

# NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

June 2010



## June Meeting

### Casey Curry



Meteorologist Casey Curry of Houston's KTRK channel 13, the local ABC outlet, will address the NARS general membership at it's June meeting. Casey will talk about how she gathers weather information and presents it to the viewing audience.

Casey started her broadcast career in Victoria, Texas. Before moving to Houston, she worked in Kansas City, Denver, Indianapolis, Chicago, and Abilene, Texas.

She is a graduate of the Broadcast Meteorology Program at Mississippi State University and earned her Journalism degree at the University of Colorado.

Casey is an "Army brat" and calls the world her home. She was born in Panama and attended nine elementary schools. She's thrilled to be back in southeast Texas and closer to her parents, whose latest stop is Alexandria, Louisiana.

Casey joined the Eyewitness Weather team in August 2006.

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## ARRL Field Day June 26-27, 2010

**Contact Larry K5END for details  
regarding NARS participation.**

## Important Dates

### Friday, June 18th, 7:30 PM

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

### Saturday, July 24th, 2010 8:30 AM

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

### Tuesday, June 29th, 7:30 PM

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

### Wednesday Lunch Bunch - North

Spring Creek Barbeque - June 16th  
Pei Wei Asian Diner - June 23rd  
Cafe Express - June 30th  
Jason's Deli - July 7th  
Baker St. - July 14th  
Sweet Tomatoes - July 21st

### Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Please contact **Mark Tyler K5GQ** for details.

### Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - Jun 16th  
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - Jun 23rd  
Pappas Barbecue - June 30th  
Morningside Thai - July 7th  
Pronto Cucinino - July 14th  
Jason's Deli - July 21st

### 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

## June - 2010

Field day is only a few days away. This year's event will be the best planned and best organized Field Day I have ever participated in. Antennas and equipment have been made ready and everyone is looking forward to the big day. See you June 26 at 5:00 for the B.B.Q Feed.

The NARS code class is off to a roaring start with a total of 9 participants including myself. The first few lessons will be fun but then the difficult characters make their way into the alphabet and we'll have to pay attention. Thanks to Joe Chambers and Mark Tyler for their help in making this class possible.

Chuck NO5W will be addressing us soon about the Texas QSO party. September isn't that far away and if you want to participate in this year's outing I'd start planning as soon as the memory of Field Day starts to fade just a little.

Where has the year gone? We're halfway through 2010 and only a few NARS meetings remain. Hopefully attendance will remain high through the remainder of the year. Keith has some excellent programs scheduled for us and I'm looking forward to meeting Casey Curry.

**Tom - KD5EIJ**

# VE Session Notice

**Keith Dutson - NM5G**  
**NARS VE Session Manager**

Saturday, May 22 VE Test Session Results at Tomball Community Center:

We had 8 test candidates plus one paper upgrade.

- element 2 tests given: 4; passed 4
  - element 3 tests given: 4; passed 3
  - element 4 tests given: 2; passed 1
- Congratulations to the following:

Congratulations to:

- Karl Kilburn - new tech
- Matthew Fuller - new tech
- James McKinney - new tech
- Wakakd Minami - new tech
- Carman Brumley N5DLL - paper upgrade to general
- Michael Harris KF5GOE - upgrade to general
- Matthew Barna KD5DFA - upgrade to general
- Robert Bennett KF5GQV - upgrade to general
- Joe Gibson K5KUA - upgrade to extra

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

- Jerry Seay KE5PUT
- Martin Rogoff N5GPS
- Sarah Connell W0HXO
- Ken Mitchell KD2KW
- Jim Kirk KJ5X

***There will be no session in June because of Field Day.***

The next session will be held Saturday, July 24 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. The entrance is on the S. Cherry St. (west) side of the building.

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# Around the Circuit

## Morse class Up and Running!



NARS held its first session of the code class on June 8th with an enrollment of seven licensed amateurs. Though it was structured for those wanting to learn the art of communicating via Morse Code, a few "seasoned" hams attended

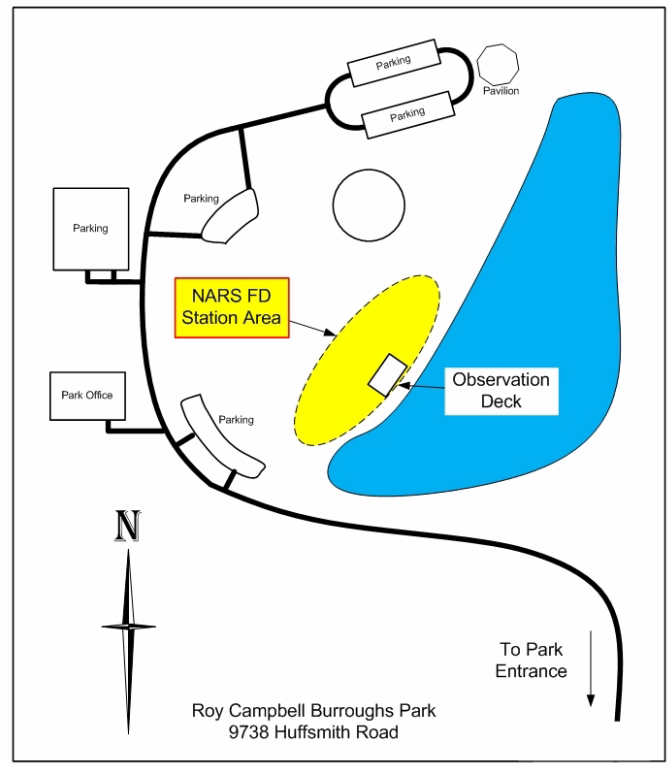
in order to renew their skills as cw operators.

Tom Atkins  
KD5EIJ,  
NARS  
President,  
started the  
program by  
introducing  
the class to  
some of the  
elementary  
code  
configurations



using an automated code generator. The class will be held for four weeks on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and is open to the public at no cost. You can still get into the action by checking with Tom ([tom\\_sts@hotmail.com](mailto:tom_sts@hotmail.com)) for more details. Special thanks to *Joe Chambers KF5AT* for arranging the use of the facilities at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church.

## NARS Field Day Location



# Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

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28.444 MHz

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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