



NARS NEWS

February 2019

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

IN THIS ISSUE

Headlines & Calendar	1
Meeting Location	2
President's Corner	3
DMR Training	4
February Meeting	4
January Meeting Recap	4
Opportunities to Serve	4
Announcements	5
Club Information	6

VE License Exam Info — Page 5

Lunch Break - North

Feb 13 Panera Bread
Feb 20 Jason's Deli
Feb 27 Adriatic Café
Mar 06 Sweet Tomatoes in the Woodlands
Mar 13 Gianna's
Mar 20 Spring Creek BBQ

Saturday Breakfast:

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

Lunch Break - Medical Center

Feb 13 Jason's Deli
Feb 20 Buffalo Grille
Feb 27 Southwell's Hamburger Grill
Mar 06 Pappas Barbecue
Mar 13 Silver Palace Chinese Buffet
Mar 20 Morningside Thai

Monday Lunch (was Taildraggers lunch):

Mondays at 11 am; Goodson's in Tomball

Next Meeting: Friday, February 15th

**"Radio to Computer connections"
presented by Richard Nelson and an
update on the NARS repeaters.**

- Friday February 15th, 2019 at 7:30PM
- Klein Fire Department Administration,
16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379.

NARS News is published monthly by the Northwest Amateur Radio Society (NARS). Northwest Amateur Radio Society is a Special Services Club affiliated with the American Radio Relay League, ARRL Club No. 2120. Please send all submissions to the newsletter editor before the end of the month prior to publication.

Meeting Location

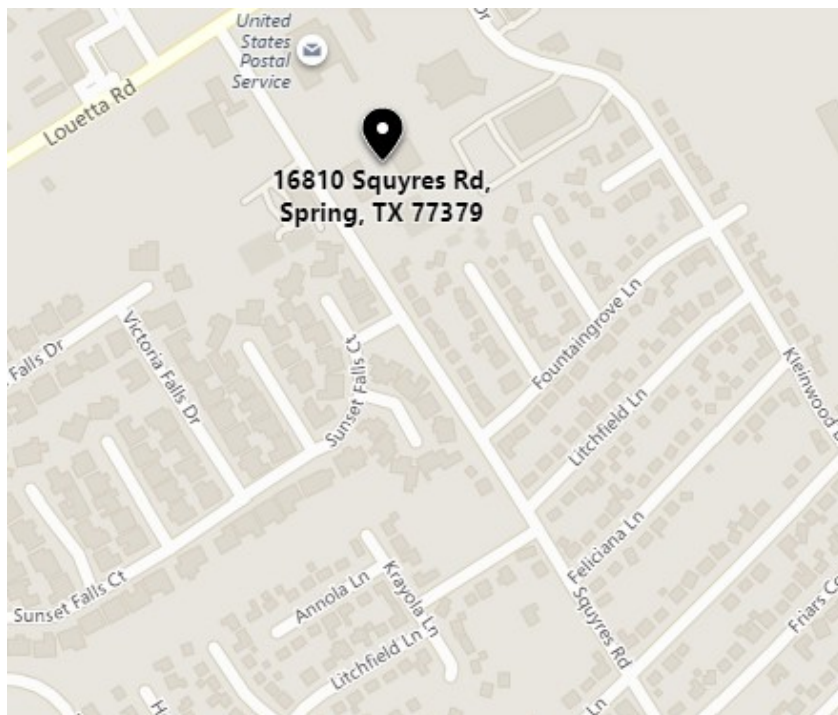
We will meet at Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. It is located behind Klein Fire Station 4.



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.



Information needed

NARS needs information on how many members are also members of the ARRL. Please send an email to Marty Fitzgerald at fitz6@swbell.net telling us if you are a member of the ARRL. You can also send an email to Marty if any of your member information changes such as a phone number, address, call sign, or license class.

The ARRL information is needed to help us maintain our affiliated club status and the benefits that come with being an affiliated club.

