

NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

April 2011



April Meeting

Nicaragua DXpedition

The April meeting will feature the Nicaragua DXpedition in which, Keith Dutson, NM5G, Bob Walworth, N5ET, and Eddie Reynolds, K5WQG manned the stations.

Highlight of the trip was their participation in the 2011 CQ WPX SSB contest. The score was 2,582 QSOs, 681 prefixes and 5,879,073 points.

Postings on the 3830 reflector indicate this is 31st place in the world. However, no linear amplifier was used and there was no classification for low power, so this is an impressive score.



You can count on some interesting stories and the tale of these intrepid operators. These presentations are always a pleasure, so come and listen to our traveling operators.

Important Dates

Friday, April 15th, 7:30 PM

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

Saturday, April 23rd, 2010 8:30 AM

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

Tuesday, April 26th, 7:30 PM

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

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - North

Jason's Deli - Apr 13th
Baker St. - Apr 20th
Sweet Tomatoes - Apr 27th
BJ's Restaurant & Brewery - May 4th
Nona's Italian Grill - May 11th
Spring Creek Barbeque - May 18th

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Please contact Mark Tyler K5GQ for details.

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Morningside Thai - Apr 13th
Pronto Cucinino - April 20th
Jason's Deli - Apr 27th
Buffalo Grille - May 4th
Southwell's Hamburger Grill - May 11th
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - May 18th

Taildraggers 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

April 2011

Public service is an important aspect amateur radio. Participation in various events enhances the ham radio experience and allows us to show off our communications skills to the general public.

The 2011 Buffalo Bayou Regatta was held Saturday, March 12. This event is organized by the Buffalo Bayou Partnership, a non-profit authority formed in 1986 to carry out development and improvement of the Buffalo Bayou. Here is an excerpt from their web site:

“Created in 1986, the Buffalo Bayou Partnership is a coalition of civic, environmental, governmental and business representatives whose director nominees are confirmed by the Mayor of Houston and Harris County Judge. The 501 (c) (3) non-profit corporation is responsible for developing and facilitating improvements to the Buffalo Bayou greenway system.”

NARS has long provided volunteers to track boats entered in the race each year. We can all be proud that our club is responsible for effective communications along the course. This year's team included:

- Chris Brown KE5IOR, Peter Brown KE5IOV, Beth Madry KE5IOU, Sarah Brown – Start
- Art Caprio KE5OBY – Voss
- Tom Atkins KD5EIJ, Kyle Atkins KE5SWJ – Woodway/610
- Skip Ferguson K5AWC, Robert Fink KF5IRC – Waugh
- Dale Martin KG5U – Montrose
- Jerry Whiting KB5VGD – Finish
- Paul Owen N5NXX – Finish, Net Control
- Mark Janzer K5MGJ – Sweep Boat

Please consider helping out in a future event. NARS supports the Regatta, MS 150 bike ride to Austin, Wings Over Houston, Texas Trails Endurance Runs, Salvation Army Bell Ringers and the Houston Marathon.

VE Session Notice

*Sarah Connell W2AOV
for Keith Dutson NM5G, NARS VE Session Manager*

Saturday, March 26 VE Test Session Results at Tomball Community Center:

We had 4 test candidates.

- Element 2 tests given: 2; passed 2
- Element 3 tests given: 3; passed 2
- Element 4 tests given: 1 passed 1

Congratulations to:

- Sam Murray - New Tech
- Robert Lingle - New General
- Aaron Beeching - Upgrade to Extra

Special thanks to the VE's in attendance for their time and hard work:

- Mike Bragassa K5UO
- Ken Mitchell KD2KW
- Martin Rogoff N5GPS
- Jerry Seay KE5PUT

The next session will be held Saturday, April 23rd 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.

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Around the Circuit

Buffalo Bayou Regatta

The Buffalo Bayou Regatta is over for 2011 and it was great fun, very successful and the weather was perfect. There were 430 registered entrants in the 15.4 mile race. First one across the finish line was a male paddler with a time of 1 hour 41 minutes. His time was a couple minutes over the race record. That is 9.15 miles per hour. That is an impressive time. However some paddlers joined the regatta for the fun of the event as well.



NARS volunteers provided the communications along the Buffalo Bayou race route. The team consisted of: Chris Brown & family at the starting position, Art Caprio (KE5OBY), Tom Atkins (KD5EIJ), Kyle Atkins (KE5SWJ), Skip Ferguson (K5AWC), Robert Fink (KF5IRC), Dale Martin (KG5U), and Jerry Whiting (KB5VGD) at the finish line. The

communication team reported the progress of the 4 divisions of paddlers from the starting line to the finish line.

The team also had Mark Janzer (K5MGJ) in a drag boat following the last entrant and keeping the race officials up to date on the final finishers. Paul Owen (N5NXS) was net control and Tom Atkins acted as a substitute race coordinator. The pre-race coordinators for NARS were Paul Frantz (W5PF) and Keith Dutson (NM5G).



Mary Ellen, the race timing coordinator, and Tom Hellmann, the race coordinator, thanked NARS and they are looking forward to NARS helping again next year.

Pictures

- Picture by Chris Brown at Start line
- Mary Ellen & Jerry Whiting at the finish line

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
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