

NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

May 2012



May Meeting

George Carlson Antenna Design

From Alpha-delta to Mosley, M-Squared, and SteppIR, all antennas are designed around a resonant frequency. Antennas are also designed to produce gain as measured against a theoretical isotropic radiator.

At the May meeting, George Carlson KC5RCC will demonstrate how antennas produce gain. This phenomenon is demonstrated on a desktop using antennas built to 1:100th scale.

George will also demonstrate why some antennas are better suited for certain needs than others.

Don't miss this meeting. You will enjoy this one.



Important Dates

Friday, May 18th, 7:30 PM

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

Saturday, May 26th, 8:30 AM

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

Tuesday, May 29th, 7:30 PM

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

Lunch Bunch - North

Baker St. - May 16th
Sweet Tomatoes - May 23rd
BJ's Restaurant & Brewery - May 30th
Gianna Italian Kitchen - June 6th
Spring Creek Barbeque - June 13th
Pei Wei Asian Diner - June 20th

Lunch Bunch - West

Please contact Mark Tyler K5GQ for details.

Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Pronto Cucinino - May 16th
Jason's Deli - May 23rd
Buffalo Grille - May 30th
Southwell's Hamburger Grill - June 6th
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - June 13th
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - June 20th

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

May is the first month that our Summer begins to show its face for what is to come. Last year we were already dry by May. So, this year we are in better shape, but the effects of the drought, ie., dead trees, dead shrubs, dead grass, and etc. are everywhere. NARS must be having an impact of last year's drought because we are losing our membership faster than we are growing. With our age demographic, based on the recent survey of our membership, perhaps we should expect this. NO, I know that this is not the case. We are not addressing the membership directives and major interests. Here is what the Board of Directors decided to put into place to help address your interests.

- Special Interest Groups. These groups can be dangerous for a club like ours. It can polarize the club into elite groups with special knowledge on narrow subjects thereby fragmenting the club. We are structuring our SIGs to avoid this impact on NARS while trying to address the major interests of the membership.
- Special programs for our general meeting have been sought. This month, May, George Carlson, will present his excellent miniature antennae project. It was intended for April, but confusion by our scheduler made it improbable so it was moved to May.
- Mesh networking was presented to address a major interest in our group in digital Ham radio activity. We had a good crowd and that proved the point. Several members took on some of the tasks to build such a network for NARS. I personally have been collecting Linksys Wireless Routers that contain the Ham radio transceivers in them for use in this network. There is a need of more of our members to inquire about this technology and its application.

VE Session Notice

Keith Dutson NM5G - NARS VE Session Manager

Saturday, April 28 VE Test Session Results at Tomball Community Center.

We had 2 candidates taking 2 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 2; passed 2

Congratulations to:

- Steven Broadrick - new tech
- Stephanie Holmes - new tech

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

- Skip Ferguson K5AWC
- Mike Bragassa K5UO
- Martin Rogoff N5GPS
- Jerry Seay KE5PUT
- Sheree Horton KF5LMJ
- Ronald Horton KF5LFL
- Sarah Connell W2AOV

The next session will be held Saturday, May 26 at 8:30AM at the Tomball Community Center, located at the corner of Market and South Cherry Streets.

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

President's Corner (cont)

- We are searching our ranks for new presentations to bring to you for the remainder of the year. Your input is needed.

It would be an error to say that NARS is alive and well. We are not. There is a serious need to awaken the drive and interest in our membership to address just where and when NARS will grow. We are not growing now, and that must be changed.

Let us hear from each of you soon.

Jerry-KE5PUT

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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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