking forward to 2011. December 17 will be our last scheduled club meeting for the 2010 calendar year. Our new club officers and directors have been elected and all are looking forward to an exciting new year. Keith has some great ideas and plans for the coming year and I hope everyone will lend their support. After all nothing happens without you, the members and friends of NARS.

Again, thanks for your help.

On a sad note we bid farewell to our old friend Don Bedell KA3BKU. Don will be missed by all who knew him. 73 OM.



VE Session Notice

Keith Dutson - NM5G
NARS VE Session Manager

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

We had 7 test candidates.

- element 2 tests given: 5; passed 5
- element 3 tests given: 1; passed 1
- element 4 tests given: 1; passed 1

Congratulations to:

- Robert Parrott - new tech
- Shania Shapiro - new tech
- Michael Tracy - new tech
- Clifton Green - new tech
- John Marsh - new tech
- James McKinney KF5HBV - upgrade to general Patricia Halter KF5IJG - upgrade to extra

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

- Sarah Connell W2AOV
- Mike Bragassa K5UO
- Martin Rogoff N5GPS

The next session will be held Saturday, January 22 at 8:30 a.m. at the Tomball Community Center, located at the corner of Market St. & S. Cherry St.

Official address is 221 Market St.. Parking is in the rear (south side) of the building. Use the entrance on the S. Cherry St. (west) side of the building.

VE's are invited to meet for breakfast at Denny's in Tomball, 14010 FM 2920, 281-290-7035, at 7:00AM.

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Around the Circuit

Salvation Army 2010 Red Kettles Bell Ringers

This year's bell ringing for the Salvation Army is over. This was our 4th year in doing this event. We were the first organization in the Northwest Harris County area to do this and we were issued a special new blue apron to identify us as a volunteer for bell ringing. Next year they will add our NARS logo to the apron. Might be just a way to keep us on the team.

The weather was just outstanding and the people must have liked it because the buckets were jammed full at the end of the day. I would like to thank our team, Bob Walworth N5ET, Tom Atkins KD5EIJ, Mike Bragassa K5UO, Jerry Seay KB5PUT, Keith Dutson NM5G, Joe Sokolowski KD5KR, Ken Harlan KA5AKG, Cal White WF5W, And the new first timers Jim Blackburn WB5AW, Jackie Blackburn XYL, and Art Caprio KE5OBY. Harding Goodman KE5KSZ, below.



Cal WF5W and Jerry KB5VGD, above.

Highlites of the NARS November Board Meeting

The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved by the Board.

Jerry Seay KE5PUT announced the outcome of the November election. The results were entered into the Minutes.

Joe KD5KR reported that the reservation count for the coming Awards Banquet now stands at 33. Reservations are limited to a maximum of 80. Members are urged to sign up early to insure a seat at this annual event. Award assignments were discussed to insure proper recognition of recipients.

Vice President Keith NM5G, noted that the November's V.E. session was a success and that NARS should reinstate the November session for 2011 and beyond. The Board also decided to offer a discounted "first year" NARS membership fee to newly licensed individuals to enhance their entry to the amateur radio arena.

Future programs for monthly meetings were discussed, with December's "Show-n-Tell" winding up 2010. Members are encouraged to submit their latest projects before the membership. Projects for 2011 include another multi-week code class.

Those members interested in the financial and general operation of NARS are urged to attend board meeting held the last Tuesday of each month. Your participation and recommendations are always welcome.

*Happy
New
Year*

Around the Circuit

Annual Awards Banquet Scheduled for January 21, 2011

Another year is coming to a close. 2011 is but six weeks away and the NARS Awards Banquet is soon after. This will mark the 25th 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.

But wait, there's more! The Awards Banquet 2011 will be held at the famous (or maybe even infamous) Wunsche Bros. Café located in downtown Old Towne Spring. You want nostalgia? You got it. You want history? You got that too. How about great Texas cooking? Oh, Baby! You can't beat their Chicken Fried Steak or genuine ole time Chicken Fried Chicken. Throw in some veggies, smashed potatoes, and their award winning Beer Bread, you got yourself a one fine meal. Did I mention Texas Fudge Cake for dessert? Manager Nathan Laviage is including all this for the low price of \$24 per person. There's still more! No long winded speakers, just award presentations, a few door prizes to add to the excitement, and finally, a musical interlude courtesy of the "NARS Pickers" to wind up the evening.

Ok. Here are the details:

- Wunsche Bros. Café, 103 Midway, Old Towne Spring
- Friday evening, January 21st 2011 – 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- \$24 per person. Adult beverages available at additional cost.

We urge you to please consider your attendance to this classy bash. Send your check to **NARS, P.O. Box 90387, Houston, TX 77290-0387** and indicate names of those attending. Advanced reservations only. No money will be collected at the door. Cancellations will be honored for up to ten days prior the event. Once we give them a head count, we're locked in. Do it now. NARS needs your support!

Fire Chief Visits NARS

Fred Windisch gave a talk on fire safety and how Hams are contributing to the local fire districts. Fred Talked for about one hour with no notes, and no power point slides. It was one of the best presentation in a long while. He explained how and which local Fire districts are rated in relation to a national rating system. Ponderosa Fire District is rated 3 as is the Kline Fire District with the Tomball Fire District taking first place as a #1. This rating system has a lot to do with the cost of our homeowner's insurance fees. As a 3 we can save as much as \$60 to \$100 per year. He also explained that with the size of the districts his fire department covers 350 square miles and about 750,000 people. Today departments are a mix of full time paid firefighters, and a volunteer staff which shows up in our tax rate. His object is to save houses not just foundations. He also talked about the new EMS Emergency Communication Command Center that just became operational. The new EMS Comm Center covers 13 different fire districts. It was a very informative program.



*Merry
Christmas*

Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

Welcome new members Clint Alexander KE5JTU, and B.J. Caron KF5IUP.

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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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section)

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