

June 2019

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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### Lunch Break - North

Jun 12 Jason's Deli  
 Jun 19 Adriatic Cafe  
 Jun 26 Sweet Tomatoes/Woodlands  
 Jul 03 Gianna's  
 Jul 10 Spring Creek BBQ  
 Jul 17 Panera Bread  
 Jul 24 Jason's Deli

### **Saturday Breakfast:**

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

### Lunch Break - Medical Center

Jun 12 Vieng Thai Restaurant  
 Jun 19 Southwell's Hamburger Grill  
 Jun 26 Silver Palace Chinese Buffet  
 Jul 03 Niko Niko's Greek & American Café  
 Jul 10 Pappas Barbecue  
 Jul 17 Antonio's Mexican Grill

### **Monday Lunch (was Taildraggers lunch):**

Mondays at 11 am; Goodson's in Tomball

*Next Meeting: Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>*

## Field Day

- Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 7:30PM
- Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379.

Kirc Breden, N5XJB, and others on the 2019 Field Day Committee will discuss plans for Field Day to be held June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Klein Fire Department Administration Building. In addition to the usual Field Day activities there will be a VE session at noon on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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# Meeting Location

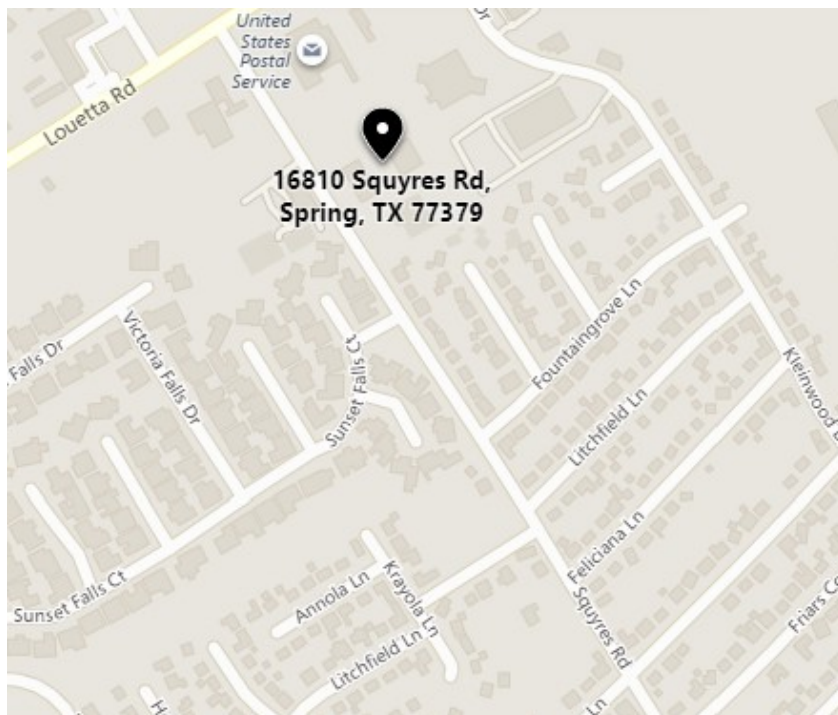
We will meet at Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. It is located behind Klein Fire Station 4.



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.



## **President's Corner Ron Matusek, WA6TQH— June 2019**

June is a very busy time of year. With Graduations in full swing, awards banquets, family graduation parties. Then there is HamCom in Dallas. Lots of new radios on display i.e. Anytone D878UV now shipping with the optional Blue Tooth module installed. The new dual band DMR smartphone announced by RFinder is the E81. They added support for T-Mobile, and possibly Sprint, a new operating system, and this one might be the winner. Yeasu FT3DR handheld. Several other announcements. Don't forget NARS Field Day! Let me just highlight a couple events.

### **Graduation - 2019**

High school Graduation is an important achievement in a student's life. It is yet another feather in his cap. With high school graduation, the doors to the university are opened for a student. Achievements are to be celebrated and so when someone becomes a high school graduate, the successful candidate deserves admiration from all around!

### **Congratulations! Congratulations!! Congratulations!!!**

Let me congratulate ALL graduates on your splendid achievement! You are a high school graduate now and you cannot imagine how happy I am to tell everyone that my two children Sean and Megan have completed the challenge. Megan was the recipient of National Honor Society award; completion of dual credit courses; completed a three-year scholarship at the Glassell School of Art and, received special recognition certificates from the Klein School district in Art competition. Excellent! I saw the following in a recent letter and thought it was appropriate for ALL graduates.

“Remember the things we taught you when you are faced with challenges because there will be bigger ones in college. Remember your morals, your values and your integrity. Hold on to those. Remember that you ALWAYS have a choice. Remember that the choices you make can and will be positive or negative and you determine that outcome. Take responsibility for your choices. Pray. Don't blame others. Pray. Look past the moment. Pray. Be a leader. Pray. Be a friend. Study. Study some more”.

