

# NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

September 2010



## September Meeting

### *K5D DXpedition Desecheo Island Video*

In 2002, a group of DXers, wanting to activate Navassa(KP1) and Desecheo(KP5) Islands, formed an organization: **The KP1-5 Project**.

The purpose of the Project was to work toward a solution to the closure of Desecheo and Navassa Islands to Amateur Radio operators by achieving lawful, periodic access to these islands pursuant to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service authorization.

While operating from these islands was a worthwhile goal, the Project was dedicated to a long term partnership that jointly benefits the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Amateur Radio operators worldwide.

On October 1, 2008, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) selected the KP1-5 Project team to be the first USFWS-approved DXpedition to Desecheo Island in fifteen years.

The project was fortunate to be chosen from among several excellent proposals. The project's commitment was to a first-class DXpedition meeting, or exceeding all the requirements of USFWS while providing tens of thousands of radio contacts to the international Ham Radio community.

The DXpedition window was February 12-26, 2009.

Come and see the video and find out if DX'ing is in your blood.



## Important Dates

**Friday, September 17th, 7:30 PM**

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

**Saturday, September 25th, 2010 8:30 AM**

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

**Tuesday, September 28th, 7:30 PM**

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

**Wednesday Lunch Bunch - North**

Sweet Tomatoes - Sept 15th  
BJ's Restaurant & Brewery - Sept 22nd  
Marco's Mexican Restaurant - Sept 29th  
Spring Creek Barbeque - Oct 6th  
Pei Wei Asian Diner - Oct 13th  
Cafe Express - Oct 20th

**Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West**

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

**Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Medical Center**

Jason's Deli - Sept 15th  
Buffalo Grille - Sept 22nd  
Southwell's Hamburger Grill - Sept 29th  
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - Oct 6th  
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - Oct 13th  
Pappas Barbecue - Oct 20th

**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

September - 2010

For I think by now everyone knows the Texas QSO party is upon us. I'll quote Chuck's official TQP website so I don't get the times and dates wrong.

Operating times for the 2010 contest are from 1400Z on SATURDAY, September 25 to 0200Z on SUNDAY, September 26 and from 1400Z to 2000Z on SUNDAY, September 26". It doesn't matter how many or how few contacts you make, Chuck NO5W needs to know that you participated in the event and he would like to have your comments.

This is my favorite event and I have plans to participate again this year. Now if I can only get a log turned in this year my efforts won't be for naught.

The Woodlands 10 for Texas cross country run will take place Saturday October 9, 2010.

Peter Belbin is recruiting volunteers for this event and he can be contacted at ke5stl@gmmail.com or log on to <http://www.woodlands-event-comms.info/10forTexas/> for more information.

This years 2010 Wings Over Houston Air Show is scheduled for October 23 & 24. I won't bother to post the show start time because you'll be asked to arrive extra early. All you'll need for this event is a 2M hand held transceiver and a good pair of walking shoes. In addition to passing essential traffic for the WHO event we were able to reunite several children with their lost parents. This is a worthwhile event and very entertaining for all participants.

One of the last events for the 2010 season will be the Salvation Army Bell Ringers fund raiser. Time slots are available on Saturday Dec. 4th from 10am to 5pm. The time requested is 1 hour per person and 2 volunteers are needed per shift. The location is the same Wal-Mart store on Spring Cypress and SH 249. Jerry Whiting KD5VGD will ask for volunteers at the monthly meetings until his roster is full.

## VE Session Notice

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

Saturday, August 28 VE Test Session Results at Tomball Community Center:

We had 6 test candidates:

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

Congratulations to:

- Stephen Wiesel - new tech
- David Broussard - new tech
- Daniel Lewis - new general
- Patricia Halter - new general
- Pat Martin KC0TTC - upgrade to extra

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

- Jerry Seay KE5PUT
- Sarah Connell W0HXO
- Mike Bragassa K5UO
- Ken Mitchell KD2KW

The next session will be held Saturday, September 25 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.

And finally we have another of my favorite events the Texas Trail Runs scheduled for December 11, 2010. This event has been shortened to a 50K/12.5 mile cross country run. SunMart is no longer a major sponsor and Roger Solis Events needs all the help it can get to keep this event alive. NARS has been a participant in this event for many years and hopefully will continue to lend our support into the future.

It doesn't matter if you can help with one or all of these events my point is all these organizations need your help. The equipment needed is minimal and the experience gained is invaluable. Get out and support one of these good causes. You'll be glad you did.

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# Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

Welcome new members.

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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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