

NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

September 2012



September Meeting

Emergency Preparedness and Ham Radio Operators

Joey Clements, W5BAK, the Logistics Section Chief for the Harris County Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management will be presenting Emergency Preparedness and Ham Operators at our September meeting on the 21st .

Joey Clements was licensed as KC5BAK in 1993 and attended Field Day at NARS and was hooked. Mentored by K5NZ and others such as W5BKK and KC0LM. Joey changed his call to W5BAK and has been part of several DXpeditions such as XA5T, VO2WL and V31NN. He has been an Extra Class since 1996 and also an ARRL VE. Joey was with NARS for 3 2A Field Day wins and is now the Trustee for N5TRS and Logistics Section Chief for HCOHSEM. He is also a DHS COM-T and COM-L and AuxCom Instructor. One of his duties is to administer the Emergency Operations Center and Ham Radio Room at TranStar.

Emergency operations is just one of the many aspects of our hobby and one of the most important services Hams can provide. To help you get a handle on Emergency Communications I recommend this book from the ARRL.

The ARRL *Emergency Communication Handbook*

The book is intended for all hams that volunteer their skills in public service applications (or who are interested in doing so). It includes details on basic emergency communication skills, message handling, and more. It also helps you to understand what to expect and what to take along. This book encompasses the Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course—Level I manual, but adds a substantial amount of additional material.

Texas QSO Party 2012

It's that time of year again when the world works Texas. I hope everyone is making plans to participate again this year on the weekend of September 29-30. If you're planning to be on the air please send me a note with the following information and I'll add your call to the Active Stations Map.

Days of Operation: Saturday Only, Sunday Only, Both Days

Modes of Operation: CW Only, Phone Only, Mixed

Bands: HF Only, HF + 6m , HF+6m+2m

County.

73/Chuck/NO5W

Important Dates

Friday, September 21st, 7:30 PM

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

Saturday, September 22th, 8:30 AM

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

Tuesday, September 25th, 7:30 PM

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

Lunch Bunch - North

BJ's Restaurant & Brewery - Sept 19th
Gianna Italian Kitchen - Sept 26th
Spring Creek Barbeque - Oct 3rd
Pei Wei Asian Diner - Oct 10th
Cafe Express - Oct 17th
Jason's Deli - Oct 24th

Lunch Bunch - West

Please contact Mark Tyler K5GQ for details.

Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Buffalo Grille - Sept 19th
Southwell's Hamburger Grill - Sept 26th
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - Oct 3rd
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - Oct 10th
Pappas Barbecue - Oct 17th
Morningside Thai - Oct 24th

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

September is our Hurricane month and from the looks of the tropics today, we had better tak a look at our battery supplies, generator, and fresh water supply. I personally have not done it, yet, but will get to it soon.

Football season is upon us and it looks like the Texans are planning to have a great season. Lets hope so.

I wish to thank Mike Shulz, Director of NARS Board for his service. He and his family are preparing to relocate to the Seattle area as soon as they can sell their home here in Spring. This of course means that we will be needing a person to step in fill his spot on the board until the elections in November.

TQP is coming soon. Lets try to unseat the California teams that have been so strong the last few years. They have teams that coordinate their locations and contacts to gain mutliples and we have been doing this too, but not with the number of teams that the Californians are doing. Lets see what we can do to beat these guys. CW is best mode for this contest and these mutliples. Keith, NM5G, is working on this idea and would appreciate your participation.

VE Session Notice

Keith Dutson NM5G - NARS VE Session Manager

Saturday, August 25 VE Test Session Results at Tomball Community Center

We had 2 candidates taking 3 tests.

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

Congratulations to:

- Jack Hill KF5RJP - upgrade to extra
- Charlene Campbell - new tech

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

- Sheree Horton KF5LMJ
- Mike Bragassa K5UO
- Sarah Connell W2AOV
- Robert Ferguson K5AWC
- Ronald Horton KF5LFL

The next session will be held Saturday, September 22 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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Around the Circuit

REDD SCHOOL HAM RADIO BEGINS A NEW YEAR!

School is back in session and the After-School Clubs are about to begin again. This fall, the Ham Radio Club will focus on the fundamentals of radio and how to talk on the air! "Radio Talk" will meet on Fridays with NARS mentors Jerry Whiting and Terry Myers.

I was trying to find a new way to get students excited about radio. I suggested to Jerry that we needed to think about adding a hand-held radio to the program. Using the 2 meters radio in the Science Lab, we could have a 2-way conversation between students. I told Jerry that when Dr. Pat (Rice U) first introduced me to radio, that was what really got me hooked.

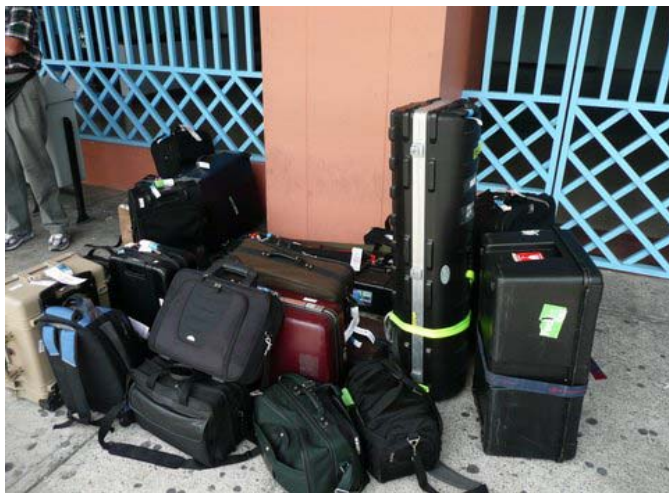
So, we now have a Yaesu T60RE to work with!! Invitations to join the Radio Talk program went out to students in grades 3-8 this week. The program begins on Sept. 14. Look for updates and photos in the next newsletter!

***Lollie
KD5WZM***

KD5KR Will Host Laminating Services at September Meeting.

Once in a blue moon, I drag my equipment down to a NARS meeting and offer my services for those who may have need of documents that require laminating. If you have something that you need to save for posterity, such as your FCC license or social security card, September is the time to get it done. This offer may not be repeated for another bunch of months and is free to NARS members exclusively. I can laminate documents business card size up to 8-1/2 x 10, but please, keep it reasonable in quantity, unless, of course, you have a fist full of Abe Lincoln's and are ready to make me an offer I can't refuse. (Oh yeah, we can work somethin' out, like, in milliseconds...)

Remember?



DXpedition traveling the old fashion way! Bogata 2008



Marty W5MF helping at Field Day

Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

Please welcome new member, Scott Gaulding NS5J.

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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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