

July 2020

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

Jun 24 Panera Bread
Jul 01 Jason's Deli
Jul 08 Macaroni Grill
Jul 15 Admittie Grill
Jul 22 BJ's Brewhouse
Jul 29 Gianna's Restaurant
Aug 05 Spring Creek BBQ

Suspended

Saturday Breakfast:

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

Lunch Break - Medical Center

Jun 24 Pappas Barbecue
Jul 01 Antonio's Mexican Grill
Jul 08 Jason's Deli
Jul 15 Buffalo Grille
Jul 22 Vieng Thai Restaurant
Jul 29 Southwell's Hamburger Grill
Aug 05 Niko Niko's (BW-8 & I-10 West)

Suspended

Monday Lunch (was Taildraggers

Lunch):
Mondays at 11 am; Goodson's in
Tomball

Suspended

The following items have been changed for July:

- 1. The July 17th general meeting will take place via ZOOM.**
- 2. The July 25th VE session has been cancelled.**
- 3. Lunch Break Medical Center and North have been suspended until further notice.**

Next Gathering: Friday, July 17th

“Raspberry Pi overview”.

- July 17th, 2020 at 7:00PM
- ZOOM.
- login: 2815436502 PC: 123456

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Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

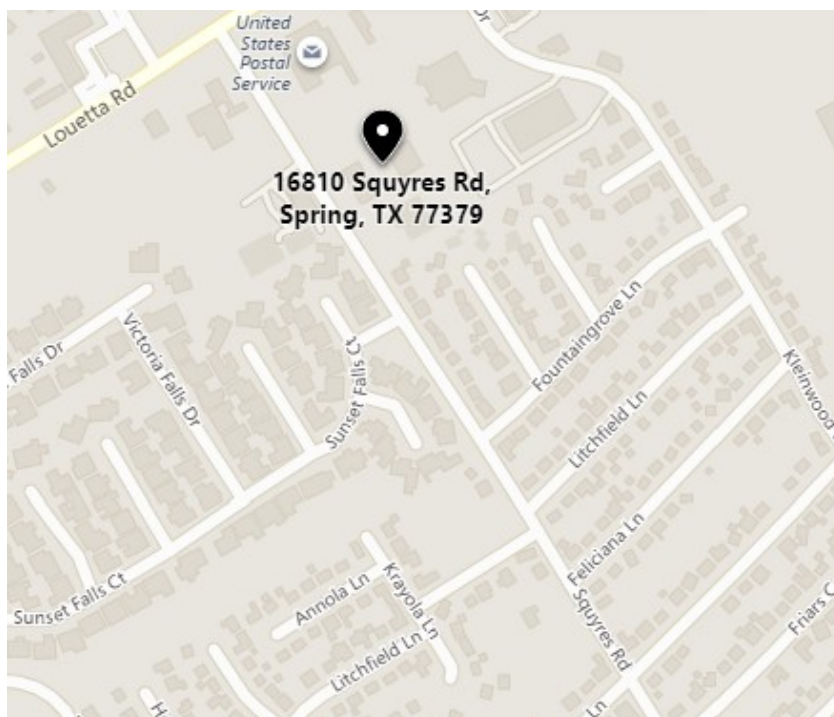
We will meet at Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. It is located behind Klein Fire Station 4.



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.



July 2020 message from NARS President

Well, just when it looked like business are starting to reopen and most restaurants opening to 50% occupancy, Harris County reports that a Health advisory has been raised to Level #1. Detailed information can be found on the Harris County Website. Given so much conflicting information, our club activities will continue to be modified.

Difficult times require modifications to how we interact with each other and support various activities.

Here are current plans:

Our VE test session for Saturday July 25th at our normal club meeting location Klein FD Administration building has been cancelled. The Tomball Hospital location remains closed to outside groups.

Our Monthly General meetings will continue to be on-line using ZOOM. Details will be published on our website and sent out by Email.

Topic for up-coming NARS General meeting – July 17th

Jeff Greer is a newbie ham and a long-time computer nerd and tinkerer. He will be giving an overview of the Raspberry Pi minicomputer, including a brief history of its development, some common uses, and the state of its use in amateur radio.

Field Day initial summary

The following initial summary has been provided by Lee WA5LEE

Below is a screenshot of the score page as it exists post-field day.

The scores shown do NOT include:

Any BONUS or MULTIPLIER scores, i.e. QRP, low/high Power, 100% Emergency Power, Traffic Messages passed, SEC or SM Messages, etc. Those are calculated by the individual when they submit their scores. Anyone that did NOT use the N3FJP Logging Software.

All this shows is the amount of contacts and raw points each person garnished. As no one is sure just HOW the ARRL is going to list ‘aggregate club scores’ this year, the base scores shown below may be just what the club score will reflect. Individual bonuses may not be tied to the aggregate club score. We will not know until possibly December when the results are published.

As far as operations, Kirc and Lee stayed live in my ZOOM channel for the whole 26 hours to be available to help people with technical issues, of which there were quite a few.

All in all, given the current social situations facing the US right now, although ‘Field Day’ was, for the most part, carried out in unprecedented fashion, with the majority of clubs memberships operating from home (although to be fair, there were many organizations that DID, in fact, operate together from a fixed location), I feel that it was an unmitigated success.

