

NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

January 2013



January Meeting

Awards Banquet 2013 January 18th.

Most veteran NARS members know that January's club meeting comes in the form of our annual banquet. The Awards Banquet will be held on Friday, January 18th at the County Line of Houston, 138 Cutten Road. While the cutoff date for reservations is Monday, the 14th, we have reserved few extra seats in case of those last minute procrastinators. eMail Joe KD5KR at kd5kr@juno.com if you've made that final decision to attend. I may be able accommodate you. I know I said that no money will be collected at the door, but if you really have a goooood excuse, slip me a check under the table and we'll see what can be done. (I was raised in Chicago, ya know... .) The cost is \$24 per person. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the awards, we will have several door prize drawings as we go through the program. David McCombs K5FNG of *Houston Amateur Radio Supply* will also contribute a few goodies to the drawings. We hope to be done by 9 p.m.

Houston Amateur Radio Supply to host Open House January 19th

David McCombs K5FNG of the Houston Amateur Radio Supply will be hosting his annual Open House Day on Saturday, January 19th 2013 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Those who have attended this event in the past know that the hot dogs, chips and sodas he provides are just what we need on a brisk Saturday morning. The store will be featuring several items at reduced prices and will offer door prizes on an hourly basis.

You are invited to set up your "tailgate flea market" in the parking lot as usual. Get there early for the prime locations. Bring your best stuff for sale or swap. That item you no longer have use for could be just what some other guy is looking for.

267 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, 77388.

Exit 68 at I-45 North (West side of I-45 near the Super Target Store)

Need more info? Call HARS 281 355-7373

Important Dates

Friday, January 18th, 7:30 PM

Annual awards banquet

Saturday, January 26th, 8:30 AM

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

Tuesday, January 29th, 2013 7:30 PM

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

Lunch Bunch - North

Gianna Italian Kitchen - Jan 16th
Spring Creek Barbeque - Jan 23rd
Pei Wei Asian Diner - Jan 30th
Cafe Express - Feb 6th
Jason's Deli - Feb 13th
Baker St. - Feb 20th

Lunch Bunch - West

Please contact Mark Tyler K5GQ for details.

Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Morningside Thai - Dec 19th
Pronto Cucinino - Dec 26th
Jason's Deli - Jan 2nd
Buffalo Grille - Jan 9th
Southwell's Hamburger Grill - Jan 16th
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - Jan 23rd

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

It's a New Year and time to pass leadership to our new Board of Directors. The new Board will consist of one new member, two members who will finish the terms of Directors who resigned or changed office, and three other existing members who will serve 2 more years along with Tom King, W K5DX and Ron Horton, K5LFL. I am sure they will do a great job in 2013. I hope each and every one of you offers the new Board the same level of support that has been given to the outgoing Board. Your new Board of Directors are:

- Tom King, WK5DX – President
- Ron Horton, K5LFL – Vice President
- Sherri Horton, K5LMJ – Treasurer and Director (one year)
- Martin Rogoff, N5GPS – Secretary
- Tom Atkins, KD5EIJ – Director (one year)
- Jerry Whiting, KB5VGD – Director
- Joe Sokolowski, KD5KR – Director

There are many issues to deal with, and all are discussed and handled with the greatest care and thoughtfulness possible, always considering the needs of NARS members. On matters involving a vote, the President presides but does not vote, unless there is a tie.

Please join me at the Awards Banquet Friday, January 18. All NARS members who have done an exceptional job last year will receive awards and a well-deserved round of applause from banquet attendees. There will be door prizes given out the whole night, including \$50 worth of raffle tickets. The raffle drawing will be held toward the end of the festivities. The raffle prize is donated by Houston Amateur Supply. See you there.

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VE Session Notice

Keith Dutson NM5G - NARS VE Session Manager

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.

Ham Radio Class

Keith Dutson NM5G - NARS Class Coordinator

Preparation is now complete for the Ham Radio Class located in Northwest Houston. This class is sponsored by Northwest Amateur Radio Society (NARS - <http://w5nc.net/>). Ham Radio Class Details

- Purpose: obtain the FCC Amateur Radio Technician Class License
- Lectures: 5
- Dates: Jan 22, 29; Feb 4, 11, 18
- Times: 6:00-9:00 PM
- Location:
- Lone Star College - University Park
- 20515 SH 249
- Houston, TX 77070
- Room 13.431 (building 13, 4th floor)
- Teacher: Skip Ferguson K5AW C

Text Book: ARRL Ham Radio License Manual (includes practice exams), \$23 License Exam Fee: \$15

- Each lecture will include a review of material in the text book, and class practice exams.
- The last lecture will have class practice exams and a final individual license exam.
- The exam session will be provided by NARS ARRL Volunteer Examiner members.

To enroll in this class, please send an email to me at keith1@dutson.net. You will receive a map and instructions to get to the classroom.

I have 14 text books for sale at \$23 each. Let me know if you want me to reserve one of these books for you. The text book is also available online from various vendors. Be sure to get the complete book with practice exam CD-ROM software.

Thanks to teacher Robert Skip Ferguson who is a professor at Blinn College, teaching in the Computer Science Department. Skip is volunteering his time and travel expenses from his home in Brenham.

Thanks also to Dr Denise Walker and Veronica Sanchez, Lone Star College System, for obtaining our classroom.

Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

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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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