

NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

July 2011



July Meeting

Neighborhood Watch Radio/ Crime Watch Radio

This month's NARS general membership meeting, Friday, July 15th, will be presented by Robert Hutchinson -N5CNN.

Neighborhood Watch Radio is a public safety project of the *Wireless Industry Association* to improve and enhance neighborhood safety and crime prevention through the use of high-tech private and secure communications by Neighborhood Watch groups and neighborhood crime prevention groups everywhere.

The program provides real time instant networking for neighborhood protection utilizing low power private and secure digital two-way radio equipment.

"Watch Radio brings the instant alert and group communications only dreamed of in the past. It's here, it's inexpensive, and it's the best neighborhood safety tool yet devised."

Robert Hutchinson, founder and President of the Wireless Industry Association, is the nation's foremost expert on cellular agent-carrier relationships. Hutchinson's unique position has allowed him access to information and details available to few others in the cellular industry.

The Wireless Industry Association, originally the National Association of Cellular Agents, was started in 1986 as a grass-roots trade organization of cellular agents.

Hutchinson's interest in the cellular industry began in 1985. While preparing cellular market research projects for others, he studied the prospect of being on the ground floor of a burgeoning industry, leading him to become a cellular agent.

In 1995 the Association began its pioneer involvement in the Internet and today operates the world's most popular web site dedicated to the wholesale/retail, business to business wireless industry.

Robert resides in Houston. He holds a commercial pilot's license, is an expert in the art of large and medium format outdoor photography, and enjoys motorcycling, pistol shooting, collecting and Amateur Radio.

The word for this meeting is *Neighbor-Up, Radio-Up!*

Important Dates

Friday, July 15th, 7:30 PM

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

Saturday, July 23rd, 2010 8:30 AM

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

Tuesday, July 26th, 7:30 PM

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

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - North

Spring Creek Barbeque - July 13th
Pei Wei Asian Diner - July 20th
Cafe Express - July 27th
Jason's Deli - Aug 3rd
Baker St. - Aug 10th
Sweet Tomatoes - Aug 17th

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Please contact Mark Tyler K5GQ for details.

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - July 13th
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - July 20th
Pappas Barbecue - July 27th
Morningside Thai - Aug 3rd
Pronto Cucinino - Aug 10th
Jason's Deli - Aug 17th

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

Membership Poll

Your NARS Board of Directors is looking for ways to promote NARS to new hams, and to provide meaningful and desirable programs and activities for existing members.

Current Board members are listed on the last page of this newsletter. Each month we meet to conduct NARS business. For the past two months we have had considerable discussion about ideas to draw new members. One thing currently being done is to offer a discounted membership to new hams at our VE session. This has worked quite well.

During Field Day I talked with ARRL West Gulf Division Vice Director Lee Stratton N5AUS, about membership, both NARS and ARRL. After hearing about our success with new hams at the VE session, Lee wants me to make a proposal to ARRL that will offer a similar discount to join ARRL.

Another recent activity the Board has developed is the NARS raffle. We hope to stimulate interest in the club by offering tickets for sale to other clubs in the Houston area, and at various hamfests in Texas. Tickets will also be available at most NARS activities, such as general membership meetings and weekly lunches.

What we really need is input from our members. What activities would you like to see? Do you have an idea for an interesting program?

Please pass your suggestions along to me or any Board member. Thanks.

73, Keith Dutson NM5G

VE Session Notice

Keith Dutson NM5G, NARS VE Session Manager

The next session will be held Saturday, July 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.

K5CX Tower Project

Recently, over the July 4th holiday, Robert KC0K5X joined his Dad K5CX to make the final adjustments for two future Rohn 45G towers. The holes were ready in early spring, but a couple of brief showers, and other project commitments delayed the final prep. Did I mention that Dad could not manhandle the Rohn 45G like he once did.



Plans call for one tower to be set at 60-feet. The remaining tower is to be 80-feet. The shorter tower will host a Mosley Classic 33 along with various VHF and UHF antennas. The taller tower will host a Mosley Pro-57B.



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Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

Welcome new members Tom King WK5DX, Alvie (Doc) Stiefer KD5NHY,
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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*
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