

# NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

April 2012



## *April Meeting*

### *George Carlson Antenna Design*

NARS is very fortunate to count George as one of it's own. During the April meeting, George will focus our attention on the physics of antenna design. George has spruced up his previous presentation a little (not the physics) with a top notch demonstration! Don't miss this meeting.

Time permitting, Mike K5TRI will review the results of the recent Member Survey! I've had a sneak preview of Mike's presentation, and I must say that it is well done. Don't miss this either.

# ARRL 2012 Field Day

## **Important Dates**

### **Friday, April 20th, 7:30 PM**

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

### **Saturday, April 28th, 8:30 AM**

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

### **Tuesday, April 24th, 7:30 PM**

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

### **Lunch Bunch - North**

Spring Creek Barbeque - Apr 18th  
Pei Wei Asian Diner - Apr 25th  
Cafe Express - May 2nd  
Jason's Deli - May 9th  
Baker St. - May 16th  
Sweet Tomatoes - May 23rd

### **Lunch Bunch - West**

Please contact Mark Tyler K5GQ for details.

### **Lunch Bunch - Medical Center**

Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - Apr 18th  
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - Apr 25th  
Pappas Barbecue - May 2nd  
Morningside Thai - May 9th  
Pronto Cucinino - May 16th

### **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

I am very pleased with the flurry of activity in the recent days among our membership. Our new members are very active and lets hope that all of our NARS membership takes notice and participates.

Field Day 2012 is on the minds of lots of our planners and active members. Some of our perienel station captians have other commitments this year. That is to be expected and it is up to us to find replacements. Give it a thought, we need a CW station captain and a 6m station captian. Give Ron Horton, KF5LFL, a call and volunteer to assist him this FD.

The SIG initiative has gotten off to a quick start. For those not familiar with SIG's, it means Special Interest Group. This is a way to offer people with like minded interests to share with each other their ideas and questions about their favorite subjects. Lots of members in SIG's are listeners while others are active contributors. It takes both kinds of members to make a SIG valuable to the membership. Join in and keep up the flow of information. The list of SIG's and monitors will be posted on the W5NC website and in this newsletter. The SIG 's have been constructed on Yahoo Groups and you can sign up by going to that group on Yahoo. To be a member of the group just follow the instructions on this site.

Our liability insurance company has changed this year to the new company that the ARRL has aligned itself with. It will be in effect June 1, 2012. The old company contact will expire the end of May 2012.

We need your feedback from the banquet this past January. I know the food was good, but I detected some displeasure with the room arrangement. They have a single room on the other side of the restaurant that might hold our group. Send your thoughts and suggestions via the reflector so that we can better represent your choices for next year.

73

Jerry-KE5PUT

## VE Session Notice

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

Saturday, March 24 VE Test Session Results at Tomball Community Center

We had 6 test candidates taking 8 tests.

- element 2 tests given: 5; passed 5
- element 3 tests given: 2; passed 0
- element 4 tests given: 1; passed 1

Congratulations to:

- Donald Norwood KD5HCX - upgrade to Extra
- Floyd Jennings - new Tech
- Harlen Adams - new Tech
- Matthew Eastham - new Tech
- Scotty Moorefield, Sr - new Tech
- Joey Wyant - new Tech

Thanks to the VEs in attendance:

- Jerry Seay KE5PUT
- Sheree Horton KF5LMJ
- Ron Horton KF5LFL
- Martin Rogoff N5GPS
- Sarah Connell W2AOV

The next session will be held Saturday, April 28 at 8:30AM at the Tomball Community Center, located at the corner of Market Street and South Cherry Street. Official address is 221 Market Street. Let me know if you would like to serve at this session.

Parking is in the rear of the building. Use the entrance on the south side bordered by Fannin Street.

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## Field Day 2012

Field Day is first and foremost a practice run for emergency communications. This means we get to test our planning, preparation, skills and equipment as if most of the U.S. power grid has gone offline. The job of communicating needs, summoning disaster relief, and helping our friends and neighbors falls to the amateur radio operator during these times. How we approach Field Day will be an indicator of how well prepared we are for the real thing.

Secondly, Field Day is an opportunity to demonstrate these abilities to not only ourselves, but to the general public as well. It is an opportunity to share our passion for communications and our commitment to providing service to the community. It is an opportunity to demonstrate the willingness to be a friendly face (and voice) to someone when disaster strikes. How do we react to less than ideal conditions...how do we treat others when the chips are down...can we tackle the task with a smile and remember that society does not revolve around us as individuals? Will our visitors like what they see and want to join us?

Lastly, Field Day is an opportunity to celebrate. A time to have fun and enjoy working together to accomplish a goal. A time to encourage those just beginning to explore this hobby of ours as well as share the memories of things that didn't go as planned. It is a time to make new contacts and strengthen old friendships. It is a time to celebrate our victories over disaster and our compassion for our fellow human beings.

Our celebration and Field Day planning has begun. Please welcome and support the following people who have agreed to lend their expertise and time toward our goals.

- Ken Harlan-Antenna Captain
- Peter Brown-GOTA Station Captain
- Chris Brown-GOTA Station Assistant
- Sarah Brown-GOTA Station Assistant

- Michael Schulz-SSB (Voice) Captain
- Joe Sokolowski-Welcome Table/Talk-In Station
- Gerry Whiting-Meet & Greet/Hot Dog Captain
- Tom Atkins-BBQ Captain

We are still in need of a CW Captain, a Satellite/6 Meter Captain, and a Power Captain. If you would like to be a part of our team please contact this year's Field Day Coordinator, Ron Horton (KF5LFL). Ron can be reached by phone at (281) 890-4038 or by e-mail at [ron.horton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ron.horton@sbcglobal.net)

## *NARS Has SIGs*

NARS now has four(4) Special Interest Groups that we hope will spark your interest and get your Ham juices flowing.

All SIGs are hosted by Yahoo Groups,. The URL for each SIG is next to the SIG name.

1. Contest and DX - [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NARS\\_DX\\_Contest\\_SIG/?yguid=510355939](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NARS_DX_Contest_SIG/?yguid=510355939)
2. Homebrew - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NARS-Homebrew-Sig/?yguid=510355939>
3. HSMM-MESH - [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NARS\\_MESH/?yguid=510355939](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NARS_MESH/?yguid=510355939)
4. QRP - <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/nars-qrp/?yguid=510355939>

We hope that these SIGs will make NARS a more enjoyable and informative club.

We will keep the general membership updated and announce SIG activities, news, and events via the reflector, on the web site and in the newsletter.

# Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

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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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