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Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

Oct 17 Mi Rancho Grill & Bar
 Oct 24 Panera Bread
 Oct 31 Jason's Deli
 Nov 07 Adriatic Café
 Nov 14 Sweet Tomatoes/
 Woodlands
 Nov 21 BJ's Restaurant

Saturday Breakfast:

Saturdays at 7 am
 Denny's 6504 FM 2920 @ TC Jester
 (west of Kuykendahl)

Lunch Break - Medical Center

Oct 17 Antonio's Mexican Grill
 Oct 24 Jason's Deli
 Oct 31 Buffalo Grille - (Back to old
 Location)
 Nov 07 Southwell's Hamburger
 Grill
 Nov 14 Pappas Barbecue

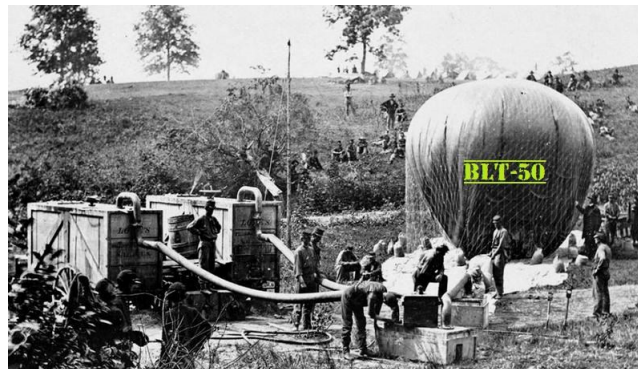
Monday Lunch (was Taildraggers lunch):

Mondays at 11 am; Goodson's in
 Tomball

Next Meeting: Friday, October 19th

Ponderosa Fire Station

**The Extraordinary and Incredible
 Flight of BLT-50!**



**Come hear and see Andy Mac Allister's
 presentation. You can see a preview at [https://
 www.w5acm.net/](https://www.w5acm.net/).**

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New Meeting Location

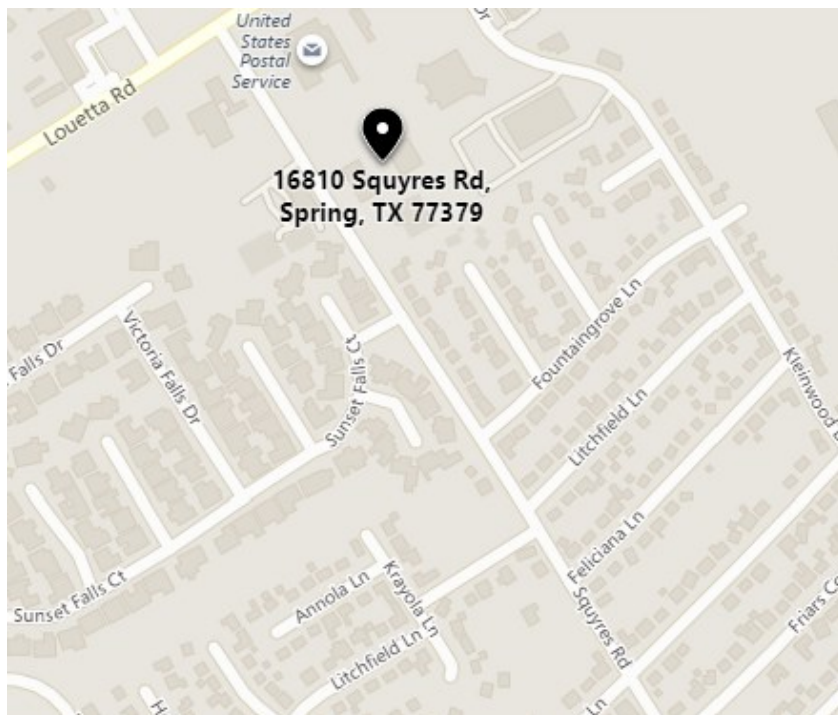
Starting with the November 16th meeting we will meet at Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. It is located behind Klein Fire Station 4.



Picture from <http://kleinfiredept.com/services/stations/headquarters>

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

LOCATION MAP — 16810 Squyres Rd.



President's Corner

Richard Nelson, KF5WRD— October 2018

This past year has been a year of changes and hurdles for both Houston and NARS. While some changes cause anguish, other changes can be good. Change is part of life, and this is true again this month.

Hurricane Harvey created numerous changes, including to damage to some member's homes, and to our meeting place. Other members have moved on or become SK. Another ongoing issue is the club's 2m repeater. Partly in response to these various changes, other aspects of the club have changed as well. Changes to the weekly net; the practice of having coffee and cookies at the meetings, and the regularity of dinner before meetings, come to mind.

One of our most significant changes was the loss of our meeting place at the after the Harvey flooding. As a result, the club meeting location was floating for a bit. Thanks to Keith Dutson, NM5G, who arranged for us to use Spring Creek barbecue. This location worked for several months but was not ideal. Thanks in part to Jerry Whiting KB5VGD, we eventually moved into the facility at the Ponderosa Fire Station – thanks to their generosity for hosting us. It now appears that the club will move again starting with the November meeting – read on.

