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Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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### Lunch Break - North

May 20 Adriatic Cafe  
 May 27 Spring Creek BBQ  
 Jun 03 Woodlands Sweet Tomatoes  
 Jun 10 BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse  
 Jun 17 Gianna's Restaurant  
 Jun 24 Spring Creek BBQ  
 Jul 01 Mi Rancho Grill & Bar

### **Saturday Breakfast:**

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

### Lunch Break - Medical Center

May 20 Buffalo Grille  
 May 27 Vieng Thai Restaurant  
 Jun 03 Spring Creek BBQ  
 Jun 10 Niko-Niko's (BW-8 & I-10 West)  
 Jun 17 Silver Palace Chinese Buffet  
 Jun 24 Pappas Barbecue  
 Jul 01 Antonio's Mexican Grill

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

Mondays at 11 am; Goodson's in Tomball

**The following items have been changed for May:**

- 1. The May 15<sup>th</sup> general meeting will take place via ZOOM.**
- 2. The May 23<sup>rd</sup> VE session will be held. It will not be held at the usual location and with special Covid-19 restrictions in place.**
- 3. Lunch Break Medical Center has been suspended until further notice. The North lunch break has resumed, but check on the reflector for the latest information.**

***Next Gathering: Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>***

“Stealth Antennas” presented by Carl Foster KB7AZ.

- May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00PM
- ZOOM.
- login: 2815436502 PC: 123456

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## Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

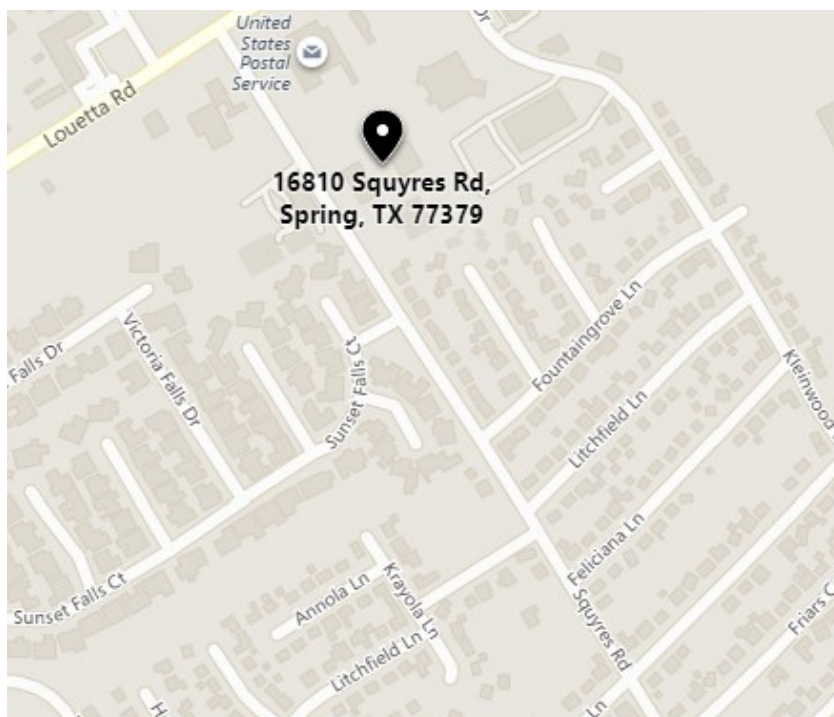
We will meet at Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. It is located behind Klein Fire Station 4.



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.**



## May 2020 message from NARS President

I am sure by now most of you have heard that our Texas Governor has started to re-open businesses. That is good news, but it means that some not all businesses may open with CDC restrictions. For our club activities it means the following:

We will have a VE test session on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at our normal club meeting location Klein FD Administration building. The Tomball Hospital location remains closed to outside groups until at least June and maybe later. I have already registered as of this writing fifteen applicants wanting to take a test and some additional five inquiries. We will be required to limit the number of persons in the building to ten at a time and everyone must wear a face mask. The good news is we will give everyone who shows up an opportunity to take the test of their choice.

We have received approval to hold our annual Field Day activity June 26, 27 & 28 as planned at KFD. There will be more information published on that beginning of June.

We may also be able to install our UHF repeater and bring it online later this month. It will be located not far from KFD and will have links to our other locations. Lots of work going on behind the scenes and updates will be posted in this news letter.

*Difficult times require modifications to how we interact and support various activities.*

Our regularly schedule Saturday morning breakfast is open to us however, again CDC requirements are in affect. At least we can get together and enjoy some social time.

Members of the Northwest Amateur Radio Club (W5NC) have overcome the social separation issue imposed during the coronavirus, by meeting several times each week using their radios. They gather using repeaters located locally i.e. (Klein or Cypress DMR repeaters); (VHF & UHF Repeaters Klein or Galleria) or using Hotspots networked using talk groups. All the information is available on our web site at [www.w5nc.net](http://www.w5nc.net).

The "weekly net" meetings vary in size but usually include some 10 to 20 participants who "check in" through a central network control operator and then take turns sharing information. Topics can be anything from "what I'm doing today" to recipes, posing technical questions, and more. Weekly Net times are posted in this Newsletter so check in and let us know how and what you are doing!

But in the near term, amateur radio provides a means to escape the barriers of sheltering in place, linking with others, sharing experiences and being social without the need to gather in person.

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**Topic for up-coming NARS General meeting – May 15<sup>th</sup>**

We have a special presentation planned for our upcoming Club General meeting. Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7PM Online using ZOOM. An email will be resent with login information.

**Subject:**

“How do you get around H.O.A. Antenna restrictions”? Presented by Carl Foster – KB7AZ

**Fun Facts:**

Although there is a lot of technology available today, in emergency situations people are still reliant on ham radios. When more common and modern technology fails, this is still a reliable way to keep in touch. It is not hard to understand that many believed that ham radio would become insignificant with the growth of the internet but that was not the case.

If you are like many people who are curious about how things work, then you can buy parts and kits which will enable you to build your own ham radio. Another useful benefit to these kits is that you will be able to know how to fix a simple problem should things go wrong.

Ron Matusek WA6TQH

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## Opportunities to Serve

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## MAY GATHERING

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Our May gathering will be held on ZOOM this Friday May 15th at 7PM.

ZOOM

- login: 2815436502
- PC: 123456

Topic:

“Stealth Antennas” presented by Carl Foster KB7AZ

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## MARCH MEETING RECAP

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The March gathering consisted of:

1. Lightbulb Antenna - Kirc Breden - N5XJB
2. Coax Routing—Richard Nelson - KF5WRD
3. Balloon Activity—Walter Holmes - K5WH

### 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

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  
P.O. Box 11483 Spring, TX 77391

Special points of interest:

- Next VE Session: May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020; 8:15 at Klein Fire Department Administration Building behind Klein Fire Station 4 at 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379.



**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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## Digital Modes (Including DMR)

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Marty Fitzgerald – W5MF

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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](https://twitter.com/nars_w5nc).