

# NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

May 2013



## May Meeting

### *eMail via Ham Radio*

George Edwards present "Email Via Ham Radio – Using Winlink (VHF) and Winmor (HF)" at the May 17, 2013 NARS General Meeting. His presentation will consist of a power point presentation on local and distant Gateways, the Radio Mail Servers (RMS), Common Mail Servers (CMS) and Internet connections. George will also bring his "to go" Digital set up for a "show and tell" on portable and/or mobile operations. See you there!

### *For My Money . . .*

. . . the only thing worth discussion at the June club meeting is FIELD DAY. You can jabber on about anything else you want, but all I want to hear about is Field Day.

Just about anything you could want in ham radio is included in the Field Day activities. It's an emergency communications drill, a field exercise, a contest, a social event, an ICS exercise, a hands-on gear and antenna workshop. It covers just about every band and every mode used in amateur radio. If you are a tech, this is chance to get on HF and talk to the world. If you're a contest pro, come show us what you're made of. If you are an out of practice brass pounder, some of our OF's will be more than happy to have your company at the CW station. If you have a lot of skill come on down and put your skill to work. If don't have any talent, this is a great chance to learn.

We have a place for everybody, no matter what your skill (or lack of skill) level is. We need operators; Phone, CW, data modes, or whatever. No general license? No problem. We will provide you a control operator. Don't want to operate? OK! We need loggers to record the contacts. We need support people. We need everyone. Come, bring a tent and sleeping bag and spend the whole weekend if you want or just a couple of hours. Meals will be available starting Saturday lunch from the Salvation Army Weenie Wagon and later Saturday evening we'll have plenty of BBQ brisket, chicken and ribs to munch on.

Again, we need your help operating or unrolling coaxial cable feed lines. It doesn't matter we have a job for everyone.

Tom - KD5AIJ

## Important Dates

**Friday, May 17th, 7:30 PM**

Monthly club meeting.

**Saturday, May 25th, 8:30 AM**

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

**Tuesday, May 28th, 2013 7:30 PM**

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

### **Lunch Bunch - North**

Spring Creek Barbeque - May 15th  
Pei Wei Asian Diner - May 22nd  
Panera Bread - May 29th  
Jason's Deli - Jun 5th  
Baker St. - Jun 12th  
Sweet Tomatoes - Jun 19th  
BJ's Restaurant & Brewery - Jun 26th

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

Pronto Cucinino - May 15th  
Jason's Deli - May 22nd  
Buffalo Grille - May 29th  
Southwell's Hamburger Grill - Jun 5th  
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - Jun 12th  
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - Jun 19th  
Pappas Barbecue - Jun 26th

### **Taildragers 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 00newsletter is the last day of this month.**

## **BREAKFAST**

**at Denny's**

**7720 Louetta Road**

**Saturdays**

**7:30 AM**

## President's Corner

The Big One has come and gone by the time you get this newsletter. I hope everyone that went to Dayton had a great time and that the weather was great again this year.

The Plano Hamfest is coming up and I know that I'm going to try to be there on Saturday.

Some of the guys participated in an emergency event for the Salvation Army. They do so much for us I'm really glad that we can give back to them.

We were asked to provide communications support for their event held Friday and Saturday May 10th-11th. This is just one way we can give back to our community.

Let's see if we can find more ways.

The 146.66 repeater needs some help. We will be working towards getting a new antenna for the repeater in close consultation with KA5KAG.

Any donations towards this effort should be directed to Sheree Horton.

Field Day is coming up next month and we are once again going to be at Burroughs Park in Tomball. This year we are going to operate as a 1A class station.

I will have sign-up sheets for operating slots at the monthly meetings in May and June. We would like to see a good turn out this year, so find an hour or two to drop by and visit or operate.

## VE Session Notice

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

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

We had 2 candidates taking 2 tests.

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

Congratulations to:

- Michael Nickerson - new technician

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

- Sheree Horton KF5LMJ (acting session mgr)
- Ron Horton KF5LFL
- Sarah Jane Connell W2AOV
- Mike Bragassa K5UO
- Skip Ferguson K5AWC
- Martin Rogoff N5GPS
- Donald Norwood KC5HCX

The next session will be held Saturday, May 25 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 . . .

## *LEGO Education Showcase Festival*

The annual Redd School Community Science Festival was held on April 13. An estimated crowd of 500 enjoyed the day celebrating design & engineering in a variety of ways, but mostly using LEGOs! The event was funded through a grant awarded by the Education Blueprints Association & LEGO. The focus was on sharing the many ways we use LEGO in classroom education and after school programs.

