

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

October 2012



## **October Meeting**

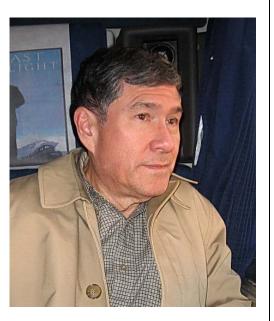
# Big Gun vs. Little Pistol Popgun: Contesting Antenna Analysis

Our presentation this month is "Big Gun vs. Little Pistol/Popgun: Contesting Antenna Analysis"

A presentation by R. Dean Straw, N6BV (formerly WH6DKD, 1959; KH6DKD; WA1IRG; WB4YOJ; WB6AIN), the former editor of the ARRL Antenna Book and the author of HFTA.

Dean will show us how different antennas at different heights and terrain make contesting exciting and fun.

If there is enough time left we can watch a presentation of the PVRC entitled N!MM Logger – an introduction.



# Salvation Army - Bell Ringers

So far I have 11 of the 14 volunteers that are need to-do the bell ringing for the Salvation Army. The date is Saturday Dec. 8th. I have 1 pm open for 2 volunteers and 1 slot for 2 pm. Now is the time to get on the band wagon.

This is a fun event. We have a new location this year. We are at the Tomball Wal-Mart.

I can be reached by e-mail, phone or in person at some other NARS events

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### **Important Dates**

Friday, October 19st, 7:30 PM Monthly Club Meeting, Cypress Creek Christian Community Cntr, 6823 Cypresswood Drive

### Saturday, October 27th, 8:30 AM

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

**Tuesday, October 30th, 7:30 PM** Board of Directors meeting

Ponderosa Fire Station 17061 Rolling Creek drive.

Lunch Bunch - North

Cafe Express - Oct 17th Jason's Deli - Oct 24th Baker St.- Oct 31st Sweet Tomatoes - Nov 7th BJ's Restaurant & Brewery - Nov 14th

Gianna Italian Kitchen - Nov 21st

Lunch Bunch - West Please contact Mark Tyler K5GQ for details.

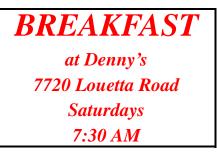
### Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Pappas Barbecue - Oct 17th Morningside Thai - Oct 24th Pronto Cucinino - Oct 31st Jason's Deli - Nov 7th Buffalo Grille - Nov 14th Southwell's Hamburger Grill - Nov 21st

**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.



### President's Corner

Here we are in October and not a sign of a hurricane on the horizon. Now that I have said that, you can bet that one will form in the Gulf right away. The cool weather so far this year has been a pleasure.

We had a good turn out for TQP. Results will be available in November.

Our membership continues to shrink. Lots of ideas for what we can do to increase our membership, but nothing has created much of desire to join us. How about each of us asking a Ham that we know if he could join an active ham radio club what would he or she be looking for in a club. Perhaps are not thinking outside the box.

Our plans to sponsor a Ham Day at our State Parks is moving forward. It will be a contest to make contacts with all of the state parks in a 24 hour period. This weekend will be next April. More details will forthcoming as the responses from the Parks and Wildlife management responds to our mailings and phone calls.

Jerry Seay KE5PUT

### **VE** Session Notice

### Keith Dutson NM5G - NARS VE Session Manager

Saturday, September 22 VE Test Session Results at Tomball Community Center We had 6 candidates taking 11 tests.

- Element 2 tests given: 4; passed 4
- Element 3 tests given: 6; passed 5
- Element 4 tests given: 1; passed 0

Congratulations to:

- Brandon Jones KF5DGD upgrade to general
- Darryl Mixon new general
- Raymond Werner new general
- Steven Evans new technician
- James Cooper KF5RSY upgrade to general
- Sergey Lisovey new general

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

- Ken Mitchell KD2KW
- Ronald Horton KF5LFL
- Mike Bragassa K5UO
- Sarah Connell W2AOV
- Martin Rogoff N5GPS (acting session mgr) Sheree Horton KF5LMJ Robert Ferguson K5AWC

The next session will be held Saturday, October 27 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. 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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2-Mtr Wed. Night: 8:00 PM, 146.06/66 Coordinator; Jerry Whiting KB5VGD <u>g\_whiting@sbcglobal.net</u>

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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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