

June 2018

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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#### Lunch Break - North

June 13 Gianna's  
June 20 Spring Creek BBQ  
June 27 Pei Wei  
July 4 Panera Bread  
July 11 Jason's Deli  
July 18 Adriatic Café  
July 25 Woodlands Sweet Tomatoes

#### **Saturday Breakfast:**

Saturdays at 7 am  
Denny's FM 2929 @ TC Jester

#### Lunch Break - Medical Center

June 13 Morningside Thai  
June 20 Pronto Cucinino  
June 27 Antonio's Mexican Grill  
July 04 Jason's Deli  
July 11 Buffalo Grille  
July 18 Southwell's Hamburger Grill  
July 25 Pappas Barbecue

#### **Taildraggers Lunch:**

Mondays at 11 am; Aviator's Grill  
in Hooks Airport Terminal

## *Next Meeting Friday, June 15*

### *Ponderosa Fire Station*

### *Field Day Planning*

The site survey team went out on June 2nd. The team was made up of Tom Atkins KD5EIJ, Keith Dutson NM5G, Larry Hill WA5LSV, Rick Braddy W5FCX, Mark Tyler K5GQ, and Joe Lasater KG5ZOZ. The location for the antennas and stations was determined.

The CW station will be located at the north end of the park. The SSB station will be located west of the GOTA station. The GOTA station will be located on the deck (elevated platform), same as last year. We will also have a 6-meter station using a Yagi antenna mounted on the deck.

BBQ pit, Welcome Table, etc. will be located in same spots as last year.

We need pop-up canopies for CW and SSB stations.

Setup is planned for Friday, June 22, at 6PM. We have until sunset to get the antennas in place. Setup will resume next day (Saturday) at 9AM, to finish antenna setup and get stations ready. Operations will begin at 1PM.

So, we have a plan that should prove excellent for operations. We need operators for all stations. Please let Keith Dutson know if you can operate.

The topic of the meeting is Field Day planning. Come out and see what positions you can fill.

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# New Meeting Location

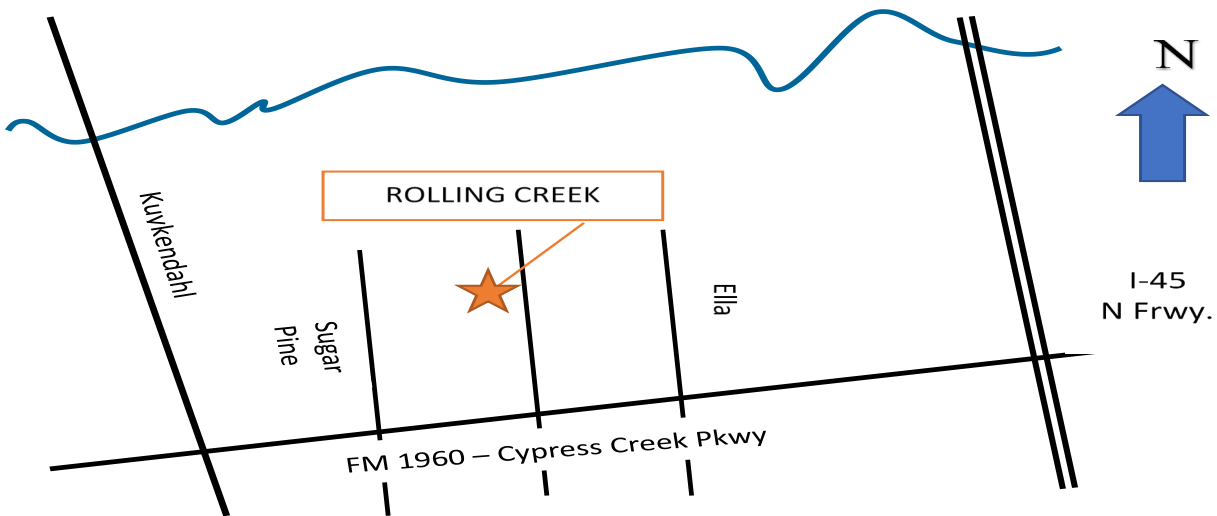
Ponderosa Fire Station Headquarters – Station 61  
17061 Rolling Creek Dr  
Houston, TX 77090



Picture from <http://www.ponderosavfd.org/equipment/index.html>

The Board wishes to thank the Ponderosa Fire Department for the generous offer allowing NARS use of their facility.

## LOCATION MAP — 17061 Rolling Creek



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## Presidents Corner—June 2018

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As I write this, June is almost upon us, Dayton Hamfest has finished, and Summer has arrived in Texas. Here we kick off June with two events: our biggest regional Ham convention in Plano, June 8-9, And NARS Field Day at Burroughs Park on June 23-24.



Several members have stepped up to volunteer to help us put on a Field Day, but we still need more help. We need people to operate radios, help set up antennas, tear down, and more.

