

October 2020

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

Oct 07 Gianna's
Oct 14 Mi Rancho/19189 I-45, Shenandoah, TX

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

The latest information on in-person meetings.

- 1. The October 16th general meeting will take place via ZOOM. The November 20th general meeting might take place in-person.**
- 2. The October 24th 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, October 16th

The topic is "Transceiver Performance for the HF – DX Operator". Rob Sherwood, NC0B, will be the guest speaker.

- October 16th, 2020 at 7:00PM
- ZOOM.
- login: 2815436502 PC: 123456

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Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

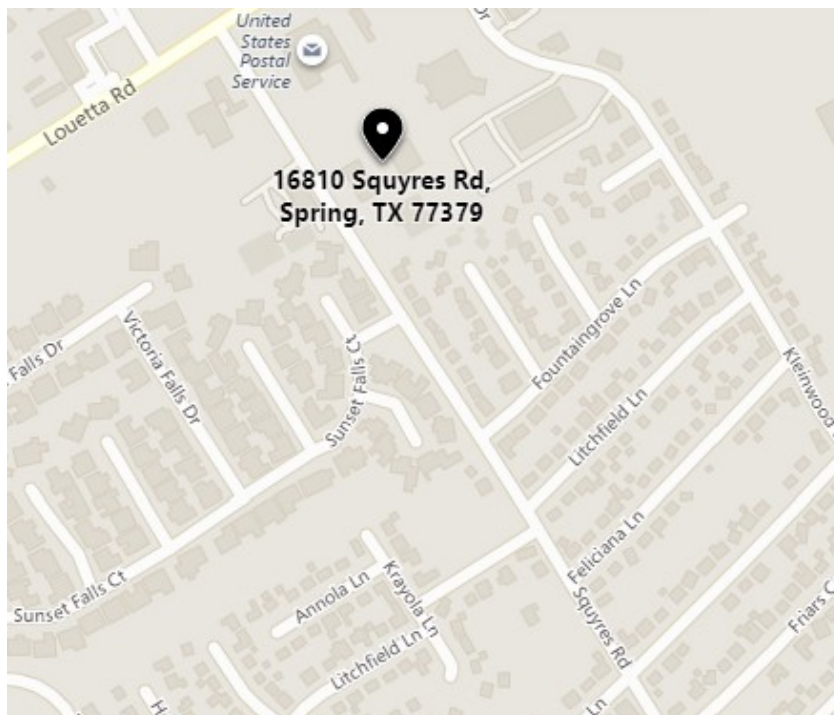
We will meet at Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. It is located behind Klein Fire Station 4.



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.



October 2020 message from NARS President

As we continue working through the Health restrictions, many of us are staying in touch via remote communications like “ZOOM”. Keep in mind that restrictions of have been significantly relaxed to the point that our next general meeting in October was to be held at the Klein FD Admin Building our normal meeting place. After conducting a poll of all members it was concluded that many are still not comfortable meeting in person. Our October meeting will be using ZOOM and we will try for in person meeting in November.

Here is the current plan we have in place:

Our next VE test session is set for Saturday October 24th at our normal club meeting location Klein FD Administration building. 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 for October 16th will be on-line using ZOOM. Login information is posted on the www.w5nc.net website and will also be sent out by Email.

Topic for up-coming NARS General meeting – October 16th

This month’s presentation will be on building Transceiver Performance for the HF – DX Operator. This promises to be an exceptional presentation by Rob Sherwood, NCOB.

Annual Election of Officers

The annual election of officers is coming up in November. It is not too early to start thinking who 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.

NARS Emergency Service

NARS main mission is to provide effective communications during any disruption to our local City and Statewide communications systems. If you are serious about becoming a part of an Emergency Response Team, then consider joining us on our weekly nets.

A more definitive NARS Mission Statement is currently being reviewed by the board and will soon be published on our website and also incorporated in our By-Laws.

Ron Matusek WA6TQH

Opportunities to Serve

OCTOBER GATHERING

Our October gathering will be held on ZOOM Friday October 16th at 7PM.

ZOOM

- login: 2815436502
- PC: 123456

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

SEPTEMBER MEETING RECAP

The topic was “stealth antennas for those in HOA restricted areas”. John Portune, W6NBC, 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.

VE Session Congratulations

Jeffery D. Cross - New Technician

Rickie A. Givens - New Technician

Jasen N. Tenney - New Technician

Peter J. Geraci - New Technician

Jeffrey S. Little - New Technician

Caleb E. Huber – New Technician

Adam L. Larsen - New General

Michael C. Derousselle – Upgrade to General

Andrew R. Johnson – Upgrade to General

Saturday, September 26th (Klein Fire Department)

We had 17 candidates taking 23 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 15; passed 7; Failed 8

Element 3 tests given: 7; passed 3; Failed 4

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

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

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 is scheduled for October 24th, 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!

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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.

October 16th, 2020 NARS Meeting

Since the mid-1970s, Rob Sherwood, NCOB, founded Sherwood Engineering, in Colorado, to build Drake receiver upgrades and to test the performance of amateur radio receivers and transceivers beginning with Drake receivers. Rob's list has become the gold standard by which many amateurs, including contest operators, choose their next rig. Licensed since 1961.



Rob will be presenting Transceiver Performance for the HF – DX Operator on October 16th, 2020 at 7PM Central to the Northwest Amateur Radio Society monthly meeting via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2815436502?pwd=dGZ2VkFGei9LUHBRT1p0V2szaG1OUT09>