

November 2020

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

Nov 18 Gianna's
Nov 25 Spring Creek BBQ on 2920
Dec 02 Mi Rancho/19189 I-45, Shenandoah, TX
Dec 09 Panera Bread
Dec 16 Jason's Deli at Champions
Dec 23 Adriatic Grill
Dec 30 BJ's at Willowbrook

Saturday Breakfast:

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

Lunch Break - Medical Center

Oct 14 Pappas Barbecue
Oct 21 Antonio's Mexican Grill
Oct 28 Jason's Deli
Nov 04 Buffalo Grille
Nov 11 Vieng Thai Restaurant
Nov 18 Southwell's Hamburger Grill
Nov 25 Niko Niko's (BW-8 & I-10 West)

Monday Lunch (was Taildraggers Lunch):

Suspended
Mondays at 11 am; Goodson's in Tomball

The latest information on in-person meetings.

- 1. The November 20th general meeting will take place via ZOOM and in-person.**
- 2. The November 28th VE session will take place at the KVFD administration building.**
- 3. Lunch Break Medical Center has been suspended until further notice.**
- 4. Lunch Break North resumed October 7th. Check the reflector for the latest status.**

Next Gathering: Friday, November 20th

The meeting topic is officer elections.

- November 20th, 2020 at 7:00PM
- ZOOM.
- login: 2815436502 PC: 123456
- In-Person at the KVFD administration building.

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Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

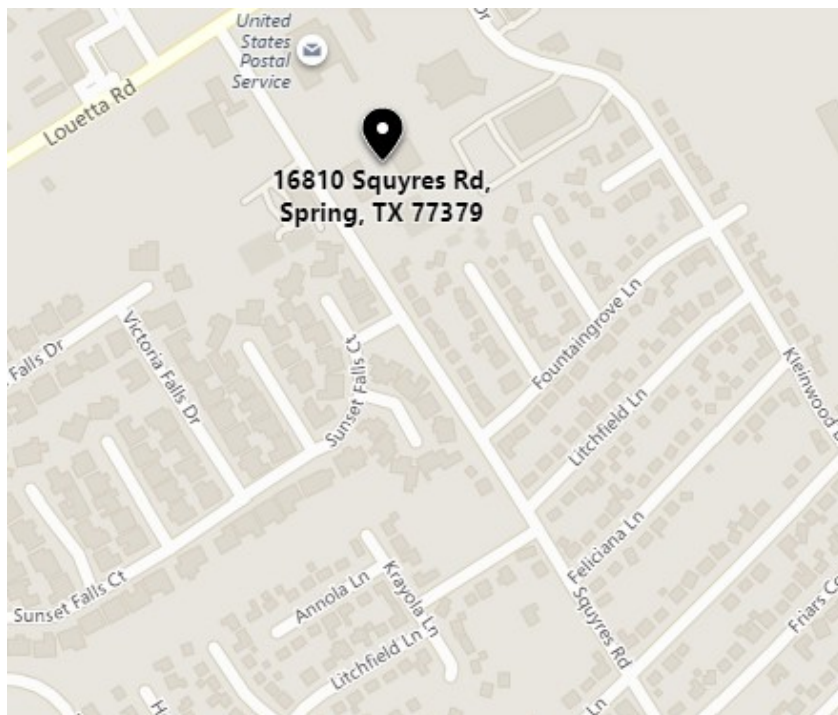
We will meet at Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. It is located behind Klein Fire Station 4.



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.



November 2020 message from NARS President

Happy Thanksgiving everybody! This is a traditional time of year when we spend time with family and friends, and to remember all those who are no longer with us.

This has been a year full of challenges. The effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic further complicated by Presidential elections has stressed families across this country. Having said that we remain strong as a country and determined to move forward in a positive way.

For our NARS hams, our repeater was and still is the “Social Media” of the day. We all knew each other and stayed in touch on the air, making friends and sharing our thoughts all over the coverage area. This regular repeater contact with each other made for stronger friendships and brought our disparate communities together in a spirit of cooperation and good will. Sadly, repeaters have fallen into disuse, and the social connections have withered away to a great extent.

I wonder; what would happen if we all made the effort to pick up the microphone, and reach out to each other today, and into the future? Would we find a renewed interest in local ham radio, and perhaps make a new ham radio friend or two? The only way to find out is to give it a try.

Why not fire up the radio today, and see who is on the repeater? I will listen for you... on the air!

Current events:

Our next VE test session is scheduled for Saturday November 28th at our normal club meeting location Klein FD Administration building beginning at 8AM. All current CDC Health precautions remain in place. Please read the License section in our Newsletter for more information regarding requirements to attend this test session.

Our Monthly General meeting be held Friday November 20th at 7PM and will be both in-person and on-line using ZOOM. Login information is posted on the www.W5NC website and will also be sent out by Email.

December is ‘Show and Tell’ month so bring on those special projects and share them with the membership.

Please consider a person who you feel would be deserving of “Ham of the Year Award”. This award will be presented at our January Awards Banquet.

