

# NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

October 2011



## October Meeting

### *A Review of Digital Modes*

The October program is aimed at the current high interest in digital modes with our radios. Walter Holmes, K5WH, has prepared a great summary of the past and current modes, some with sound effects. He has received rave reviews from those that have seen this presentation and I know you will miss a real treat if your miss this one.

*"This is a presentation on a few of the older digital modes, as well as several of the newer digital modes, to hear what they sound like, what the applications look like, and even watching them decode data to demonstrate the look and feel of them. The idea is to show how easy these modes are to participate in, whether you have a very expensive audio interface, or no interface at all, there's ways for everyone to have some fun." -Walter K5WH*

In addition, a door prize will be given to the lucky winner at this meeting. You must be in attendance to win!!!

The prize was purchased from DX Engineering and is used by many Hams to interface their radio to computers. This unit has a high quality built in sound card, a USB port, and it is packaged with front adjustments.

Come and see it and stay for the program. You could win it!!



Photo: John Ellis - W5PDW

I wish to sincerely thank you for the generosity of the local HAM Operators for their donation to the Tomball Fire Department. During these significant incidents, our resources are often taxed beyond our capabilities. Our community has always been very generous to us and we deeply appreciate it.

**Randall F Parr**  
Chief, Tomball Fire Department

## Important Dates

**Friday, October 21st, 7:30 PM**

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

**Saturday, October 22nd, 8:30 AM**

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

**Tuesday, October 25th, 7:30 PM**

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

### Lunch Bunch - North

BJ's Restaurant & Brewery - Oct 19th  
Gianna Italian Kitchen - Oct 26th  
Spring Creek Barbeque - Nov 2nd  
Pei Wei Asian Diner - Nov 9th  
Cafe Express - Nov 16th  
Jason's Deli - Nov 23rd

### Lunch Bunch - West

Please contact Mark Tyler K5GQ for details.

### Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Buffalo Grille - Oct 19th  
Southwell's Hamburger Grill - Oct 26th  
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - Nov 2nd  
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - Nov 9th  
Pappas Barbecue - Nov 16th  
Morningside Thai - Nov 23rd

### 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

Election for a new Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two directors will be held next month during the NARS general membership meeting.

Tom King WK5DX is running for VP. Tom is one of our newer members. He has shown a lot of interest in our club and is prepared to add a lot more energy to our board.

Michael Schultz K5TRI is running for Director. Michael is also one of our newer members. If you were at Field Day, you would have seen a lot of Michael. He is energetic and should add a lot to the Board.

Ron Horton KF5LFL is also running for Director. Ron and XYL Sheree KF5LMJ are also recent members. You will see them at most of our breakfast and luncheon get-togethers. Ron and Sheree are also new VE's (volunteer examiners), and have already participated in several testing sessions.

If you would like to join these fine folks in running for office, I urge you to contact me, or any Board member. We can get you on the ballot.

The 2011 Texas QSO Party is history. Chuck did another excellent job coordinating the event this year. He has indicated to me that he is interested in passing the baton to someone else in 2012. His shoes will be difficult to fill. Please let me know if you are interested.

Chuck did very well operating in TQP this year. He may have won low power CW only mobile single op. I was not able to operate phone as planned due to technical difficulties with equipment.

Thanks to Skip Ferguson K5AWC and his grandson Jason Fink KF5DSP, for an interesting presentation of their field day style operation in North Carolina earlier this year. Here are a few details:

W4NH contest group finish 5th  
Limited multiple operator  
June QSO Party June 11-13  
Mile High Camp Ground  
Soco Bald, North Carolina

## VE Session Notice

### Sarah Connell W2AOV, Acting Session Manager

On the 24th of September 2011, we had six applicants take seven exams. All were successfully passed.

Congratulations to:

- Steven Collins, New Technician
- Eldon Roehl, New Technician
- Eric Runyon, New Technician
- John Vaello, New Technician
- James Wheeler, New Technician
- Gregory Stafford, KE5BKP - Upgrade to Extra Class from Technician class (passing both General and Extra in one sitting).

Many thanks to our volunteer VEs for this session:

- Jerry Seay KE5PUT
- Ron Horton KF5LFL
- Ken Mitchell KD2KW
- Sheree Horton KF5LMJ

The next session will be held Saturday, October 22 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. Sarah Connell will be the session manager.

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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This was Jason's first contest, and he had more contacts on 10 meters than any other operator.

The NARS \$100 donation had been made to Tomball Fire Department to help offset expenses while helping with the massive fire in the tri-county area of Montgomery, Waller and Grimes counties. TFD Chief Randy Parr received the check from Keith Dutson NM5G. John Ellis W5PDW was present to get a photo, which is posted in this issue of NARS News. I received a thank you note from Chief Parr. A scan of this note is posted with the photo.

73, Keith Dutson NM5G

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## *Around the Circuit*

### *NARS Bell Ringers 2011*

It is not too far ahead, the NARS bell ringers for the Salvation Army are due to be called to duty. The date is Saturday, December 3rd, Duty hours are from 10AM to 4PM in 1 hours shifts, 2 bell ringers per shift. The location is the same as last year Wal Mart at 249 and Spring Cypress.

This is for a very good cause for the help the Salvation Army has done in support of the Northwest Harris County. We will need 14 bell ringers plus 2 alternates. To sign up for this event please e-mail me. C U there. There will be other calls on the NARS reflector. Contact me in person or e-mail [g\\_whiting@sbcglobal.net](mailto:g_whiting@sbcglobal.net) me with your response.



# Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

Welcome new members.

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28.444 MHz

2-Mtr Wed. Night: 8:00 PM, 146.06/66  
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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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