



NARS NEWS

September 2017

Important Dates

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

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, Sept 26,
2017, 7:30 pm at: Ponderosa Fire
Station 17061 Rolling Creek Drive,
Houston

VE License Exam:

Next exam, Saturday, Sept 23, 2017
Saturday, at 8:00 AM at Tomball Re-
gional Hospital, 1st floor Green con-
ference room.

Lunch Break—North

Sept 13 Spring Creek BBQ
Sept 20 Pei Wei
Sept 27 Panera Bread
Oct 04 Jason's Deli
Oct 11 Baker Street Pub
Oct 18 Sweet Tomatoes

Lunch Break—Medical Center

Sept 13 Pronto Cucinino
Sept 20 Antonio's Mexican Grill
Sept 27 Jason's Deli
Oct 04 Buffalo Grille
Oct 11 Southwell's Hamburger Grill
Oct 18 Silver Palace Chinese Buffet

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.

September 15th Program Texas QSO Party 2017 Preparation

September 23 and 24

a Keith Dutson NM5G Presentation

Coordinator Keith Dutson will be making a presentation on the upcoming TQP contest, with tips on planning routes for those who want to go mobile and for those who want to follow the mobile operators for those multipliers. If you've never participated in TQP this is a great opportunity to learn what it's all about and how much fun it can be. If you're an experienced con-
tester this is a good time to meet some of the friendly competition or find a mobile partner and see how many of the 254 counties you can drive through (at legal speed limits) in the weekend. Program will include some history, how to enter and future plans. See you there!



Seems like almost no time has passed since the last TQP, but there is less than a month to go! Operating times for the 2017 contest are from **1400Z on SATURDAY, September 23 to 0200Z on SUNDAY, September 24** and from **1400Z to 2000Z on SUNDAY, September 24**. Stations may work the entire contest period.

Meeting location change!

Due to historic flooding around the Cypress Creek Community Center, location & time change was required.
Spring Creek Barbecue, 6068 FM 2920,
between Kuykendahl & TC Jester on North side of FM 2920,
near Kroger shopping center.
Dinner at 6 p.m, meeting starts at 7 p.m.

**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**

President's corner

I hope this finds you and your family safe and dry. As I write this, it is Labor Day weekend. For many of us, things are getting back to normal after Hurricane Harvey — for us the waters have receded. We're back shopping, there's talk of an A&M football game, there is no gasoline shortage (thanks internet rumor). Most NARS members seemed to have gotten through the flooding as well as can be expected.

Yesterday I took a bike ride down towards Cypresswood, where library and the community center are located. I passed golfers out on the course, I saw people playing tennis. But as I went south of Louetta, I began to see trash bags in yards. As I progressed further, I began to see furniture and drywall in the yards. The area along Cypresswood is still in disrepair.

I talked to a friend, who said it took two hours to drive to Meyerland on Saturday due to the road conditions. I have friends displaced by the backwater at Addicks Reservoir and Lake Houston. People in Beaumont are still flooded and many are without power. I'm not sure if I'll be able to get downtown for work by Tuesday.

So first, remember not everything is back to normal. There is still a lot of recovery ahead. I wanted to remind everyone to give thanks, and to not forget those less fortunate. I would ask if you can do something to help, please do so.

Second, we are currently unsure of the current condition of the Cypress Creek Community Center — I am still waiting to hear back from their space coordinator. This area experienced severe flooding, there was floodwater in the Barbra Bush Library which remains closed. In anticipation of not being able to meet in our usual location this month — it was decided to move to another location — Spring Creek Barbecue on FM 2920 between Kuykendahl & TC Jester. This will necessitate a change in our usual schedule: (a) meet there at 6pm to eat, (b) start the meeting at 7pm, rather than the usual 7:30pm; and (c) shortened program — conclude by 8pm. We may have additional disruptions to "normal" in the future, so I ask for your patience as we work through this.

Best regards,

Richard Nelson
KF5WRD



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V.E. Exams every 4th Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.
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Dinner at 6 pm (Dinner not required to attend meeting)

Meeting Starts at 7 pm.

Saturday, August 19 Special VE Test Session Results at Charles R. Hooks Education Center

We had 20 candidates taking 37 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 20; passed 18

Element 3 tests given: 16; passed 1

Element 4 tests given: 1; passed 0

Congratulations to:

Kary Bledsoe - new Technician

Marvin Gil - new Technician

Walter Winston - new Technician

Andrew Pruitt - new Technician

LaShabriel Keys - new Technician

Trey Cox - new Technician

Mike Taylor - new Technician

Tom Larsh - new General

Scott Burris - new Technician

Angelynn Johnson - new Technician

Bob Janusaitis - new Technician

James Winston - new Technician

Joshua Polman - new Technician

Isabel Anderson - new Technician

Diana Cooper - new Technician

Dan Lyall - new Technician

Russ Stevens - new Technician

Rosemary Acevedo - new Technician

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

Martin Rogoff N5GPS

Larry Hill WA5LSV

Bill Bierman N5RDO

Steve Protz KA5AUD

Skip Ferguson K5LLR

Ron Matusek WA6TQH

Sheree Horton KF5LMJ

Ron Horton KF5LFL

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.

