

May 2019

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

May 15 Gianna's Restaurant
 May 22 Spring Creek BBQ
 May 29 Mi Rancho Grill & Bar
 Jun 05 Panera Bread
 Jun 12 Jason's Deli
 Jun 19 Adriatic Cafe
 Jun 26 Sweet Tomatoes/Woodlands

Saturday Breakfast:

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

Lunch Break - Medical Center

May 15 Pappas Barbecue
 May 22 Antonio's Mexican Grill
 May 29 Jason's Deli
 Jun 05 Buffalo Grille
 Jun 12 Vieng Thai Restaurant
 Jun 19 Southwell's Hamburger Grill
 Jun 26 Silver Palace Chinese Buffet

Monday Lunch (was Taildraggers lunch):

Mondays at 11 am; Goodson's in Tomball

Next Meeting: Friday, May 19th

Hurricane Preparedness

- Friday May 17th, 2019 at 7:30PM
- Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379.

This month Haskell Moore, W5HLM, will be discussing "Hurricane Preparedness for the Home and Family."

Haskell Moore, W5HLM, has been teaching "Hurricane Preparedness for the Home and Family" since 2005. The course, which originally started at a major energy company, has grown to include various groups in the Greater Houston area. To date, nearly 10,000 persons have attended one of his seminars or training classes. Moore's book, also titled Hurricane Preparedness for the Home and Family, is due for release on Amazon in May 2019.

In this one-hour presentation, Moore will discuss how to prepare your home, automobile, family, and pets for a hurricane. Additionally, he will share tips on how to evacuate more safely and with less stress and anxiety, should the need arise. He will also provide information on select emergency preparedness equipment such as battery-powered lighting options, power banks, and generators.

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Meeting Location

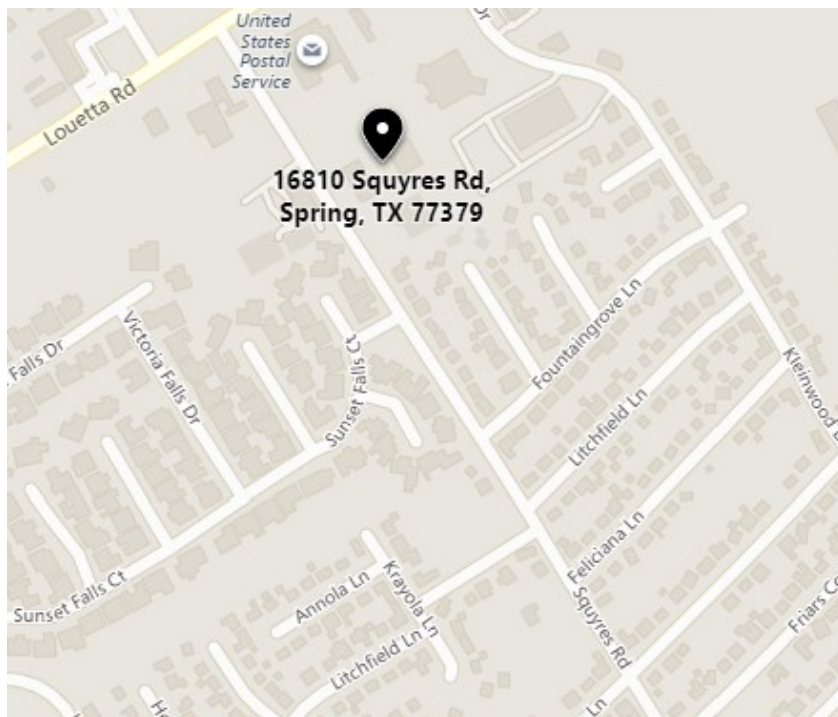
We will meet at Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. It is located behind Klein Fire Station 4.



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— May 2019

NARS Badges

A very special thank you! To Cindy & Art Grant for making NARS badges available to Officers and Membership at no cost. These are unique and professionally designed. Any member can request a badge and should contact Cindy & Art.

