



NARS NEWS

July 2017

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society
an ARRL Special Services Club #2120

Important Dates

Monthly club meeting:

Third Friday of each month, 7:30 pm.
(except January) Cypress Creek
Christian Community Ctr., Youth Cen-
ter 2nd. Floor, # 203,
6823 Cypresswood Drive

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, Next meeting, July 27,
2017, 7:30 pm at: Ponderosa Fire
Station 17061 Rolling Creek Drive,
Houston

VE License Exam:

Next exam, Saturday, July 22, 2017
Saturday, February 25 at 8:00 AM at
Tomball Regional Hospital, 1st floor
Green conference room.

Lunch Break—North

July 12 Gianna's
July 19 Spring Creek BBQ
July 26 Pei Wei
Aug 2 Panera Bread
Aug 9 Jason's Deli
Aug 16 Baker Street Pub

.Lunch Break—Medical Center

July 12 Morningside Thai
July 19 Pronto Cucinino
July 26 Antonio's Mexican Grill
Aug 2 Jason's Deli
Aug 9 Buffalo Grille
Aug 16 Southwell's Hamburger Grill

Tail Dragger's Lunch Bunch -

Mondays, 11 am.
Aviator's Grill, Hooks Aerodrome

Notice: NARS membership dues are
\$20 per year, renewable on anniver-
sary date.

Friday, July 21st Program
A five star production of the

YN DXpedition!



Featuring
Marty Fitzgerald W5MF
along with all his exciting
drama in living color....
But wait, there's more!
A live presentation on
Digital Mobile Radio (DMR)
using a SharkRF OpenSpot.

Breakfast at

Denny's

Saturdays, 7 a.m.

6504 FM 2920, Spring, TX

Just a few blocks west of

Kuykendahl at the intersection of

TC Jester & FM 2920

DX Tips and Tidbits from the Grumpy 'ol Ham

It's July...It's HOT...It's Humid...It's Houston. No ! You don't want to be outside this month. A good time to stay inside and sit besides your rig. Just make sure you don't turn on your amplifier and add to the heat in the shack. Reading most of the propagation reports, our gracious Sun has apparently been bathing in Clearasil! No spots to be found. And it's not looking good any time soon. What's a guy to do.

I'd say the first thing to do is clean up the shack, but no self respecting ham wants to do that, so I'll have to come up with something else. Of course, turn on the rig and make some noise. There may be something lurking out there in radio-land that may be waiting for a signal from anyone to start a QSO.

The other idea I propose is to look at logging programs. There are several out there in Internet Land that are free for the asking. Unfortunately, many are worth what you pay for. The good news is there are several that are very good programs. I don't dare recommend any, because what I like and what you like may vary by quite a bit. You have to load them up and use them for a short while so you can judge for yourself the pluses and minuses of each program before you decide on which one to choose.

A major caution I must now make...When you are trying different programs, keep track of where all the data goes. When I went through the process of selecting a program, I had logs on several different programs, and never got around to getting all the old data into the final selection. Those logs are lost!

If you don't turn your rig on, you can't work much DX. There may not be much, but get on and keep our bands active.

73 and DX
Grumpy



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V.E. Exams every 4th Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.
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Field Day 2017 summaries:

W5NC's Contest Summary Report for ARRL-FIELD-DAY
Created by N3FJP's ARRL Field Day Contest Log
Version 5.4 www.n3fjp.com

Total Contacts = 498
Total Points = 869
Operating Period: 2017/06/24 18:01 - 2017/06/25 14:38
Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

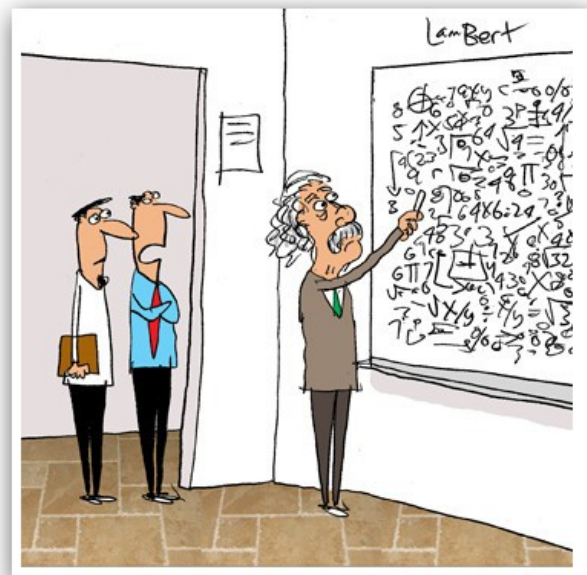
Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
40	93	45	19	157	32
20	242	80	17	339	68
15	0	2	0	2	0
Total	335	127	36	498	100

