

NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

February 2013



February Meeting

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

The topic of the NARS February meeting will be the ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service). George Edwards (K5VUU) who is currently serving as one of the net controllers for the Harris County ARES organization will give an inside look at how ARES works in Harris County. Information on how and where to obtain the training needed to become an ARES volunteer will also be covered. Don't miss this informative meeting on one of amateur radio's public service opportunities.



NARS to Sponsor a New On-The-Air-Event

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society (NARS), would like to extend an invitation to participate in the first annual Texas State Parks On-The-Air (TSPOTA) contest scheduled for April 6-7, 2013. You will be part of TSPOTA history and our hope is that it will be a long and rewarding one.

We hope the TSPOTA contest is just a starting point for Texas Amateur Radio operators and those visiting radio operators our great State to activate one or more Texas State Parks, Natural Areas, and Historic Sites. To that end the TSPOTA Committee also sponsors the Worked All Texas State Park (WATXSP) Certificate for successfully working all ninety-nine Texas State Parks. See these links:

<http://www.tspota.org> and
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_p4000_0000aa.pdf

Important Dates

Friday, February 15th, 7:30 PM

Monthly club meeting.

Saturday, February 23rd, 8:30 AM

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

Tuesday, February 26th, 2013 7:30 PM

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

Lunch Bunch - North

Jason's Deli - Feb 13th
Baker St. - Feb 20th
Sweet Tomatoes - Feb 27th
BJ's Restaurant & Brewery - Mar 6th
Gianna Italian Kitchen - Mar 13th
Spring Creek Barbeque - Mar 20th

Lunch Bunch - West

Please contact Mark Tyler K5GQ for details.

Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Jason's Deli - Feb 13th
Buffalo Grille - Feb 20th
Southwell's Hamburger Grill - Feb 27th
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - Mar 6th
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - Mar 13th
Pappas Barbecue - Mar 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

Public Service. We hear it all time as one of the principal justifications for continued access to the Amateur Radio spectrum. Volunteer Amateur Radio operators help their communities in good times and bad, through community events, disaster response, and programs such as ARES.

This year NARS will be focusing on emergency communications and how we as a club can become more involved in this activity. V.P. Ron Horton, KF5LFL, has lined up some great presentations for us this year and I for one am looking forward to them all. This month George Edwards will be talking to us about ARES.

The educational intuitive by Keith Dutson and Skip Ferguson is one place where we can attract new members and get them involved in emergency communications. After all, most of the class is made up of folks that have already taken CERT training and want to get involved with EMCOMM.

NARS already partners with Salvation Army & SATERN. Other Agencies NARS could partner with include:

- American Red Cross
- Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO-International)
- Boy Scouts of America
- Citizen Corps (Department of Homeland Security)
- Civil Air Patrol (CAP)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- National Frequency Coordinators Council
- National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (NVOAD)
- REACT International Inc.
- SKYWARN (National Weather Service)
- Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE)
- United States Power Squadrons

If you a member of these agencies find out what their needs are and talk to them about how NARS can become involved to solve their emergency communications needs.

VE Session Notice

Keith Dutson NM5G - NARS VE Session Manager

Saturday, January 26 VE Test Session Results at Tomball Community Center

We had 4 candidates taking 8 tests.

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

Congratulations to:

- Stephen Hickman - new technician
- Jerald Jones - new general
- Thomas Darrington - new technician
- Bruce Cox - new technician

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

- Ronald Horton KF5LFL
- Mike Bragassa K5UO
- Sheree Horton KF5LMJ
- Robert Ferguson K5AWC
- Larry Carney KD5ZXV

The next session will be held Saturday, January 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. 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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2013 NARS Banquet Photo Moments



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Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

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2-Mtr Wed. Night: 8:00 PM, 146.06/66
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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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