

May 2018

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

May 9 Panera Bread
 May 16 Jason's Deli
 May 23 Russo's New Your Pizza
 May 30 Sweet Tomatoes
 Jun 6 B.J.s Brewery
 Jun 13 Gianna's
 Jun 20 Spring Creek BBQ

Saturday Breakfast:

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

Lunch Break - Medical Center

May 9 Jason's Deli
 May 16 Buffalo Grille
 May 26 Southwell's Hamburger Grill
 May 30 Silver Palace Chinese Buffett
 Jun 6 Pappas BBQ

Taildraggers Lunch:

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

Meeting May 18

New Location!

Apologies for Omissions and Errata

With the passing of Editor, Joe Sokolowski KD5KR, we lost much. Including any advertisements or announcements which were to be included. Certain announcements were copied from the previous newsletter.

If something was omitted, or was improperly reported I apologize. — *Richard Nelson, KF5WRD*

SK — Joe Sokolowski KD5KR

It is with regret we that we inform you of the passing of NARS Newsletter Editor, Joe Sokolowski KD5KR on April 24. The Memorial Service and internment will be held at 10 am on May 29 at the VA Cemetery in Abilene, TX

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New Meeting Location

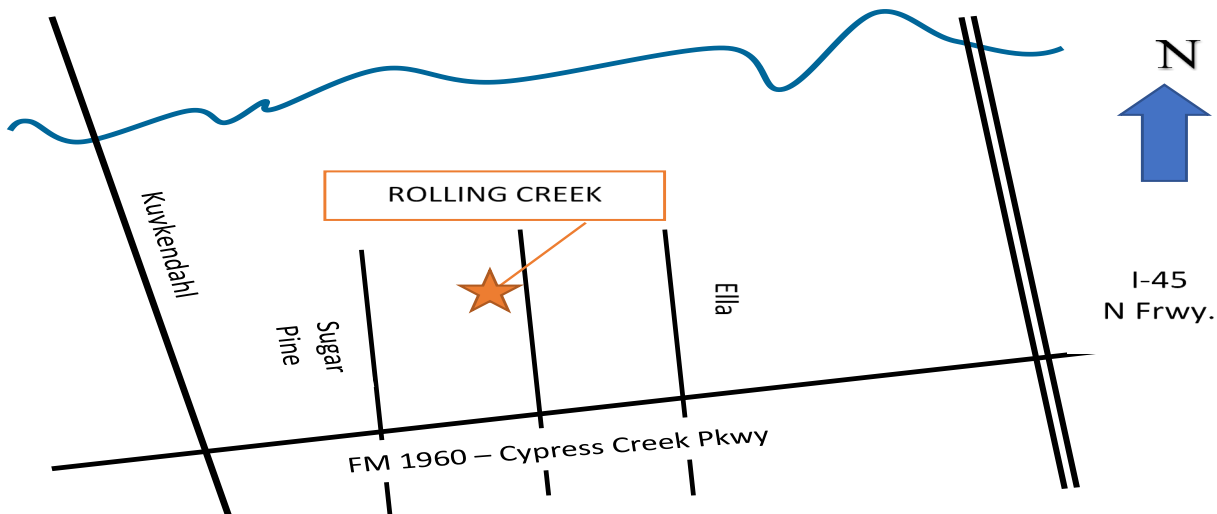
Ponderosa Fire Station Headquarters – Station 61
17061 Rolling Creek Dr
Houston, TX 77090



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



Parking is restricted to the area to the south of the Fire Station (e.g., towards FM 1960).
Obviously, DO NOT park in front of the fire engine bays.
Some street parking is prohibited. There are spaces along the south side of the lot adjoining the building.

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Presidents Corner—May 2018

NARS continues to weather many changes, and we are doing what we can to cope with these changes. One of these changes we have faced is loss of our meeting facilities due to Harvey caused flooding.