[NARS] KF5LFG GOTA Station Results

W5NC's Contest Summary Report for ARRL-FIELD-DAY
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Version 5.4 www.n3fjp.com

Total Contacts = 42
Total Points = 42
Operating Period: 2017/06/24 19:43 - 2017/06/25 16:10
Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
40	0	26	0	26	62
20	0	16	0	16	38
Total	0	42	0	42	100



He's trying to figure out how to program his new Yaesu FT-70D transceiver

Federal Register Publishes New MF/LF Rules, But Operation is Not Yet Legal

The FCC *Report and Order (R&O)* spelling out operational rules to allow secondary Amateur Radio access to 630 meters and 2,200 meters now has appeared in the *Federal Register*, but radio amateurs still *may not* access the new bands. That's because specific procedures specific procedures, now under development, to detail how radio amateurs will notify the Utilities Technology Council (UTC) of their proposed station location prior to commencing operation, still must undergo approval. The FCC said the notification requirement is necessary to confirm that a station is not located within 1 kilometer of an active power line communication (PLC) system.

"While the *R&O* has been published in the *Federal Register*, amateurs may not begin using the new bands until after the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau issues a *Public Notice* outlining necessary procedures to notify UTC of pending operation, as the new rules require," ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, said. "There is no timetable for that *Public Notice* to be released. Amateurs need to practice patience."

The FCC said the notification requirements it adopted "seek to strike a balance between amateur operations used for experimental purposes and PLC operation used by electric utilities for the reliability and security of electric service to the public." Once notification procedures are in place, radio amateurs intending to operate on either band will notify UTC of their geographical location. If UTC does not object within 30 days, amateur operation may commence. The FCC turned away an ARRL request for direct access to the PLC database that UTC maintains.



Once UTC has developed the new information collection procedures, the FCC must submit them for review to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). "The Commission will publish a separate notice in the *Federal Register*, inviting comment on the new information collection requirements adopted herein," the FCC said in the *R&O*. "The requirements will not go into effect until OMB has approved [the notification procedures] and the Commission has published a notice announcing the effective date of the information collection requirements."

In an unrelated action, the FCC allocated 1,900-2,000 kHz to the maritime mobile service (MMS) on a primary basis for non-Federal use in ITU Regions 2 and 3, and limited the use of this allocation to radio buoys on the open sea and the Great Lakes. Amateur Radio was upgraded from secondary to primary in the 1900-2000 kHz segment in 2015

Field Day 2017 in review....

By Richard Nelson, KF5WRD

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Field Day this year, including all of you who donated time, equipment, or operated. In spite of some rain, a slow-start, and few other hiccups -- it went pretty well - Congratulations!

As always, I learned some new things and I learned I still have lots to learn. I hope you all got something out of the experience as well.

Thanks to our antenna crew & station set-up. Special thanks to those of in the club who helped coordinate things (Keith and Jerry) . Thanks to Tom & Mike for preparing Barbecue. Thanks to the Browns for operating our GOTO station - it was really fun watching the kids operate.

We had a group of Boys & Girls Club visit as well.

Thanks to those who helped with the tear-down as well.

And, a final thanks to everyone else I forgot to mention.

If there is something you think that went really well, or if there is something you wish you'd brought, done different, etc. PLEASE let me know at KF5WRD@arrl.net<<mailto:KF5WRD@arrl.net>>.

This is the time to make note of these things. And if you have a lot of suggestions, then you should consider volunteering to be a Captain or Co-ordinator. If there is something you think that went really well, or if there is something you wish you'd brought, done different, etc.





Keith N5MG & Robert N5RAE



*Field Day 2017
The gang that made it all happen!*



This is Whiskey
Five November Charlie
calling CQ Field Day



Burnin the midnight oil
Field Day 2017



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Meetings

Monthly General Membership 3rd. Friday
each month (except January) at 7:30 pm.
Cypress Creek Christian Community Ctr.
6823 Cypresswood Drive

Saturday Breakfast

Denny's 6504 FM 2920, Spring
(Just a few blocks west of Kuykendahl)

Wednesday Lunch-11 am.

Various places. Info on front page.

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