

# NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

October 2010



## October Meeting

### *Planning A DXpedition, or A TQP Outting*

Come to the meeting Friday and learn how to plan a DXpedition. Cal White WF5W, is a veteran of many DXpeditions from all over the globe. He was the chief planner for all of these trips. He has many experiences to share with us. If you ever wanted to go on a DXpedition, do not miss this rare opportunity to learn what is involved in preparation.

Chuck Sanders NO5W, will follow Cal with the steps he takes to plan for a mobile operation in the Texas QSO Party. He will cover everything from setting up a mobile station to charting a route to cover the most counties in the least number of miles. Be sure to learn from Chuck so that you can add to enjoyment in the next TQP.

## *2010 Texas Trail Runs*

I need volunteers for Saturday December 11, 2010. This event has replaced the Sunmart runs at Huntsville State Park. Roger Solar will sponsor the race again and Bart Childers will be the race director. There will be a 50K and a 12.5 mile runs with a 10 hour time limit for the 50K. The race begins at 7am, so the finish will be at 5pm. We will run two shifts again. You will need to have a handy talkie with extra battery packs. So please check your calendars and sign up for some public service. Send email to paul.owen@flash.net.

Thanks es 73,  
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## Important Dates

### **Friday, October 15th, 7:30 PM**

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

### **Saturday, October 23rd, 2010 8:30 AM**

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

### **Tuesday, October 26th, 7:30 PM**

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

### **Wednesday Lunch Bunch - North**

Pei Wei Asian Diner - Oct 13th  
Cafe Express - Oct 20th  
Jason's Deli - Oct 27th  
Baker St. - Nov 3  
Sweet Tomatoes - Nov 10th  
BJ's Restaurant & Brewery - Nov 17th

### **Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West**

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

### **Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Medical Center**

Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - Oct 13th  
Pappas Barbecue - Oct 20th  
Morningside Thai - Oct 27th  
Pronto Cucinino - Nov 3rd  
Jason's Deli - Nov 10th  
Buffalo Grille - Nov 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***

# President's Corner

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## *Thanks For a Job Well Done*

One of our past Presidents told me he used the president's corner article to publically thank individuals who performed tasks above and beyond the call of duty. I thought that sounded like a good idea so here goes.

We have several members that fit the bill and deserve all the kudos we can heap upon them, but one stands head and shoulders above the rest. Chuck Sanders, NO5W, has spent a lot of time and his own money to promote the Texas QSO Party. As a result the Texas QSO Party is now one of the premier QSO parties in the country. Chuck travels the state with his portable display and pamphlets speaking to anyone who will listen. In addition Chuck maintains a web site with links to all sorts of helpful information such as free logging programs, maps, and suggestions for a successful contest. Every year the "Party" gets bigger and better and this year was no exception. Operators from all over the country were waiting for the "Party" to kick off on Saturday morning. Chuck and the QSO Party have a following that would shame our local football team. I've even heard stories of operators traveling from as far away as California and Tennessee to chase Texas Counties.

Unfortunately for Chuck the job's nowhere near over. He's still looking at a month of gathering hundreds of logs and checking scores. Not an easy task and a tad time consuming I might add. Then he'll start all over again getting ready for next years event.

Congratulations on a job well done Chuck and thanks for all you do for NARS.

# VE Session Notice

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

Saturday, September 25 VE Test Session Results at Tomball Community Center:

There were 5 test candidates.

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

Congratulations to:

- Steve Wiesel KF5IJD - upgrade to general
- David Broussard KF5IJF - upgrade to general
- Ronald Harris - new Tech
- Paul Froutan - new general
- Marc Hopkins - new general

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

- Martin Rogoff N5GPS
- Jerry Seay KE5PUT
- Norm Covey K5OS

Special thanks to Sarah Connell W2AOV (ex-W0HXO) who was acting session manager.

The next session will be held Saturday, October 23 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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## *Rice University VE Session Notice*

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

Monday, October 4, Rice University Special VE Test Session  
Results:

There were 5 test candidates.

- element 2 tests given: 9; passed 9
- element 3 tests given: 7; passed 2

Congratulations to:

- Wayne Paulus - new Tech
- Iris Chu - new Tech
- Carol Waters - new Tech
- Tammie Crannie - new Tech
- Chinwei Hu - new Tech
- James Aman KD5UJC - upgrade to General
- John Trier - new Tech
- Daniel Shanaberger - new Tech
- Omar Mendoza - new General
- Shaun Wegscheid - new Tech

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

- Mike Bragassa K5UO
- Martin Rogoff N5GPS
- Mark Tyler K5GQ
- Jerry Seay KE5PUT

Thanks also to Dr Pat Reiff W5TAR, and one of her students (Carol Waters?) for the refreshments.

## *Help Wanted*

One of the topics of conversation during last months Board of Directors Meeting was the lack of input to our news letter editor. I know it's not easy to come up with new and exciting news for a monthly article but we'll welcome just about any input. If you've had an experience you want others to know about write short article and send it in. Pictures and or

drawings are also welcome. One of the suggestions from a board member was to try and rejuvenate the DX report. For a while there were few to no DX contacts to report but that's changing rapidly. Now all we need is someone to gather the reports from our membership and send them to our editor. If you have any suggestions let us know

## *NARS & Salvation Army Red Kettles*

In 1891, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee was distraught because so many poor individuals in San Francisco were going hungry. During the holiday season, he resolved to provide a free Christmas dinner for the destitute and poverty-stricken. He only had one major hurdle to overcome -- funding the project.

Where would the money come from? How could he find the funds to fulfill his commitment of feeding 1,000 of the city's poorest individuals on Christmas Day. As he pondered the issue, his thoughts drifted back to his sailor days in Liverpool, England. He remembered how at Stage Landing, where the boats came in, there was a large, iron kettle called "Simpson's Pot" into which passers-by tossed a coin or two to help the poor.

The next day Captain McFee placed a similar pot at the Oakland Ferry Landing at the foot of Market Street. Beside the pot, he placed a sign that read, "Keep the Pot Boiling." He soon had the money to see that the needy people were properly fed at Christmas.

Six years later, the kettle idea spread from the west coast to the Boston area. That year, the combined effort nationwide resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy. In 1901, kettle contributions in New York City provided funds for the first mammoth sit-down dinner in Madison Square Garden, a custom that continued for many years. Today in the U.S., The Salvation Army assists more than four-and-a-half million people during the Thanksgiving and Christmas time periods.

This is the 4th year that NARS has rung the bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettles. Our location is the Wal Mart store at Spring Cypress & 249, December 4th, 10 am to 5 pm in 1 hour shifts. Public contributions to Salvation Army kettles enable the organization to continue its year-round efforts at helping those who would otherwise be forgotten. This year we have all of the time spots fill except the emergency back ups for reasons that a volunteer can't make it. I have openings for 2 persons to fill this requirement. If you can fill this position then please send me a e-mail at [g\\_whiting@sbcglobal.net](mailto:g_whiting@sbcglobal.net)

# Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

Welcome new member Don Norwood, KC5HCX.

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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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