The Board decided that having a more permanent location was a priority for the club. With the assistance of some club members, the Ponderosa Fire Department was approached about using their meeting room. The Fire Department graciously agreed to host our club meetings. You will see that is a very nice room that is fully equipped. The only caveat is parking —

Many of you will not be able to park directly in front of the meeting place. There are a few spots there, but several are designated as handicap spaces. See caution below map.

Among other changes is the loss of key members. We have had several members become Silent Keys this past year, and it not my intent disservice them by putting special mention of Joe in the newsletter. Joe performed a key function acting as Editor—one I have become keenly aware of as I volunteered to put something together this month.

I look forward to seeing you at the new location, we can expect an interesting discussion of the latest digital weak signal method FT8. Hope to see you there.

73 — Richard Nelson, KF5WRD

MAY 2018 MEETING

All About FT8

NARS' very own Marty Fitzgerald W5MF will be educating us on the newest weak-signal digital mode. The mode is called "FT8" (Franke-Taylor design, 8-FSK modulation), and was developed by Joe Taylor (K1JT) and Steve J. Franke (K9AN).

FT8 is designed for situations like multi-hop Es where signals may be weak and fading, openings may be short, and you want fast completion of reliable, confirmable QSOs.

I look forward to learning about this, and if the radio gods smile on us there may be a demonstration.

Hope to see you there.



**Your Article
HERE**

APRIL NARS MEETING

— In case you missed last month's meeting...

Guest Speaker, Jimmy Vance W5ZTX told us about his experience with Remote Radio Operations and provided a demonstration. This is something that the Katy Amateur Radio Society (KARS) has been implementing



2018 ARRL Field Day

NARS FIELD DAY UPDATE

by Richard Nelson, KF5WRD

It was starting to look as if NARS would not have a Field Day event this year, but several club members have stepped up. These volunteers have been actively working to get NARS ready for Field Day. But we're not out of the woods yet, and need more Help.

We need volunteers to contribute equipment and we need operators — this means you! Look at the box below to see ways you can help us pull off NARS Field Day. Keith Dutson NM5G and Larry Hill WA5LSV have stepped up as Co- Coordinators.

Positions & Equipment Needed

- ◆ CW station captain (table, chairs, radio, tuner, etc.)
- ◆ SSB station captain (table, chairs, radio, tuner, etc.)
- ◆ GOTA station captain (table, chairs, radio, tuner, etc.)
- ◆ Antenna captain (three antennas plus coax to stations)
- ◆ Food captain (BBQ and sides for Saturday evening meal)
- ◆ Salvation Army coordinator (hot dogs)
- ◆ Talk-in station captain (talk-in table, radio, antenna, operator)
- ◆ Generator captain (three generators, power cords, power strips)
- ◆ Facilities captain (tables, chairs, lights, fans, pop-up tents, etc.)

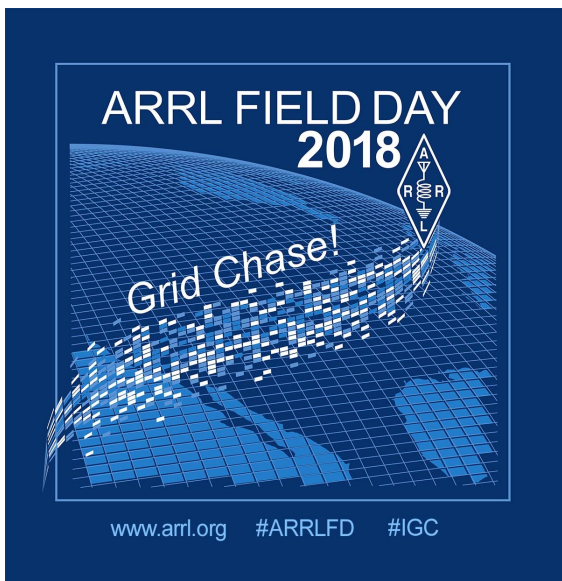
Jerry Whiting KB5VGD has been coordinating the details of reserving the Park and Coordinating with the Salvation Army to provide lunch Saturday (Hint — this is just one reason why you need to be a volunteer Bell Ringer). Thanks Jerry. I'm sure I've forgotten others.