As part of the festivities, Jerry Whiting (KB5VGD) and friends (Ron Horton KF5LFL, Sheere Horton KF5LMJ, Brad Nelson WD5GNI, and QSO contact Marty Fitzgerald W5MF) turned on the HAM station as well as the HT radios to invite participation in on-the-air conversations! We also handed out Field Day information. Thanks to the NARS volunteers who helped make our event a huge success!



The school year is almost over now, so I'll be signing off for awhile. Hope to bring more Radio Club news your way in the Fall. We start school clubs after Labor Day every year. Jerry and NARS volunteers keep our station alive – Redd School and the LABRATS program are most appreciative of your continued support!!

Have a great summer!!

Lollie -- KD5WGM

## *ARRL Field Day is Just Around the Corner Will You be There?*





April 2013

In less than two short months, the **H44IOTA DXpedition** will be in full swing with a total of seven stops in the historic Solomon Island Archipelago, culminating in the activation of the Virgin IOTA, OC-085 (Stewart Island).

The DXpedition Team is in place, the equipment is ready and we are ready to launch.

*You can also get onboard!*

This DXpedition is a vehicle for the operation of the Pacific C3 Project which aims to actively seek dialogue with island communities in the Pacific, and directly assist where possible by establishing Connections, Communication networks, and Co-ordination with other Pacific activities.

In keeping with this aim, the Pacific C3 Project will be installing a VHF inter-island linkage system that will provide marine safety to the skippers and passengers of the canoes that travel in and around Nendo Island OC-100, in the Temotu Province of H40.

*Who better than the amateur radio community to support and sponsor this project!*

Funding for the **H44IOTA DXpedition and Pacific C3 Project** is now open to amateur radio suppliers, amateur radio clubs, and individual amateur radio operators around the world.

On the back of this letter, you will find a list of IOTA stops, and a list of equipment needed to make the entire project a success.

- If you would like to make a donation, please visit <http://h44iota.com/get-involved/> for further information. If you don't have PayPal, a credit card option is also available via PayPal.
- If you would like to sponsor one or several items for the Pacific C3 Project, these sponsorships are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. See our website to obtain items that are still available for sponsorship.

Completing the transaction is simple and easy. It also helps us be transparent and accountable. All Donations will be published and regular budget updates will be available. PayPal helps us maintain this transparency.

Your donation/sponsorship will be proudly listed on the H44IOTA website. Major contributors will have their logo displayed on both the website and the official QSL card.

Thank you in advance for your support,

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*On behalf of the H44IOTA Team,*  
**H. O. Townsend – K5CX**  
*Donation/Sponsorship Coordinator*  
*H44IOTA DXpedition and Pacific C3 Project*



## H44IOTA DXpedition

Starting approximately 1 June, the DXpedition Team will depart for:

Island	IOTA reference	Dates (2013)
New Georgia	OC-149	1st – 4th June
Russell Islands	OC-168	6th – 8th June
Florida Islands	OC-158	10th - 13th June
<b>Stewart Island</b>	<b>OC-285</b>	<b>17th – 24rd June</b>
Nendo Island	OC-100	1st – 7th July
Vanikolo/Utupua	OC-163	9th – 12th July
Reef Islands	OC-065	14th – 16th July

Of special interest to IOTA chasers is **OC-285 Stewart Island** having **NEVER** been activated. **Please note that these dates are preliminary and may vary due to the nature of the Tour.**

## Pacific C3 Project    Connect – Communicate-Coordinate

The Pacific C3 Project is designed to leave a humanitarian footprint behind once the DXpedition is completed at each of the IOTA stops. To achieve this goal, the Team will install and leave an operational VHF communication system in place. The equipment required to make this project a success includes:

10	Pelican Case model 1450	\$152.50	\$1525.00
10	Icom IC-F121 VHF/UHF Transceivers	\$295.00	\$2500.00
10	12-volt 18-AH gel-cell batteries	\$38.35	\$383.50
7	Marine grade ½-wave VHF/UHF antenna	\$29.00	\$203.00
7	5-element Yagi antennas (tuned for 156-MHz)	\$149.00	\$1043.00
6	Battery Tender's/Chargers (Waterproof)	\$40.00	\$240.00
3	40-ft lengths of R/G-8U coax (low-loss w/connectors)	\$53.00	\$159.00
1	Miscellaneous hardware	\$300.00	\$300.00
	Total		\$6353.50

# Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

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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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