



NARS NEWS

February 2018

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) New meeting place
planned due to extensive flooding and
repair of CCCC.

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, Next meeting, February 27,
2018, 7:30 pm at: Ponderosa Fire
Station 17061 Rolling Creek Drive,
Houston

VE License Exam:

Next exam, Saturday, February 24,
2018 at 8:00 AM at Tomball Re-
gional Hospital, 1st floor Green con-
ference room.

Lunch Break—North

Feb 7 Sweet Tomatoes
Feb 14 B.J.s Brewery
Feb 21 Gianna's
Feb 28 Spring Creek BBQ
March 7 Pei Wei

.Lunch Break—Medical Center

Feb 7 Silver Palace Chinese Buffet
Feb 14 Pappas BBQ
Feb 21 Morningside Thai
Feb 28 Pronto Cucinino
March 7 Antonio's Mexican Grill

Tail Dragger's Lunch Bunch -

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

Notice: NARS membership dues are
\$20 per year, renewable on the 1st of
January (see announcement page 2)

Friday, February 16
An in depth discussion on
repeaters,
their uses and
limitations!

A Richard Nelson KF5WRD
Presentation.

A question and answer session will
be conducted, following.



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

The meeting this month has been scheduled at
Spring Creek BBQ!

Saturday, January 27 VE Test Session Results at Tomball Regional Hospital

We had 6 candidates taking 9 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 5; passed 4

Element 3 tests given: 4; passed 0

Element 4 tests given: 0; passed 0

Congratulations to:

David Cantrill - new Technician

Harrel "Gene" Linder - new Technician

Jeffrey Weisenhorn - new Technician

Don Emerson Jr - new Technician

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

Martin Rogoff N5GPS

Brian Derx N5BA

Larry Hill WA5LSV

Stephen Protz KA5AUD

Sheree Horton KF5LMJ

Ron Horton KF5LFL

Ted Blackburn N9GVR

The next monthly session will be held

0800 Saturday, February 24, at Tomball Regional Hospital.

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



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

Contact: John Westerlage
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President's Corner

I'd like to start out by welcoming everyone to 2018. I want to thank Keith Dutson, NM5G, for taking the lead on the Club banquet. The banquet held at Backyard Grill, was very nice. This might have been a little less formal than some past locations, but it worked. The ice from earlier in the week melted, and we ended up with about 25 attendees (I did not do exact count, but we only had about 4 chairs open). There was a small hiccup with some people's final bills, but I think it all got straightened out in the end. Keith dealt with the restaurant and arranged for all of the awards and carried the day... kudos.

The last newsletter highlighted some of the club's accomplishments, and I want highlight those. The club is continuing to work on traditional activities, with some members already participating in supporting the Houston Marathon (in the cold). Upcoming activities include Field Day and the Buffalo Bayou Regatta next month. Keith is coordinating the Buffalo Bayou Regatta, and we need a volunteer for the Field Day Coordinator. Jerry has taken the lead on making preliminary reservation of Burroughs Park again.

We are transitioning to a January dues cycle in an attempt to streamline record keeping and administration. Many clubs utilize an uniform annual renewal period for just this reason. This has not been without some confusion/aggravation in the transition year as we pro-rate dues. I realize this is an inconvenience to some of you, but we hope it go smoother in the future. I appreciate your patience.

Finally, I will be giving the presentation this month on Repeaters. This is two-fold. First as some background /introduction to newer hams, to be followed by a discussion of the club's repeater situation.

We are currently in negotiation for a new meeting site, and I hoping I will have an update on that status at the next meeting.

Richard Nelson, KF5WRD President

Presentation We will discussing repeaters this month. Both, in general and the club repeater situation. Although using a repeater may be old hat to some of you, as a newbie I found them a little confusing at first.

I'll also be talking about the components of repeaters, how they work, frequency coordination, and local repeaters. We want to have a Question and Answer portion as well. I hope to see you there.

NARS now has a new address!

Please update your address list!

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Buffalo Bayou Regatta, Saturday, March 10

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a wonderful holiday and that you are keeping warm!

Well, we are gearing up for a busy and exciting year, with our Regatta, being held on March 10th. The exciting news is that we are going to have a different Finish Line location - at Allen's Landing, Houston's birthplace! :) I'm really excited about this spot being the Finish Line and think we have some great opportunities with this. You and your team are instrumental in the safety and success of our Regatta and I hope that all of you are available to assist again this year? Contact me to reserve your favorite spot in this exciting race!

Keith Dutson NM5G
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2018 Board of Directors:

As of the election results at the November meeting, the new Board of Directors will be officially installed at the Awards Banquet on January 19, 2018:

President - Richard Nelson KF5WRD

Vice Pres- Keith Dutson NM5G

Treasurer - Sheree Horton KF5LMJ

Secretary - Martin Rogoff N5GPS

Director, 1st of 2 years: Ron Matusek WA6TQH
Marty Fitzgerald W5MF

Director, 2nd of 2 years: Michael Bowen WE5ET
Ron Horton KF5LFL

As an added note:

Anyone needing a membership badge to wear should send their request to Sheree Horton KF5LMJ via email. It's a great welcome enhancement to know who the folks are at the meetings. Please include name and call sign.

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3Y0Z Bouvet Island DXpedition Aborted over Safety Concerns

[UPDATED 2018-02-05 1340 UTC] The 3Y0Z Bouvet Island DXpedition released an updated statement on February 5.] "Our captain has decided that it is in the best interest of safety and expediency to proceed directly to Capetown, South Africa, rather than Punta Arenas, Chile. We are now heading north to avoid the possibility of encountering ice. Currently, there is no ice in sight or on radar. In due time, we will head easterly toward Capetown. Our entire team is safe. Most are resting in their bunks and in good spirits. We will keep the amateur radio community and our families informed, as we continue our journey."

In a huge disappointment for the DX community and the members of the [3Y0Z Bouvet Island](#) team, the DXpedition's leaders announced at 2000 UTC today (February 3) that a decision had been made to abort the DXpedition and head back to Chile.

"During the last 72 hours, we continued to experience the high winds, low clouds, fog and rough seas that have prevented helicopter operations since our arrival at Bouvet," said an announcement on the 3Y0Z Bouvet Island website. "No improvement was predicted in the weather forecast for the next 4 days. Then, last night, an issue developed in one of the ship's engines. This morning, the captain of the vessel declared it unsafe to continue with our project and aborted the DXpedition. We are now on our long voyage back to Punta Arenas. As you might imagine, the team is deeply disappointed, but safe. There is already talk about rescheduling the DXpedition."

Bouvet Island currently is the third most-wanted DXCC entity, behind Kosovo and North Korea. The 3Y0Z DXpedition, comprised of top operators with considerable DXpedition experience, has been in the planning stages for 2 years and had attracted contributions from clubs and individuals around the world.

A dependency of Norway, Bouvet is a subantarctic island in the South Atlantic. The last Bouvet activation was 3Y0E, during a scientific expedition over the winter of 2007-2008.



Welcome, Congratulations and Condolences

New member: Gene Linder, Tech. (TBA)

Wishing the best for Ron Horton KF5LFL who was admitted to the hospital as a result of a seizure.

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New location search in progress.

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