73, Keith Dutson NM5G

Historic Project Amelia Earhart Flight Ends Successfully

His 'round-the-world Project Amelia Earhart commemorative flight now complete, pilot and radio amateur Brian Lloyd, WB6RQN, is back on his home turf in Texas. The solo circumnavigation in his single-engine plane *Spirit* took a little longer than 2 months.

"I did it! I did it!" Lloyd exclaimed to the crowd awaiting his arrival at Kestrel Airpark in Texas on August 4. "This was not a solo flight. This was a flight that was supported by hundreds of people," he said after landing. Lloyd logged hundreds of Amateur Radio contacts over the course of his entire adventure, which was funded by The Classic Aircraft Aviation Museum and through other donations. He retraced the route the famous aviator never finished in 1937.

A problem with the plane's fuel system at the approximate half-way point caused Lloyd to turn back for repairs. That and some poor weather delayed his return to Texas by a few days.

At mid-week, Lloyd wrote in his blog that he was working up "all the information about my flight to both Earthrounders and the NAA [National Aeronautic Association], so that my circumnavigation becomes official."

Lloyd said on his website that he's not sure what to attempt next. "There is still Lindbergh's flight and a shot at the world speed record over the route from NYC to Paris," he mused. He acknowledged that a lot of hams he contacted are waiting for a QSL card. "Trying to fly, make contacts, and getting the info onto paper is a challenge," he said.

Lloyd landed in Oakland, California, on July 31, marking his return to the Continental US. On his final leg, he visited the Amelia Earhart Museum in Atchison, Kansas, before ending his epic flight at his home airfield, Kestrel Airpark in Texas, where the celebration awaited. Lloyd crossed the meridian that passes through Kestrel Airpark on his way to Atchison, Earhart's birthplace, at that point successfully circumnavigating the globe. After landing in Texas, Lloyd offered his remaining supply of granola bars that had traveled with him around the globe to those crowding around *Spirit*.



The actual length of his 'round-the-world flight was 34,463 miles, Lloyd determined after reviewing his flight log. "If you include the hops where I had to turn back for problems and test hops after maintenance, the distance would have been over 31,000 nautical miles," he noted. "That is a long way to fly." The entire trip took 66 days, with some 200 hours in the air. -- Thanks to Brian Lloyd, WB6RQN, and Jim Linton, VK3PC



On 9/5/2017 1:20 PM, Grumpy wrote:

Sorry, no DX column this month!
Grumpy took on water...He's real grumpy now!
Not composing this month for sure.
Hard to find a puter and internet access

73 Grumpy



Be A Scoutreach Volunteer Be A Scoutreach Volunteer

Use your experience to help expand Ham Radio into new parts of Southeast Texas-Volunteer according to your schedule and availability. Scoutreach is the Sam Houston Area Council's program to build Radio Scouting. Experienced Radio Operators, Scout Volunteers are needed to bring the skill components to the Scout's experience.



Volunteers must be registered Scouters and have completed youth protection training. Please contact Lionel Jellins at lionel@jellins.net to volunteer to let us know your areas of interest and knowledge. Scoutreach will develop a calendar of events where volunteers are most needed and we will be happy to match you with an opportunity to serve.

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FCC's Updated Rules Governing Personal Radio Services Become Effective on September 28

09/01/2017

The FCC recently adopted a comprehensive [reorganization of and update](#) to the rules governing the Personal Radio Services (PRS). These include a wide variety of wireless devices used by the general public for personal communication, including hand-held Family Radio Service (FRS) transmitters, radio-controlled models, Personal Locator Beacons (PLBs), medical implant devices, and others.

In addition to the updated rule changes, the FCC enhanced the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) to allow new digital applications, allot additional interstitial channels, and extend license terms from 5 to 10 years. It also allotted additional channels to the FRS and increased allowable power on certain FRS channels from 0.5 W to 2 W. It also updated the Citizens Radio Service (CB) rules to allow hands-free headsets, eliminate a restriction on communication, and remove other outdated requirements.

"These changes and others will update PRS rules to be more in line with current public demands for the services and will make the rules easier to understand and find information, while also removing outdated requirements and removing unnecessary rules," the FCC said.

Welcome, Congratulations and Condolences

New members:

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Saturday Breakfast

Denny's 6504 FM 2920, Spring
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Wednesday Lunch-11 am.

Various places. Info on front page.

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