

September 2018

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

Sep 26 Gianna's Restaurant
 Oct 03 Spring Creek BBQ
 Oct 10 Pei Wei
 Oct 17 Panera Bread
 Oct 24 Jason's Deli
 Oct 31 Adriatic Cafe

Saturday Breakfast:

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

Lunch Break - Medical Center

Sep 26 Silver Palace Chinese Buffet
 Oct 03 Morningside Thai
 Oct 10 Niko Niko's Café
 Oct 17 Antonio's Mexican Grill
 Oct 24 Jason's Deli
 Oct 31 Buffalo Grille - Voss (New Location)

Monday Lunch (was Taildraggers lunch):

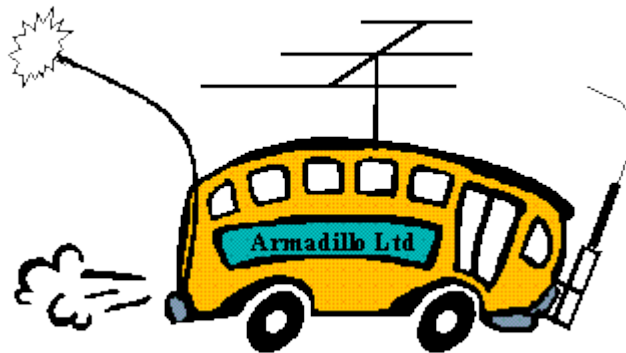
Mondays at 11 am; Goodson's in Tomball

Next Meeting: Friday, September 21st

Ponderosa Fire Station

Texas QSO Party

Come hear the latest on the Texas QSO Party.



Operating times for the 2018 contest are from **1400Z on SATURDAY, September 29th to 0200Z on SUNDAY, September 30th** and from **1400Z to 2000Z on SUNDAY, September 30th**. Go to <http://w5nc.club/txqp/> for more information.

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Meeting Location

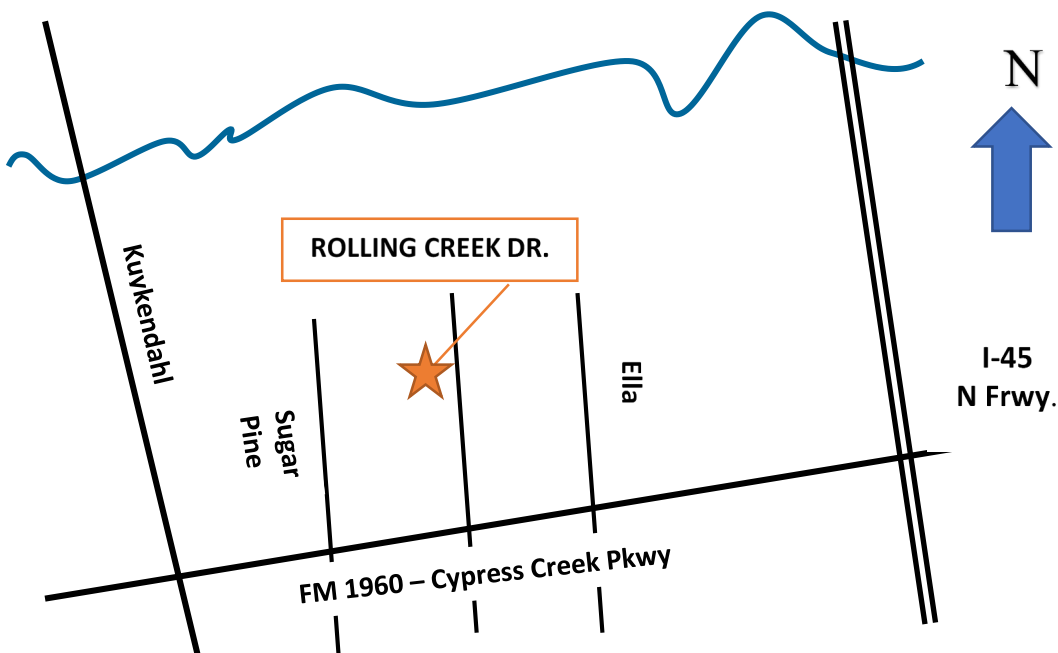
Ponderosa Fire Station Headquarters – Station 61
17061 Rolling Creek Dr.
Houston, TX 77090



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 Dr.