Keep an eye on the e-mail Reflector and come to the June 15 Meeting. More Field

day information is in the newsletter. We are still getting everything sorted out but you can contact our co-coordinators, Larry Hill and Keith Dutson.

I'll miss Plano this year, but hope to participate in NARS Field Day, and I hope you participate too.

73 — Richard Nelson, KF5WRD

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## JUNE MEETING

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### Field Day Planning

Come and be a part of NARS' latest Field day.

June 15 7 pm Ponderosa Fire Station, 17061 Rolling Creek, Houston, TX

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## MAY MEETING RECAP

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### All About FT8

NARS' very own Marty Fitzgerald W5MF demonstrated the newest weak-signal digital mode, FT8. The mode was developed by Joe Taylor (K1JT) and Steve J. Franke (K9AN).

## Update to Technician Class Exam Question Pool—JULY

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**NEW Technician class (Element 2) pool will take effect on July 1, 2018 will be valid until June 30, 2022.**

On July 1, 2018 a new Element 2 Technician class question pool will take effect for examinations. The question pools review is part of a regular process and each question pool is reviewed and updated on a four year rotation. The General pool is scheduled for an update in 2019. All current question pools and useful information pertaining to the pools can be viewed on the ARRL Web at [www.arrl.org/question-pools](http://www.arrl.org/question-pools). [www.ncvec.org/](http://www.ncvec.org/).



# 2018 ARRL Field Day

## To Learn More

ARRL has more information about Field Day — see  
<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Field-Day/2018/2018%20FD%20Flier.pdf>

### Your NARS Co-Coordinators:

- Larry Hill WA5LSV
- Keith Dutson NM5G

June 23—24, 2018

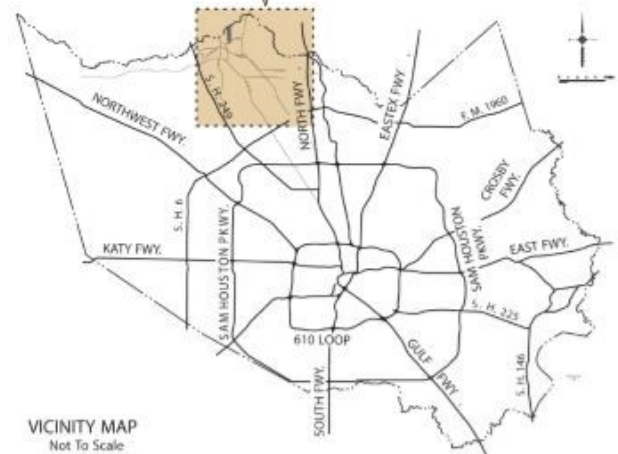
Antenna Setup Friday June 22

### Burroughs Park

Park map see <https://www.hcp4.net/Community/Parks/Burroughs>



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VICINITY MAP  
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## Congratulations

- Christopher Onassis - upgrade to General
- Christopher Kirsch - new Technician
- John Ostrowski - new Technician
- John Doss - new Technician

Saturday, May 26

We had 4 candidates taking 5 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 3; passed 3

Element 3 tests given: 2; passed 1

Element 4 tests given: 0; passed 0

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

Stephen Protz KA5AUD; Ron Matusek WA7TQH; Larry Hill WA5LSV; Sam Labarbera K5A00; Sheree Horton KF5LMJ

Martin Rogoff N5GPS; and Ron Horton KF5LFL

And to Keith Dutson NM5G, NARS ARRL VE Liaison

Special points of interest:

- THERE IS NO VE SESSION IN JUNE
- Next Session July 28, 2018; 8 am at Tomball Regional Hospital
- Contact Keith Dutson NM5G

**NARS now has a new address!**

**Please update your address list!**

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

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## Hamfest Calendar

06/08/2018 Ham-Com 2018

Location: Plano, TX

Website: <http://www.hamcom.org>

07/07/2018 | Texas City Hamfest

Location: Texas City, TX

Website: <http://www.tidelands.org>

08/03/2018 Austin Summerfest 2018

Location: Austin, TX

Website: <http://www.austinsummerfest.org>

Also Texas VHF-FM Society

# NARS Information

## General Membership Meetings

3rd. Friday each month at 7:30 pm. —  
EXCEPT January Banquet  
New location Ponderosa Fire Dept.  
17061 Rolling Creek Dr. Houston

## Weekly 2m Net

Wed. 8 pm.  
Monitor Reflector for Current Repeater  
Coordinator: Jerry Whiting KB5VGD  
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## Board Meetings

Monthly, last Tuesday of each month at  
7:30 pm. EXCEPT December  
Ponderosa Fire Dept.  
17061 Rolling Creek Dr. Houston

## NARS name tag

If you would like a NARS name tag get  
in touch with Sheree Horton at a gen-  
eral meeting or contact her via email at  
sher5456@gmail.com. Sheree needs  
your name and call.

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