Field Day

Be sure to lock in the date of June 22nd. We will be operating from the Klein Fire Department Admin Building at 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. This is always a great time to get out and operate with fellow club members and friends. Our Field Day Coordinator this year is Kirk Breden N5XJB and he is looking for volunteers to help run the various aspects of this exercise. John Parmalee K5VGM volunteered to be our Antenna Captain and Marty Fitzgerald W5MF will be the CW Captain. We need an SSB Captain.

April's Club Program

I really hope you didn't miss the club program this month!

Walter Holmes K5WH gave a very revealing look into what it takes to participate in Satellite communications. He dove into the software and hardware, focusing on keeping the participation simple, portable, low-cost, durable, and buildable. Theory was abundant and he discussed trials and research into squeezing the most efficiency and gain out of the impletations.

Our May Program will be on "Emergency Preparedness" given by Hascall Moore. Be sure to attend this program as it will give lots of valuable information we should all be aware of in case of emergency.

Repeater Weekly Nets

There is a growing number of us on VHF 146.660 and DMR Cypress Local. We have a growing number of participants so let's keep it going! We are also in need of volunteer Net Control Operators so let's get involved!

Call for Articles

We are *always* looking for articles to publish in the newsletter. Topics should apply to Amateur Radio, or other closely-related topics. Submissions may be edited for grammar, content, or length; however, that is usually rare. The deadline for submissions is the 1st week of each month; however, submissions received after the deadline will be considered. If a late entry doesn't make it in the current month, it may be used in the following month.

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Volunteers

This club is only as good as the volunteers who run it. Any NARS member is eligible for any office. Whether you have been a member for a couple of weeks or a couple of decades, you can help. If you've been considering an office or you would like to inquire about what is involved, please see an Officer.

Volunteerism is a huge part of our club's culture. It's probably the most important thing we do, and it really should not go unnoticed. One of the best ways to ensure that volunteer efforts don't go unrecognized or unrecorded is to record donated service at the time it is performed. This ensures that volunteer efforts are captured for financial reports, lessens the likelihood of the volunteer effort falling through the cracks and going unnoticed, helps identify and objectively rank volunteer service deserving of special recognition, and can help greatly when we apply for grants.

We should be tracking our volunteer time for a long list of club-related activities. Some include club Board of Directors activities, emergency communications training and support, general club station support, public service communications support, VEC related activities, and more.

Station Preparedness for Summer

There are many things to do this time of year. Checking coax connections to make sure things are still sealed up, and the sun hasn't baked off the waterproofing you have applied. Make sure your guy lines are secure. Put your antenna on an analyzer and make sure it is still resonant where you want to operate. If your antenna system is working well, we have some new generals and technicians from our last VE session. I got a call from one of them looking for help setting up an antenna. Our new members do want to get on the air, so those of us who are able and have some experience would be in a good place to help.

See you at the next club meeting!

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.

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.

NARS .66 repeater

It was interesting listening to Keith, Marty, and Walter on Saturday, March 16th while the repeater was being repaired. We listened to the progress on the TDXS repeater. The following repairs were made:

- The repeater was replaced with a loaner.
- The antenna was broken in the middle and unusable, and therefore replaced.
- The coax (hardline) had a failed splice and was repaired.

Thanks go to W5MF, K5WH, NM5G, and a special thanks go to Wayne Wright, KA5QDG, and the entire H.A.M.S. group because the NARS 146,66 141.3 repeater is back on the air!

MAY MEETING

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APRIL MEETING RECAP

Walter Holmes, K5WH, discussed satellites, including top-of-the-line and budget stations.

Congratulations

- Donald G. Stetler Jr. - New Technician
- Mathew E. Tolman - New Technician
- Jeremy B. Dreyer - New Technician
- Joseph P. Miller - Upgrade to Extra

Saturday, April 27th

We had 4 candidates taking 7 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 3; passed 3

Element 3 tests given: 3; passed 0

Element 4 tests given: 1; passed 1

Thanks to the VE's in attendance:

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

And to Ron Matusek WA6TQH , NARS ARRL VE Liaison.

Special points of interest:

- Next VE Session May 25th, 2019; 8:15 am at Tomball Regional Hospital

NARS WEBSITE: W5NC.NET
E-Mail Reflector: mailman.qth.net.

NARS now has a new address!

Please update your address list!

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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 for further info.

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

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

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.
Monitor Reflector for Current Repeater.
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