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Annual Election of Officers

The annual election of officers is this month. It is your opportunity to select the officers you want to lead the club for the next two years. If you want to nominate yourself (volunteer?) or nominate someone else for consideration, please submit your choices by email to the [officers](#). A brief Bio of yourself would be helpful to those placing a vote to know a bit about your background in Amateur Radio. You can also submit your nominations to [Ron](#) or [Marty](#). Please go to www.w5nc.net home page to see those positions up for election.

Finally, may your stuffing be tasty. May your turkey plump, may your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump. May your yams be delicious, and your pies take the prize, and may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off your thighs.

I wish you all a bountiful Thanksgiving, a joyous holiday season and healthful, Happy New Year.

Ron Matusek WA6TQH

Opportunities to Serve

NOVEMBER GATHERING

Our November gathering will be held in-person and on ZOOM Friday November 20th at 7PM.

ZOOM

- login: 2815436502
- PC: 123456

In-person: KVFD administration building.

The topic is officer elections.

SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

The topic was “Transceiver Performance for the HF – DX Operator”. Rob Sherwood, NCOB, was the guest speaker.

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.

Special VE Session Congratulations

Carlton C. Colmenares - New Technician

Feni Pandya - New Technician

Noah J. Keogh - New General

Wednesday, October 21st (Rice University)

We had 3 candidates taking 6 tests.

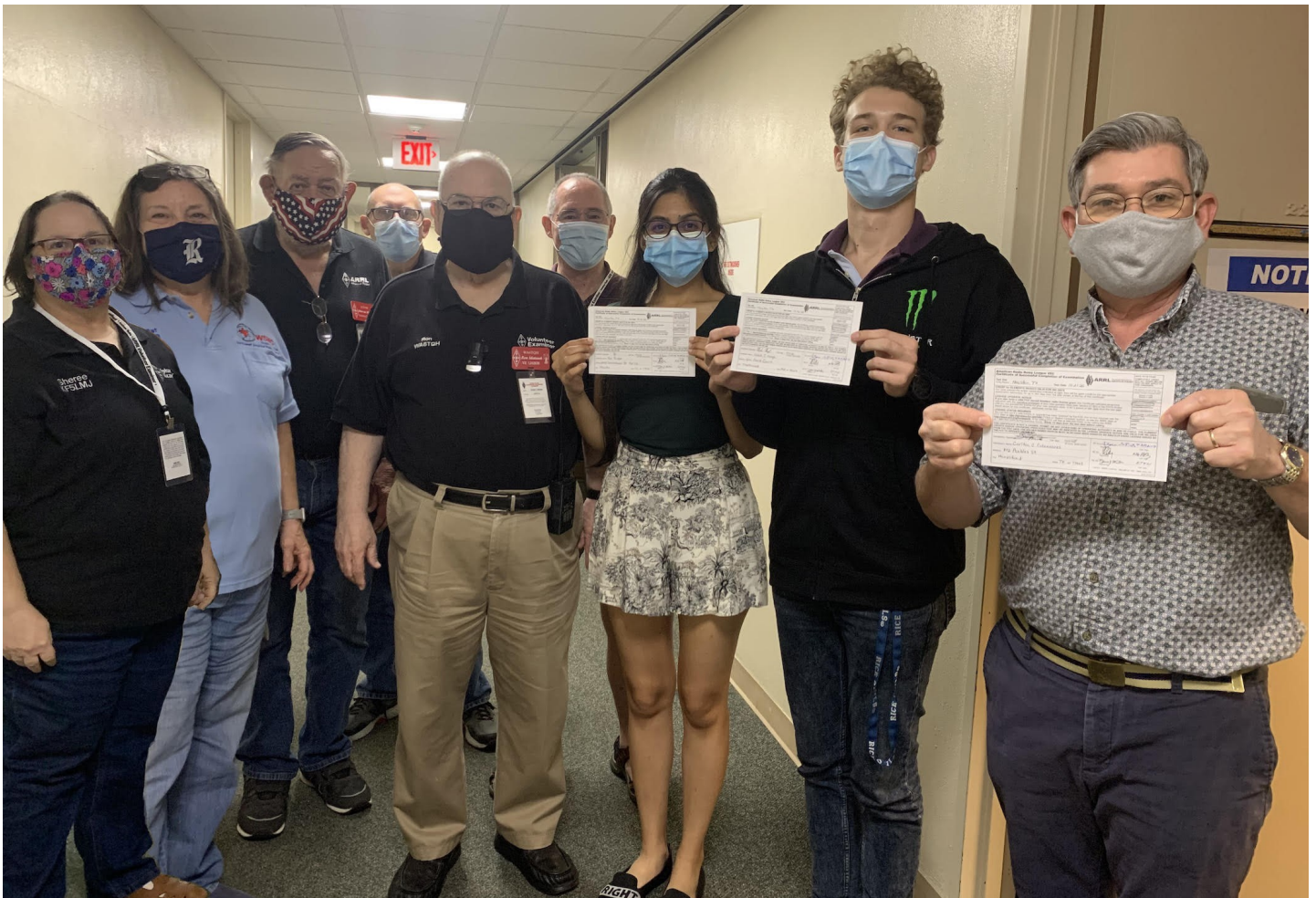
Element 2 tests given: 3; passed 3; Failed 0

Element 3 tests given: 2; passed 1; Failed 1

Element 4 tests given: 1; passed 0; Failed 1.

