

NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

March 2011



March Meeting

Cypress Creek Emergency Communications Presentation

Ken Mitchell -KD2KW will be talking this month about his efforts at Cypress Creek Emergency Communications. There are several issues that need sorting out and decisions made by CCEC. They have gently asked for help in areas where we are stronger than their team. Ken will assist with this effort, but his plate is full with CCEC. Marty Fitzgerald -W5MF has attended these sessions and visited the 911 center on Five Forks.

It has become clear that the flood of info is too much for one person to handle, so I am asking again for someone to help Marty, and me with this effort. It seems most logical that the three of us could make quick work of this effort and get on top of things quickly.

From the February club meeting, Marty Fitzgerald -W5MF is now our designated Digital Modes Assistance GURU. As you know, he is very busy these days at HP. I want to arrange for him to have someone to collect, arrange, and vet all of the current hardware and software associated with Digital Modes in ham radio.

If you are interested in helping us, get in touch.

*Ham-Com 2011 is hosting the
ARRL 2011 National Convention,
and ARRL West Gulf Division
Convention in Plano, Texas*

June 10 - 11

Important Dates

Friday, March 18th, 7:30 PM

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

Saturday, March 26th, 2010 8:30 AM

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

Tuesday, March 29th, 7:30 PM

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

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - North

Nona's Italian Grill - Mar 16th
Spring Creek Barbeque - Mar 23rd
Pei Wei Asian Diner - Mar 30th
Cafe Express - Apr 6th
Jason's Deli - Apr 13th
Baker St. - Apr 20th

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Please contact Mark Tyler K5GQ for details.

Wednesday Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Southwell's Hamburger Grill - Mar 16th
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - Mar 23rd
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - Mar 30th
Pappas Barbecue - Apr 6th
Morningside Thai - Apr 13th
Pronto Cucinino - Apr 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

March 2011

Your NARS Board of Directors is responsible for directing activities of the club. A list of these folks appears each month on the last page of the newsletter. Board meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month at Ponderosa Fire Department Station 1. They usually last about an hour or more depending on topics to be covered.

What happens at the Board meetings, and what do Board members do between meetings? A typical Board meeting follows this example agenda:

1. Call to order - President

2. Report - Secretary

Review and approve previous meeting minutes

3. Report - Treasurer

Disbursements and receipts

Bank statement

4. Report - Vice President

Meeting Programs

5. Report - VE Session

Results of last session

6. Old Business

7. New Business

During the meeting, minutes are recorded by the secretary. This is the official record of meeting proceedings.

Topics discussed during the meeting usually result in action items to be carried out by various persons. For example, during the January meeting it was decided that NARS would have a raffle this year, with the winning ticket being announced during the 2012 awards banquet.

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VE Session Notice

Keith Dutson - NM5G
NARS VE Session Manager

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

We had 2 test candidates.

- element 2 tests given: 1; passed 1
- element 3 tests given: 1; passed 1
- element 4 tests given: 1; passed 0

Congratulations to:

- Michael Warren - new tech
- Mark Bennett - upgrade to general

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

- Martin Rogoff N5GPS
- Jerry Seay KE5PUT
- Mike Bragassa K5UO
- Sarah Connell W2AOV
- John Westerlage N5DWI
- Ken Mitchell KD2KW

The next session will be held Saturday, March 26 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

President's Corner (cont)

The original idea was to raise funds for the club treasury. However, the treasury is in fairly good shape for the next year, so it was decided that the purpose of the raffle should be to attract interest in club membership. The prize will likely be a modern digital mode radio.

Details of the raffle will come from a raffle committee appointed by the VP. Tickets will likely be sold at various

ham radio activities including general membership meetings, breakfast, luncheons, ham fests, etc.

A regular topic at all meetings is the schedule of general membership meeting programs. The VP is traditionally appointed the program chair position, and is responsible for lining up a group of speakers and presenters for topics that will be of interest to club members. This is a significant task, and usually requires help from other club members.

Another topic involving considerable effort is annual participation in ARRL Field Day. Ideally, this event could involve ALL club members.

This is just a brief description of what is done by your board. Board meetings are open. All club members are welcome to attend. If you can spare a little time, I hope to see you there at least one time this year.

73, Keith Dutson NM5G

Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

Welcome new members Mark Bennett KF5JQZ, Bill Hagebusch KE5ZVF,
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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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