

# NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

November 2012



## November Meeting

### *General House Cleaning of Club Business plus the K5ZTY Show-N-Tell*

First, we will receive the results of the 2012 Texas QSO Party. Secondly, we will have the annual election of club officers for 2013. The meeting will wrap-up with the 2012 "Show-N-Tell" of club member projects. This event has been named the "K5ZTY Show-N-Tell" in honour of Bill K5ZTY who passed away just a few months ago.

Zed's plaque will be complete and displayed at the club meeting.

Therefore, all of you that have been working on projects this year, bring them to our November meeting and tell us all about it. Be sure to tell our VP how many tables you will need and what your power requirements are.

## *2012 Texas Trail Endurance Runs*

I need volunteers for Saturday December 1, 2012. This event will have three different distant runs this year at Huntsville State Park. Roger Solar will sponsor the run again and Donny will be the race director. This year is the come back for the 50 mile run with a 12 hour time limit. There will also have a 50K and a 20K run. The race begins at 7am for the 50 mile and the others start after that. I plan to run two shifts again at some of the positions. We will man three water stops and the start/finish area. This year they will not have the lodge. They plan to use the screened shelter area near the old start/finish line. You will need to have a VHF handy talkie with extra battery packs and we will use a simplex frequency. So please check your calendars and sign up for some public service.

Send email to [paul.owen@flash.net](mailto:paul.owen@flash.net).

Thanks, Paul N5NXXS  
Cell 832-474-7100

## Important Dates

### **Friday, November 16th, 7:30 PM**

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

### **Saturday, November 24th, 8:30 AM**

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

### **Tuesday, November 27th, 7:30 PM**

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

### **Lunch Bunch - North**

BJ's Restaurant & Brewery - Nov 14th  
Gianna Italian Kitchen - Nov 21st  
Spring Creek Barbeque - Nov 28th  
Pei Wei Asian Diner - Dec 5th  
Cafe Express - Dec 12th  
Jason's Deli Dec 19th

### **Lunch Bunch - West**

Please contact Mark Tyler K5GQ for details.

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

Buffalo Grille - Nov 12th  
Southwell's Hamburger Grill - Nov 21st  
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - Nov 28th  
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - Dec 5th  
Pappas Barbecue - Dec 12th  
Morningside Thai - Dec 19th

### **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

Here we are in November. This month we have the results from another TQP, we have our annual elections for members of the Board and a new VP, and the most revered event of our year, K5ZTY Show and Tell.

Zed's plaque will be done and displayed at the year's Show and Tell.

All of you that have been working on projects this year, bring them to our November Monthly meeting and tell us all about it. Be sure to tell our VP how many tables you will need and what power will be required.

This year is quickly coming to an end and I wish to make a serious thank to all of you for your attendance at our monthly meetings and your participation at our NARS sponsored events, FD, TQP, Bell Ringers, and the various other events like Wings Over Houston, and Buffalo Bayou Regatta. NARS has been well represented this year with your work and participation.

Jerry Seay KE5PUT

## VE Session Notice

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

Saturday, October 27 VE Test Session Results at Tomball Community Center

We had 5 candidates taking 7 tests.

- Element 2 tests given: 3; passed 3
- Element 3 tests given: 2; passed 1
- Element 4 tests given: 2; passed 2

Congratulations to:

- Stephen Loudermilk - new technician
- Mark Lupo - new technician
- Carl Larsen - new general
- Darryl Mixon KF5SCJ - upgrade to extra
- Sergey Lisovey KF5SCL - upgrade to extra

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

- Ronald Horton KF5LFL
- Mike Bragassa K5UO
- Martin Rogoff N5GPS
- Sheree Horton KF5LMJ
- Robert Ferguson K5AWC

The next session will be held Saturday, November 24 at 8:30AM at an undetermined location. The Tomball Community Center, located at the corner of Market and South Cherry Streets, will be closed. However, someone will be stationed in the parking lot to give directions to the new location. Let me know if you would like to serve at this session. Thanks.

Anyone who wants to observe and/or participate in a session is always welcome. Just let me know if you want to learn more about becoming a volunteer examiner.

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

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## *Special Test Session Lone Star College Tomball*

Tuesday, October 30 VE Special Test Session Results at Lone Star College - Tomball

We had 3 candidates taking 3 tests.

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

Congratulations to:

Stephen Steeves - new technician

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

- Robert Ferguson K5AWC
- Robert Walworth N5ET
- Jimmy Kirk KJ5X

This was a session held at 8:00 PM, at the end of a three week course (four three-hour lectures) for recent graduates of a CERT class held in Tomball.

There is currently a new CERT class being held and it has 50 students. I hope to have another ham class to offer to graduates of this class. It is currently planned for January-February, and will have five three-hour lectures. A VE special session will be scheduled for the last hour of the last lecture.

## *Annual Awards Banquet January 18th*

Another year is coming to a close. 2013 is but four weeks away and the NARS Awards Banquet is soon after. This will mark the 27th year that NARS has been in existence. It's only fitting that we celebrate, once again, our good fortune by gathering together to enjoy good eats, pleasant conversation with our companions and guests, and to recognize the accomplishments of those who have worked so hard to keep NARS what it is today.

This year, the Awards Banquet 2013 will be held at The County Line Bar-B-Q. How about great Texas cooking? You can't beat their Chicken, beef ribs, brisket, and baby-back pork ribs. Peppered turkey breast & sausage? Yeah, they do that too. Throw in some homemade potato salad, cole-slaw, beans, homemade bread, and you got yourself a one fine meal. But wait, there's still more! No long winded speakers, just award presentations, some really cool door prizes to add to the excitement. We will also have a better seating arrangement than last year. Here are the details:

**Where:**

The County Line of Houston, 13850 Cutten Road, Houston

**When:**

Friday, January 18th 7 to 9 p.m. (Dinner served at 7:30 p.m.)

**Cost:**

\$24.00 per person (No, we don't do PayPal.)

Cash bar available on site.

We urge you to please consider your attendance to this classy bash. Send in your check to NARS, P.O. Box 90387, Houston, TX 77290-0387 and indicate names of those attending. Advanced reservations only. No money will be collected at the door. Cancellations will be honored for up to ten days prior the event. Once we give them a head count, we're locked in. Do it now. NARS needs your support!

# Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

Welcome new members Mark Lupo, Technician KF5SPX, and Gene Dorcas, Extra, W5DOR.

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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  
listed on front page in *Important Dates*  
section)

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