Thanks to the VE's in attendance: Stephen G. Protz KA5AUD; Sheree Horton KF5LMJ; Sam Labarbera N6HB; Marvin J. Wilken KT4W

And to Ron Matussek WA6TQH , NARS ARRL VE Liaison.



VE Session Congratulations

Michael B. Collins - New Technician
Bjorn M. Held - New Technician
William Jennings - New Technician
Sandra Fitzgerald - New Technician
William K. Gibbs Jr. - New Technician
William K. Gibbs – New Technician

David A. Grounds – KD5UVK – Upgrade to General
Jeffrey S. Little – KR1STJ – Upgrade to General

Saturday, October 24th (Klein Fire Department)

We had 8 candidates taking 11 tests.
Element 2 tests given: 6; passed 6; Failed 0
Element 3 tests given: 5; passed 2; Failed 3
Element 4 tests given: 0; passed 0; Failed 0.

Thanks to the VE's in attendance: Stephen G. Protz KA5AUD; Sheree Horton KF5LMJ; Keith Dutson NM5G; Dan Carroll KD5DAN; Marvin J. Wilken KT4W; Sam Labarbera N6HB; Martin Rogoff N5GPS.

And to Ron Matusek WA6TQH , NARS ARRL VE Liaison.

Special points of interest:

- The Next VE Session is scheduled for November 28th, 2020 at the KVFD administration building. Special restrictions will be followed to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

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



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
slabarb@outlook.com

NARS Resource List

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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.

Locations for NARS Lunch Break - North and Medical Center

Lunch Break North locations

Gianna's Italian
28301 State Highway 249
Suite 100
Tomball, TX 77375

Mia Rancho
19189 I-45 South
Suite A
Shenandoah, TX 77385

Panera Bread
1448 Louetta Road
Spring, TX 77388

Jason's Deli at Champions
5403 Farm to Market 1960 W
Houston, Texas 77069

Adriatic Cafe - Tomball
19004 Windsor Pointe Dr.
Tomball, TX 77375

BJ's at Willowbrook
7637 FM 1960 West
Houston, TX 77070

Spring Creek BBQ on 2920 in Klein
6068 Farm to Market 2920
Spring, TX 77379

Medical Center area Wednesday lunch

Vieng Thai Restaurant
6929 Long Point Dr.
Houston, TX 77055

Southwell's Hamburger Grill
2252 W Holcombe Blvd
Houston, TX 77030

Niko Niko's Greek & American Café (BW-8 & I-10 West)
1040 W Sam Houston Parkway North
Houston, TX 77043

Silver Palace Chinese Buffet
4005-H Bellaire Blvd. @ Stella Link
Houston, TX 77025

Pappas Barbecue

Antonio's Mexican Grille
3147 W Holcombe Blvd
Houston, TX 77025

Jason's Deli

Buffalo Grille
4080 Bissonnet St
Houston, TX 77005

Officers election process for November 2020 in-person and Zoom meeting.

In-person voters.

1. Will ask for ID/KEY from Administrator (Sam Labarbera.)
2. The person will receive a Voter ID and Voter Key.
3. The voter can take the Voter ID/KEY and use a Phone, iPad, Laptop, or Tablet to vote. The URL is: <https://j.mp/3iURxvd> or <https://narstexas.electionrunner.com>. There should be a laptop or other device in the meeting venue available for those to vote who's device is not adequate for some reason.

Remote voters.

1. Each voter will receive an email at the address registered in the NARS database.
2. The email will have a Voter ID and Voter Key and a link directly to the voting web site.
3. Help will be available on the normal meeting Zoom channel during the voting process.

Common instructions.

1. Each voter will have to vote for the proper number of candidates in each race. If a candidate is unopposed a vote is required before the voter can move to the next race.
2. If a race has more candidates than positions to fill then the voter will be instructed on how many candidates to choose for that race. To make a change in selection first one of the selections must be undone and a new selection can then be made.
3. The votes cast are secret. NO ONE can see who anyone cast their votes for. The only information available will be a total number of votes cast for each candidate.
4. At the conclusion of the election process the vote tallies will be made public.

Officers candidates

Position	Incumbent	Nominee 1	Nominee 2
President	Ron Matusek, WA6TQH		
Vice President & Administrator	Marty Fitzgerald, W5MF		
Secretary	Martin Rogoff, N5GPS	Brandon Rogers, K5BLR	
Treasurer	Tom Hoherd, KK5YU		

Directors

Vote for 2 of the following for a two-year term:

1. Mike Pate (K5MAP) Incumbent
2. Richard Nelson (KF5WRD) Incumbent
3. Rob Nixon (KD5BXZ)
4. Kirc Breden (N5XJB)

Vote for 1 of the following to complete a vacancy for Director ending December 2021

Sheree Horton (KF5LMJ)