Reflections on a Journey



Some of the many projects built by LABRATS and NARS mentors!

There's no better way to start this narrative – I've got good news, and bad news. Bad news: Redd School closed at the end of June! For all who were ever associated with the school, the news came as a shock. Redd School was a member of the community for what seems like forever. I won't dwell on details; suffice it to say that having been a teacher there for 30 years, I feel a sense of loss. But as with all changes in Life, I move forward awaiting new adventures.

Now the good news: In 2002, DR. Pat Reiff helped me organize a Ham Radio Club as part of my Masters project. She put me in touch with NARS and John Ellis and Cal White answered the call to help me build a program at Redd. LABRATS Radio Club was born, and the rest is history. The early years of the club were

most productive in licensing new Hams: students, teachers and parents. And although we did not license new Hams through the years, what we DID do was inspire many students in learning about electronics and talking “on the air”. So many incredible projects (everything from underwater ROVs to AM radios) were built under the thoughtful and patient care of a long list of Elmers, most of whom were recruited by our long-standing and dedicated mentor Jerry Whiting. Working summer and school year hours, these amazing mentors shared their knowledge and love for amateur radio and technology with enthusiastic students eager to learn. It was always heartwarming to walk into the Lab and watch the care with which each mentor worked with individual students. They seemed to respond to each other in a way that made me wonder exactly who was inspiring whom!

To each one of you who generously gave up your time and made the Radio Club a huge success, I send my profound gratitude and love. I am honored to have worked with you and want to recognize you individually. While I may not be heard on the air, know that I will always carry you in my heart for all the good you brought into the minds of my students. They (and I) are the better for it! Listen for my CQ someday!

All my best, Lollie Garay KD5WZM

Cheers to all to all my incredible mentors: Dr. Pat Reiff W5STR, Jerry Whiting KB5VGD, John Ellis W5PDW, Cal White (Silent Key), Tom Atkins KD5EIJ, James Blackburn WB5AW, Peter Brown KE5IOV, Chris Brown KE5IOV, SARAH Brown KF5LFK, Beth Madry KE5IOV, Keith Dutson NM5G, George Edwards K5VUU, Marty Fitzgerald W5MF, Tom Hoherd KK5YU, Ron Horton KF5LFL, Sheree Horton KF5LMJ, Ron Matusek WA5IOU, Terry Myers KQ5U, Brad Nelson WD5GNI, Richard Nelson KF5WRD, Current President Rob Nixon KD5BXZ, Jerry Seay KE5PUT, George Carlson KC5RCC, Tom Rum W5RUM Jim Kirk (Silent Key) Joe Sokolowski Silent Key, and Bob Walworth N5ET.

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.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Texas QSO Party

Come hear the latest on the Texas QSO Party.

September 21st 7 pm Ponderosa Fire Station, 17061 Rolling Creek, Houston, TX

AUGUST MEETING RECAP

Buffalo Bayou Regatta

Trudi Smith gave an excellent presentation on all things having to do with Buffalo Bayou. She displayed maps of the parks and other attractions along the bayou. Some of the other attractions are boat tours and the Cistern.

She also discussed the history of the bayou and plans for new attractions.

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

- Gary Jones - new Technician
- Charlie Pruitt - new Technician
- Harrel Linder W5GNE - upgrade to General
- Patrick Farrelly - new Technician

Saturday, July 28th

We had 4 candidates taking 4 tests .

Element 2 tests given: 3; passed 3

Element 3 tests given: 1; passed 1

Element 4 tests given: 0; passed 0

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

Martin Rogoff N5GPS, Stephen Protz KA5AUD, Ted Blackburn N9GVR, Brian Derx N5BA, Skip Ferguson K5LLR, Mark Tyler K5GQ, and Sheree Horton KF5LMJ.

And to Keith Dutson NM5G, NARS ARRL VE Liaison

Special points of interest:

- Next VE Session September 22nd, 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.

*Contact: John Westerlage
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Hamfest Calendar

10/06/2018 HamEXPO

Location: Belton, TX

Website: <http://hamvention.org>

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

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
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your name and call.

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