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Northwest Amateur Radio Society Total Score = 5,910

Current status: 07/10/20 00:04 UTC

ARRL Field Day 2020

Call	Score	QSOs	20 Min	60 Min	Frequency
W5MF	1,264	633	0	0	
KC3LEE	1,154	648	0	0	
KA5K	1,138	569	0	0	
K5GQ	526	263	0	0	21.05850
NM5G	412	217	0	0	14.04525
KB9KY	318	159	0	0	
N5XJB	316	158	0	0	
KE5IOV	211	123	6	3	14.23210
N6HB	191	97	0	0	
N5RIV	100	57	0	0	
W5DCK	84	42	0	0	
KC5MW	83	83	0	0	
W5HRH	55	55	0	0	7.07400
N5BIA	51	26	0	0	28.07400
KF5LMJ	7	7	0	0	
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15	5,910	3,137	6	3	

June 27th VE Test Session:

We had 17 candidates taking 21 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 8; passed 8;
Failed 0

Element 3 tests given: 9; passed 9;
Failed 0

Element 4 tests given: 4; passed 2;
Failed 2

New or Upgrade Licenses: Technician 5
General 9 Extra 2

I would like to especially recognize the following persons who helped make this event safe and among the most successful in recent years.

Kirc N5XJB, Bob Ewers K9HOU, Art Grant KM4YGH, and Marty Fitzgerald W5MF, Marvin J. Wilken KT4W

Complete summary of the June 27th session can be found later in the Newsletter and our website.

Fun Facts:

Emergency communications

Amateur's provide emergency commu-

nications whenever the need arises. Hams have been the sole means of communication in many instances during a catastrophe. Floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes etc. Whenever the phone lines or power is out, hams are still able to summon help to the area that is affected with the disaster. There is an annual event called "Field-Day", where hams participate in emergency type operating conditions, such as battery powered, makeshift antenna is supported in trees, operating from car's, tent's, travel trailers etc. This and other event are like it, help to prepare individuals for the real thing.

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What are the specialties in Amateur Radio?

Amateur radio is limited only by your imagination in the activities you pursue. Some examples are:

1. DX communications: long distance communications
2. rag chewing: essentially virtually sitting at the coffee table shooting the breeze
3. public service support: assisting with public events
4. emergency communications: preparing for and supporting communications during an emergency
5. technical development
6. integrating computers with radios (e.g. packet, high speed meshes (HSMM), propagation technology etc.
7. contesting

Here are a few more “specialties” not yet listed:

1. Digital modes: PSK31, the JT series of modes, slow-scan TV, etc.
2. Television: both analog and digital television
3. Traffic handling
4. Satellite communications
5. Antenna building
6. Repeaters, including linking repeaters via the Internet
7. DX-peditions, i.e. traveling to remote locations and operating from there.
8. Portable operation, including [National Parks on the Air](#) and [Summits on the Air](#)

Ron Matusek WA6TQH

Opportunities to Serve

JULY GATHERING

Our July gathering will be held on ZOOM this Friday July 17th at 7PM.

ZOOM

- login: 2815436502
- PC: 123456

Topic:

“Raspberry Pi overview” presented by Jeff Greer W5JEF.

JUNE MEETING RECAP

The June gathering consisted of:

“Field Day planning”.

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.

VE Session Congratulations

Wayne S. Rowe - New Technician

Belinda L. Dunkel - New Technician

Xavier Castillo - New Technician

Daniel W. Jircik - New Technician

Esteban Lopez - New Technician

Juan C. Olivo - New General

Edward C. Clarke - New General

Raymond S. Reese - New General

Jon R. Bose KI5JCM—Upgrade to General

David G. Holden KI5GHO – Upgrade to General

Martin T. Samsan KF5MNMK – Upgrade to General

Brandon L. Rogers K5BLR - Upgrade to General

Paul Dermody KI5JPF - Upgrade to General

Jonathan R. McBride KI5JKG – Upgrade to General

Sergio Martinez Torries KI5SMT - Upgrade to Extra

George A. Young KD5VAD - Upgrade to Extra

Saturday, June 27th (Klein Fire Department)

- We had 17 candidates taking 21 tests.
Element 2 tests given: 8; passed 8; Failed 0
Element 3 tests given: 9; passed 9; Failed 0
Element 4 tests given: 4; passed 2; Failed 2
- Thanks to the VE's in attendance: Martin Rogoff N5GPS; Stephen G. Protz KA5AUD; Cindy Grant KM4YGG; Keith Dutson NM5G; Robert Ewers K9HOU; Brian Derx N5BA.
- Special Thank you to those helping with traffic control & processing into Session: Art Grant; Marty Fitzgerald W5MF; Kirc Breden N5XJB; Marvin J. Wilken KT4W

And to Ron Matusek WA6TQH, NARS ARRL VE Liaison.

Special points of interest:

- The Next VE Session that was scheduled for July 25th, 2020 has been cancelled. Due to the increased Covid-19 risk the fire station is not available.

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

NARS now has a new address!

Please update your address list!

Northwest Amateur Radio Society
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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.

Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

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: Neal Naumann N5EN.

Weekly DMR Net

Tuesdays at 7 pm.
Monitor Reflector for Current Repeater.
Coordinator: Sam Labarbera, N6HB
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NARS has a social media presence

NARS has a social media presence! Thanks to Sam Labarbera, N6HB, we have a Facebook page for those who would like to follow us there. Visit the [W5NC Facebook](#) page and join! It is open to ham radio operators, so there is a short quiz to qualify new members.

We also have a Twitter feed. Follow us on https://twitter.com/nars_w5nc.