

NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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November

Texas QSO Party Prelim Results for 2013, and an Inside Look at the NM5G Mobile Entry

As this edition of the NARS News is going to the publisher, Chuck NO5W and Keith NM5G are feverishly finalizing the results for the latest run of the Texas QSO Party. Chuck is assembling the data, and Keith is working on the meeting presentation. Keith will show his route, he will include a few pictures that were taken along the way. Keith will also share some dialog, stats, and some closely guarded strategy. If you are new, or a seasoned TQP veteran, you will enjoy the program.



Election of NARS Officers for 2014

The November meeting will also host the election of 2014 club officers! It's time to vote. Good luck to the nominees.

Texas Trail Runs

Calling all volunteers for Texas Trail Runs in Huntsville state park on Dec 7. Paul N5NXS needs operators with hand helds to work at base and 3 rest stops from 7AM to 6PM. I can use you if you only can work half day. Please email Paul if you can help: paul.owen@flash.net

Important Dates

Friday, November 15th, 7:30 PM
Monthly club meeting.

Saturday, November 23th, 8:30 AM
VE License Exam Session
Tomball Community Center
S. Cherry & Market streets
(just South of Main)

Tuesday, November 26th, 2013, 7:30 PM
Board of Directors meeting
Ponderosa Fire Station
17061 Rolling Creek drive.

Lunch Bunch - North

Panera Bread - Nov 13th
Jason's Deli - Nov 20th
Baker St. - Nov 27th
Sweet Tomatoes - Dec 4th
BJ's Restaurant & Brewery - Dec 11th
Gianna Italian Kitchen - Dec 18th

Lunch Bunch - Medical Center

Southwell's Hamburger Grill - Nov 13th
Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille - Nov 20th
Silver Palace Chinese Buffet - Nov 27th
Pappas Barbecue - Dec 4th
Morningside Thai - Dec 11th
Pronto Cucinino - Dec 18th

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 00newsletter is the last day of this month.

BREAKFAST

**at Denny's
7720 Louetta Road
Saturdays
7:30 AM**

President's Column

November already and time for NARS Board of Directors and Officers elections. We have a couple of members willing to put their names up for seats on the Board but we need to have more members who are willing to share their time to help keep NARS on track and heading in the right direction. It only takes an hour of your time every month to be an active Director of the Board. I hope all our members make time to be at this month's meeting to elect a new Board and a new Vice President.

I can't wait to hear the early results of the Texas QSO Party 2013 from Keith Dutson. He should have some interesting information for us all. Keith and Skip have been doing an excellent job with the Technician license classes and I hope all our members are beating the bushes to find people to send to the classes. Keith should have some information this month about the new class schedule.

We have a few new members this month so be sure you welcome them and if you find that you have the operation skills or

knowledge that they need to really enjoy their ham experience, please spend some time with them and let them know that you are always available to help.

Remember that December is Show and Tell month. If you know anyone who has an interesting project get their name and phone number to Ron Horton ASAP.

VE Session Notice

Keith Dutson NM5G - NARS VE Session Manager

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

We had 6 candidates taking 8 tests.

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

Congratulations to:

- Tajinder Rawal - new Technician
- Mark Powell - new Technician
- Joseph Olivieri - new Technician
- Stephen Hickman KC5USN - upgrade to General
- Eric Miller - new General
- Hexian Huang - new Technician

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

- Skip Ferguson K5LRR, acting session mgr
- Ron Horton KF5LFL
- Louis Cabezas K3BQ
- Martin Rogoff N5GPS
- Sheree Horton KF5LMJ
- Sarah Connell W0AOV
- Larry Carney KD5ZXV

The next session will be held Saturday, November 23 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.

Parking is in the rear of the building. Use the entrance on the east side bordered by Cherry Street.

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.

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Around the Circuit

Radio Law: FCC Says No to Expanding Technician Class Privileges on 10 Meters

Amateur Radio Newsline

The FCC has dismissed a Petition for Rule Making from the Toledo Mobile Radio Association that sought to expand Technician class operating privileges on 10 meters. This to permit holders of Technician class tickets access to the FM portion of the band from 29.52 to 29.7 MHz

Under current rules, Novice and Technician licensees may operate from 28.0 to 28.5 MHz but are limited to CW, RTTY and other data modes from 28.0 to 28.3 Mhz. They also have limited SSB phone privileges from 28.3 to 28.5 MHz.

Last June the Toledo Mobile Radio Association had asked the Commission to expand the spectrum available to Technician licensees on 10 meters to include operating privileges in the FM portion of the band. It asserted that amending the rules

would bring Technician voice privileges on 10 meters in line with technical advancement that had taken place since those rules were put in place. But in its October 17th decision denying the rules change request the FCC said that the Toledo Mobile Radio Association had not presented any new evidence to warrant the Commission revisiting the question of Technician class licensees operating privileges. The regulatory agency went on to note that Technicians can already transmit through repeaters licensed to a General class or higher licensee that have an output channel in the 29.52 to 29.7 MHz segment. The caveat is that the input of the repeater must have an input on 2 meters or above and be under the control of a higher class licensee. In other words, a cross-band linked system or remote-base rather than a conventional 10 meter in-band repeater.

Also that contrary to Toledo Mobile Radio Association assertion, the FCC says that its rules do not prevent Technician Class licensees from taking advantage of such technological developments as IRLP or Echolink. Nor does it prevent them from exchanging voice communications with other stations in the 29.52 to 29.7 MHz segment of the 10 meter band but again as long as the Technician operator is using spectrum allowed to that license class.

You can read the entire FCC decision in this matter on the web at tinyurl.com/no-new-tech-frequencies. (FCC)

Boy Scout Jamboree-on-the-Air

On Saturday Oct 19th at St. Ignatius, local hams Chris Brown (KE5IOR), Sarah Brown (KF5LFLK), Peter Brown (KE5IOV) and Beth Madry (KE5IOU) helped a group of local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts reach out and have a chance to talk on the air. This group talked to several other Scout groups. These included troops camping in both Florida and Kansas. And a couple of lucky scouts even had the opportunity to talk to Belize. It was rewarding to see the excitement when the scouts realized that they were talking to someone halfway across the country. As all of us they were frustrated when they could not find people to talk to, but when there were people talking, the boys seemed to have a blast and several indicated that they were considering working on the merit badge.



Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

Please welcome two new NARS members: Mark Powell KF5YWE, Technician, and Eric Miller KF5YWG, General.

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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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