One positive change this past year was that several of our members became very active in DMR and Digital Radio. Marty Fitzgerald W5MF, Walter Holmes K5WH, and Ron Matussek WA6TQH, on their own initiative, developed a series of DMR training classes. The response from other area clubs was so great it became necessary to move the classes from our Ponderosa Fire location. Through the involvement of Mike Pace, K5MAP, the Klein Fire District allowed use of their Administrative Services Building. This has opened a new opportunity.

One positive outcome was several new members joined NARS while others renewed during these classes. Also, beginning in November, the monthly NARS meeting will move to the Klein Fire District Administrative Services Building located behind Klein Station 4. 18610 Squires Rd [South of the Klein Post Office on Louetta]. This location is closer to our former location and has more available parking than the current Ponderosa station.

On another front we have had some personnel changes. First, I need to mention again the recent loss of Joe Sokolowski, KD5KR. Joe's move to Abilene and subsequent passing this past April made it clear just how much he was doing for NARS as Administrative Secretary.

Which brings me to the next item, Keith Dutson who was already the Vice President took over the Admin Secretary duties as well. Keith has been wearing many hats and has been Johnny-on-the-Spot for numerous club functions, including VE Coordinator and managing the Texas QSO party which NAR sponsors. This past month Keith resigned from the Vice President position and the Administrative Secretary position. I want to publicly thank Keith for carrying the so many club functions on his shoulders.

Keith's leaving created a void. During the September meeting, several temporary appointments were made, which I will describe below. The club by-laws state that elections are to be held at the next meeting after required notification has been given. The Board determined as elections were already scheduled for November that the actual election will be held then, with the October meeting serving as notification to members.

Because several Board Members stepped into temporary roles, this created several immediate vacancies on the Board.

This created the following changes to the NARS Officers & Board:

- President - Richard Nelson KF5WRD
- Vice President - Ron Matusek WA6TQH [Appointee]
- Admin. Secretary - Marty Fitzgerald W5MF[Appointee]
- Treasurer - Sheree Horton KF5LMJ
- Secretary - Martin Rogoff N5GPS

The club needs new blood and new ideas. When elections come this November, the club will have several openings, including the Board spots. I would like to devote some time at the beginning of the October meeting to getting a slate of candidates for various open positions. The November newsletter will announce candidates for the positions.

Another change made by the Board to encourage more participation and member input, is to start holding Board meetings prior to the general meetings. Beginning with our November meeting, starting at 6 pm at the Squires location.

Finally, I plan to step down as President. The acting Vice President, Ron Matusek is willing to become President, but this is subject to confirmation vote by the members. I also wish to state that I'm willing to serve as a Board Member, if elected. If not, I will be happy to help with any transition going forward. I would like to urge all interested and active NARS members to attend the next meetings, in October because balloon launches are cool and in November because NARS needs you.

So to summarize

- October all about South Texas Balloon Launch Team at Ponderosa Fire.
- New Meeting place at Klein Fire District in Novembers
- Elections in November – announce candidacy October meeting
- Positions & Voting – open to members in good standing.

See you there.

Richard Nelson, KF5WRD
President, NARS

Opportunities to Serve

We need some new help for the Wednesday 2-meter Rag chew Net. It could be staffed by one person or more than one person could split the responsibility. It is a good opportunity to mentor new hams.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

The date is Saturday, December 1st. The length of the commitment is only 1 hour.

Of the 14 ringers, Jerry has 9 listed and need 5 more to make a full team.

This is for a good cause and NARS has been doing this for some time

Please contact Jerry Whiting via E-mail—g_whiting@sbcglobal.net.

OCTOBER MEETING

Flight of BLT-50

October 19th 7:30 pm Ponderosa Fire Station, 17061 Rolling Creek, Houston, TX

Update to Technician Class Exam Question Pool—JULY

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

On July 1, 2018 a new Element 2 Technician class question pool took 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. www.ncvec.org/.

Congratulations

- Daniel Doty KG5YQF - upgrade to General
- Cody Weaver - new Technician
- James Cash KF5VVE - upgrade to General

Saturday, September 22nd

We had 3 candidates taking 3 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 1; passed 1

Element 3 tests given: 2; passed 2

Element 4 tests given: 0; passed 0

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

Martin Rogoff N5GPS, Cindy Grant KM4YGG, Stephen Protz KA5AUD, Larry Hill WA5LSV, Ron Matusek WA6TQH, Sheree Horton KF5LMJ, Sam Labarbera K5AMF, Ron Horton KF5LFL, Skip Ferguson K5LLR, Ted Blackburn N9GVR.

And to Keith Dutson NM5G, NARS ARRL VE Liaison

Special points of interest:

- Next VE Session October 27th, 2018; 8 am at Tomball Regional Hospital
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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.

*Contact: John Westerlage
NSDWI@ofarc.org for further info.*

Hamfest Calendar

NARS Information

Board Meetings

Starting in November the board meetings will be at 6:00 on the same date and at the same location as the general membership meeting.

Weekly 2m Net

Wed. 8 pm.
Monitor Reflector for Current Repeater
Coordinator: Jerry Whiting KB5VGD
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General Membership Meetings

3rd. Friday each month at 7:30 pm. — EXCEPT January Banquet
New location beginning with the November 16th meeting—Klein Fire Station Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. Located behind Klein Fire Station 4.

NARS name tag

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

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