

NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

January 2010



January Meeting

Annual Awards Banquet

Most veteran NARS members know that January's club meeting comes in the form of our annual banquet.

The 2010 Banquet will be held on Friday January 15th at the Wyndehaven Terrace, 12716 Cutten Road, about ½ mile south of FM 1960. The cost is still a nominal \$20.00 per person. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and we hope to wind things up by 9 p.m.

You can mail your check to NARS, P.O. Box 90387, Houston 77290-0387. Walk-ins are welcome. Please contact Joe KD5KR at 281-353-2196!

We hope everyone enjoys the food and fellowship.

Houston Amateur Radio Supply Manufacture's Day

George DiLetto of Houston Amateur Radio Supply will be hosting his annual Manufacturer's Day open house on Saturday, January 16th from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For those who have attended this event previously know that the hot dogs, chips and drinks (soft, that is,) are out of this world, and the price is zilch, zero, nada!

January 16th

267 Cypresswood Drive

Exit 68, at I-45 North

West side of I-45 (near the Super Target store)

Need more info?

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NARS 2010 Officers

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Important Dates

Friday, January 15th, 7:30 PM

Annual Awards banquet,
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, January 26th, 7:30 PM

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

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - North

Cafe Express Jan 13th
Jason's Deli Jan 20th
Baker St. Jan 27th
Sweet Tomatoes Feb 3rd
BJ's Feb 10th
Marco's Feb 17th

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Fajita Willies W. Little York Jan 13th
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Los Arcos (West at Beltway) Jan 27th
Los Arcos (West at Beltway) Feb 3rd
Los Arcos (West at Beltway) Feb 10th
Los Arcos (West at Beltway) Feb 17th

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Pappas Barbecue Jan 13th
Morningside Thai Jan 20th
Prima Pasta Jan 27th
Jason's Deli Feb 3rd
Buffalo Grille Feb 10th
Southwell's Hamburger Grill Feb 17th

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

2009 Texas QSO Party NARS Regains Second Place

As you may recall from our recap in the November NARS News the 2009 Texas QSO Party was very successful with nearly 300 logs submitted representing an increase of nearly 26% over 2008. All those logs have now been processed and its time to congratulate the winners and send out the plaques. Detailed listings of all scores have been submitted for posting and should be appearing on the website by the time you receive this newsletter. You can check there for individual scores and listings of the winners in each category. However, the big news causing high-fives around the water cooler at TQP Headquarters this year is the re-emergence of NARS as a competitive force.

That's right, after languishing in third place in the Texas Club Aggregate competition for the past several years, NARS has regained second place behind the Central Texas DX & Contest Club which always manages to put up a large and formidable set of competitors. For several years now its been CTDXCC in first place followed by the DX & Contest Club (DXCC) and then by NARS in third place. This year CTDXCC retains the first place spot, with NARS in second and a newcomer to the top three list, the Southwest Dallas County ARC, in third place. This year, for the first time in recent memory, all of the top three clubs managed to post scores above the one million mark.

Here's what those scores looked like and something to remember for TQP 2010.

Club	Logs	QSOs	Mults	Score
CTDXCC	22	12105	1927	4542514
NARS	17	5567	1045	1487457
SWDCARC	8	10140	335	1052170

In the TQP there are lots of multipliers available to Texas stations with 254 counties plus the states and Canadian provinces outside of Texas, and DXCC entities all available as multipliers. The importance of chasing these multipliers vs working lots of QSOs is certainly brought out by the last two rows of the above table as the SWDCARC had a tremendous number of QSOs for an eight-person team but fell way behind by not chasing the multipliers. That's something to keep in mind for the next running of the TQP.

Many thanks to the following NARS members who participated in the TQP and helped the club regain second place: NM5G, K5GQ, K5CX, N5AOK, W5MF, KK5LO, K5WNO, NO5W, K5SEE, N5TM, N5NXS, N5BE, KE5MS, K5END, N5EN, W5PDW, KD2KW, KE5DFR, N5BIA, KB5VGD, K5RLK.

Hope you'll all be able to participate again next year and remember:

“Running QSOs is fun but don't forget to chase the mults.”

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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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