The June Meeting is traditionally devoted to going over details and finalizing planning — that's the plan for next month —

Save the Date! June 23-24

Burroughs Park 9738 Hufsmith Road Tomball, Texas 77375

Always the fourth full weekend in June



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 Dutton NM5G

June 23—24, 2018

beginning at 1 pm (1800 UTC) Saturday
 running through 3:39 pm (2059 UTC) Sunday
 (although we typically begin takedown earlier)

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

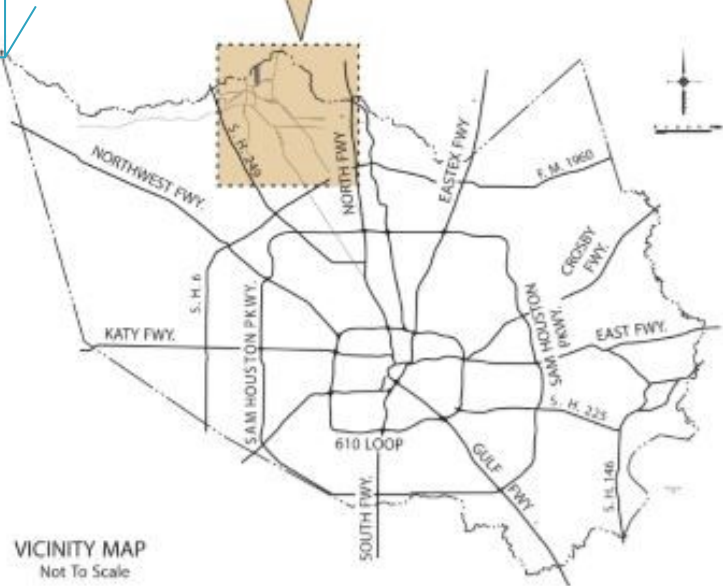
Amateur Radio operators have been transmitting from “the field” ever since radio has been around.

In 1933, the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) formalized this activity for a weekend each June, called Field Day.

See <https://www.midstatehams.org/blog/45-the-history-of-the-arrl-field-day.html>



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We're Searching for Volunteers

Welcome

New member: Joe Lasater KG5ZOZ

Congratulations

Joe Lasater - new Technician
Stephen Stepinoff - upgrade to General
Benjamin Goodwyn - new Technician



NARS now has a new address!

Please update your address list!

Northwest Amateur Radio Society
P.O. Box 11483 Spring, TX 77391

**Your Notice
HERE**

Saturday, April 28 VE Test Session Results

We had 3 candidates taking 4 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 2; passed 2

Element 3 tests given: 1; passed 1

Element 4 tests given: 1; passed 0

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

Sam Labarbera K5A00; Stephen Protz KA5AUD; Larry Hill WA5LSV; Bill Bierman N5RDO; Brian Derx N5BA; Sheree Horton KF5LMJ; Ron Horton KF5LFL.

And to Keith Dutson NM5G, NARS ARRL VE Liaison

Hamfest Calendar

05/18/2018 Dayton Hamvention

Location: Xenia, OH

Website: <http://hamvention.org>

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>

NARS WEBSITE: W5NC.NET

E-Mail Reflector: mailman.qth.net.

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
g_whiting@sbcglobal.net

Board Meetings

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

Need to Certify or Upgrade your Ham License?

VE License Exam — Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 8:00 AM at
Tomball Regional Hospital, 1st floor Green conference room.

Contact ARRL VE Coordinator, Keith Dutson NM5G,
281 516-1466, keith1@dutson.net

Talk to Keith for more information, or about becoming a vol-
unteer examiner.



4721 Watonga Blvd.
Houston, TX 77092
www.ofarc.org

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

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further info.*

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