President's Corner — February 2019

Welcome to a New Year of opportunity to get involved, make new friends, and expand your knowledge of Amateur Radio and all it has to offer.

“This past year has been a year of changes and hurdles for NARS”. While some changes cause anguish, other changes can be good. Through the hard work our dedicated Board members and volunteers, I am pleased to announce that we have gained twenty-four new members which brings our overall membership to One Hundred Fifteen. I want to take this opportunity to welcome all the new members and encourage you to take advantage of all the club's amenities. NARS is extremely fortunate to have dedicated Officers and a fantastic group of volunteers who all came together this past year to accomplish an incredible amount of work in a short period of time. We encourage you to review our Calendar of Events and get involved by checking out the growing list of activities and upcoming events to find a personal interest where you would like to contribute. We're always looking for new ideas and/or different perspectives to keep our program and events fresh and relevant to the needs of our members. Should you have any questions, or if an issue of concern arises, please feel free to contact any member of the executive board. I am committed to making NARS a club where everyone's voice is heard, and, takes ownership of the direction we want to take this club.

Some things we have recently implemented:

1. All Member & Non-Members can now pay annual club dues via PayPal.
2. We have made it easier for anyone to contact Officers or our ARRL VEC Liaison.
 - a. Send email to “officers@w5nc.net (general club related communications)
 - b. Send email to “vec@w5nc.net (Information on Exams & Locations)

Other areas we are working but not limited on:

1. The club's 2m repeater – Improvements coming
2. Changes to the weekly net – currently meeting on Tuesday evenings 7PM DMR Cypress Local Repeater. Check newsletter for details.
3. The practice of having coffee and cookies at the meetings – work in progress
4. The regularity of dinner before meetings - ongoing
5. Training classes – quarterly
6. Expanding Field day. New locations and equipment being considered.
7. More hands-on activities – submit your areas of interest.

As has been discussed during the past year or so we continue to work on ideas to expand our club's membership and to stabilize our long-term funding needs.

Remember this is your club! Let's work together to make this the best year in the history of NARS.

Ron Matusek, WA6TQH 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.

We need operators for the Buffalo Bayou Regatta coming up Saturday, March 9.

The time is from 7:30am until 2pm. The race includes canoes and kayaks starting at the San Felipe bridge and ending at Allen's Landing. Assignments cover many points: Start (San Felipe), Voss, Chimney Rock, Woodway, Bayou Bend, Waugh, Montrose, Sabine, Prairie and Allen's Landing. Our task is to provide tracking of the boat numbers as they pass these points. We also report incidents related to safety issues.

Lunch is provided. Each participant will receive a T-shirt.

This is a large event that has been sponsored by NARS for many years. I have a T-shirt dated 1997 and have participated most years since then. The event has grown steadily and now provides substantial funds to Buffalo Bayou Partnership, for maintenance and improvement of Buffalo Bayou, one of Houston's best attractions.

Please plan to join the team this year. Thanks.

73, Keith NM5G

Coordinator, 2019 Buffalo Bayou Regatta Ham Radio Communication

FEBRUARY MEETING

"Radio to Computer connections" presented by Richard Nelson and an update on the NARS repeaters.

Friday, February 15th at Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379.

DMR Training

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the Video of each Session please bring a USB stick (estimate 3GB per session) and we can make a copy available to you to download on your USB stick with a NARS donation of \$6.00 per session. You can sign up at the meeting. Many have requested this as a helpful tool to refer back to when programming radio's and other general information related to DMR. This video is NOT planned for wide public publication so take advantage of this opportunity.

JANUARY MEETING

The annual awards banquet was held at Backyard Grill.

Congratulations

- Mark J. Simon - New Technician
- Jeffrey R. Martini - Upgrade to Extra

Saturday, January 26th

We had 3 candidates taking 4 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 2; passed 1

Element 3 tests given: 1; passed 0

Element 4 tests given: 1; passed 1

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

Martin Rogoff N5GPS, Cindy Grant KM4YGG,
Sheree Horton KF5LMJ, Sam Labarbera K5AMF,
Stephen Protz KA5AUD, Larry Hill WA5LSV,
Ron Horton KF5LFL, Keith Dutson NM5G, and
Michael Bowen WE5ET.