### **Field Day 2019**

It's all finally coming together! Get ready for the best field day ever! This event is open to the General Public and ALL amateur radio operators. Great opportunity to come experience ham radio and get on the air. NARS will provide an opportunity for any non-licensed persons to experience first-hand the fun of amateur radio by allowing them to GET ON THE AIR (GOTA). Food will be available i.e. Barbeque hot off the grill -weather permitting. Hot dogs, Soft drinks available by the Salvation Army. All at very reasonable prices.

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### **VE Exam Session at Field Day**

We will be holding an exam session at Field Day this year on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at Noon. Walk-ins are welcome. Location will be in the Board Room just inside the main administration building meeting area.

Keep reading on through the Newsletter as NARS has a full calendar of exciting activities. Come on out and get involved!

See you at our June meeting.

**Ron Matussek, WA6TQH President, NARS**

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## Opportunities to Serve

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### **June 29<sup>th</sup> Smoke Alarm Blitz**

The event is still being planned, but here is the tentative schedule right now.

- Blitz volunteers and department staff will meet at Station 35 at 8:30 a.m.
- A command center will be set up at Schultz Elementary once everything is packed up and ready to go.
- Volunteers and firefighters will go door-to-door in the Willow Oaks Mobile Home Park to install as many smoke alarms as possible.
- The blitz should end around noon. Volunteer assistance packing up the command center and unloading at the fire station is appreciated.

Contact Rob Miller at [r.miller@touchstonedistrictservices.com](mailto:r.miller@touchstonedistrictservices.com).

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## Opportunities to Serve

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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.

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## JUNE MEETING

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Our June Program will be on Field Day. Kirc Breden, N5XJB, and others on the 2019 Field Day Committee will discuss plans for Field Day to be held June 22nd at the Klein Fire Department Administration Building.

Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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### MAY MEETING RECAP

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Hascall Moore, K5WH, discussed "Emergency Preparedness".

June is upon us and the Annual Field Day Event is soon to crash around us.

This year, the powers that be have moved Field Day out of the field and into the fire station. For those who have never worked Field Day, in Texas, this is a great idea. The folks at the ARRL headquarters thing the whole world has Connecticut weather. While they endure 72 degree weather, we are faced with either 98 degrees with 98 percent humidity or start of a Tropical Storm! There is a reason the Astros play in an "indoor" stadium. This year, we will too.

If you haven't participated in Field Day in the past because of the weather, you have no excuse now. In fact, you now have an incentive.

If you are a Technician Class licensee, you can come and operate HF to see what it's like. If you are unlicensed, you too can come and operate. We hope to encourage you to operate and then upgrade and enjoy all the benefits a General or Extra Class can bring.

We need people to be at the site. Operators are always welcome, but we also need folks to be there to help set-up, take-down and help with miscellany that will need to be addressed. We hope to have visitors come to see what we are doing. We need you to be there to explain what we do and how we do it. What is Ham Radio???

New members have stepped forward and volunteered to lead different aspect of this challenging activity. They need our support. Be there.

Grumpy

## Congratulations

- Kevin J. Boccaccio - New Technician
- Alan M. McCubbin - New Technician
- Michael W. Wilson - New General

Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

We had 5 candidates taking 7 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 3; passed 3

Element 3 tests given: 5; passed 1

Element 4 tests given: 0; passed 0

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

Martin Rogoff N5GPS, Stephen G. Protz KA5AUD,  
Cindy Grant KM4YGG, Keith Dutson NM5G,  
Brian Derx N5BA, Sam Labarbera N6HB.

And to Ron Matusek WA6TQH , NARS ARRL VE Liaison.

Special points of interest:

- Next VE Session June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019; 12 Noon at Klein Fire Department Administration Building. This is occurring at the NARS field day location.

NARS WEBSITE: [W5NC.NET](http://W5NC.NET)  
E-Mail Reflector: [mailman.qth.net](mailto:mailman.qth.net).

**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**

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

*Contact: Mark Landress, [WB5ANN@arrl.net](mailto:WB5ANN@arrl.net) for further info.*

# Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

## George Edwards, K5VUU, SK.

George was a life long member of NARS and one of the corner stones of the club. He loved making antennas and even built mobile screw driver antennas in his shop. He loved working DX. He had been NARS Field Day antenna captain for several years and came up with great antennas for us.



## NARS Info

### NARS name tag

Any member can request a badge and should contact Cindy, KM4YGG, & Art, KM4YGH.

### 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.

### Weekly 2m Net

Wednesdays at 8 pm.  
Monitor Reflector for Current Repeater.  
Coordinator: Jerry Whiting KB5VGD  
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### Weekly DMR Net

Tuesdays at 7 pm.  
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