And to Ron Matusek WA6TQH , NARS ARRL VE Liaison.

Special points of interest:

- Next VE Session February 23rd, 2019; 8 am at Tomball Regional Hospital

NARS now has a new address!

Please update your address list!

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



Houston Transtar Building

Conference Center West Entrance

6922 Katy Road

Houston, TX 77024

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

Contact: Mark Landress, WB5ANN@arrl.net for further info.

NARS WEBSITE: W5NC.NET

E-Mail Reflector: mailman.qth.net.

Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

NARS Info

Board Meetings

The board meetings will be at 6:00 on the same date and at the same location as the general membership meeting, except for January due to the NARS award banquet.

General Membership Meetings

3rd. Friday each month at 7:30 pm. — EXCEPT January Banquet
Located at Klein Fire Station Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. Located behind Klein Fire Station 4.

Annual Membership renewal

The time has come for everyone to renew your membership with NARS for 2019! All dues are paid annually, during December and January.

Membership dues remain at \$20, \$25 for family, and \$12.50 for students.

Fill out our membership application form and send your membership dues to the NARS P.O. Box. PLEASE MARK AS RENEWAL. Alternatively, you can submit your application and payment in person to the treasurer at one of our gatherings or next general meeting which are held the 3rd Friday of the month.

This past year NARS has provided the following events with the help of your membership:

- Award Banquet
- Successful field day, 2nd place in 2A South Texas.
- Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) classes.
- Volunteer Examinations.
- Monthly meeting on interesting topics like WRTC, Houston's Buffalo Bayou, and the Texas QSO Party to name a few.

This year, we hope to accomplish even more, with your help. However, we couldn't do it without the generous contributions of members just like you!

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.

Weekly 2m Net

Wednesdays at 8 pm.
Monitor Reflector for Current Repeater.
Coordinator: Jerry Whiting KB5VGD
g_whiting@sbcglobal.net

Weekly DMR Net

Tuesdays at 7 pm.
Monitor Reflector for Current Repeater.
Coordinator: Ron Matusek WA6TQH
ronm1@att.net

NARS Resource List

Digital Modes (Including DMR)

Walter Holmes – K5WH

Marty Fitzgerald – W5MF

Ron Matusek – WA6TQH

NARS Officers & Other Contacts

President & Board Chairman

Ron Matusek WA6TQH
281 205-3068
ronm1@att.net

Vice President

Marty Fitzgerald W5MF
281 251-4301
fitz6@swbell.net

Treasurer

Sheree Horton KF5LMJ
713 299-6994
sher5456@gmail.com

Secretary

Martin Rogoff N5GPS
281 890-4538
N5gps.tx@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor

Martin Rogoff N5GPS
832-603-0036
n5gps.tx@gmail.com

Directors (term expires 12/31/2019)

Ron Horton KF5LFL
713 299-7013
Ron.Horton88@gmail.com

Mike Bowen N8ILU
281 954-0940
mike5664g@yahoo.com

Directors (term expires 12/31/2020)

Richard Nelson KF5WRD
281 257-1279
Richard-nelson@hotmail.com

Mike Pate K5MAP
281-376-1316
mike@k5map.net

Texas QSO Party

Co-coordinator: Chuck Sanders NO5W
832 657-4832

Administrative & General Info.

Marty Fitzgerald W5MF
281 251-4301
fitz6@swbell.net

Web site

URL: <http://www.w5nc.net>
Web Master: Bill Buoy N5BIA
281 370-3510 n5bia@arrl.net

NARS E-Mail Reflector

NARS@mailman.qth.net
Coordinator: Keith Dutson NM5G
keith1@dutson.net

VE Session (ARRL) Manager

Ronald Matusek – WA6TQH
ronm1@att.net

Texas QSO Party

Co-coordinator: Keith Dutson NM5G
281 516-1466