

August 2021

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

Aug 25 Cheddar's 21001 IH-45, Spring
Sep 01 Jason's Deli at Champions
Sep 08 Adriatic Grill
Sep 15 BJ's at Willowbrook
Sep 22 Gianna's
Sep 29 Spring Creek BBQ on 2920
Oct 06 Mi Rancho

Saturday Breakfast:

Saturdays at 7 am
Broken Yolk Café, 16803 Stuebner
Airline Road, Spring, TX 77379

Lunch Break - Medical Center

Aug 25, 2021 Silver Palace Chinese Buff.
Sep 01 Jason's Deli
Sep 08 Mia's Table
Sep 15 Buffalo Grille
Sep 22 Antonio's Mexican Grill
Sep 29 Hu's Garden
Oct 06 Pappas Barbecue

Monday Lunch (was Taildraggers

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

The latest information on in-person meetings.

- 1. ALL Klein Fire Department Facilities have been closed to the public. The August meeting will be ZOOM only.**
- 2. NARS VE testing has been cancelled until further notice.**
- 3. Lunch Break Medical Center resumed on May 12th, 2021. Check the reflector for the latest status. The group has a new rotation and new time is 13:00.**
- 4. Lunch Break North resumed October 7th, 2020. Check the reflector for the latest status.**

Next Gathering: Friday, August 20th

The presentation will be by Bob Heil, K9EID, of Heil Sound on "Phasing".

- August 20th, 2021 at 7:30PM.
- ZOOM only.
- ZOOM login: 2815436502 PC: 123456.

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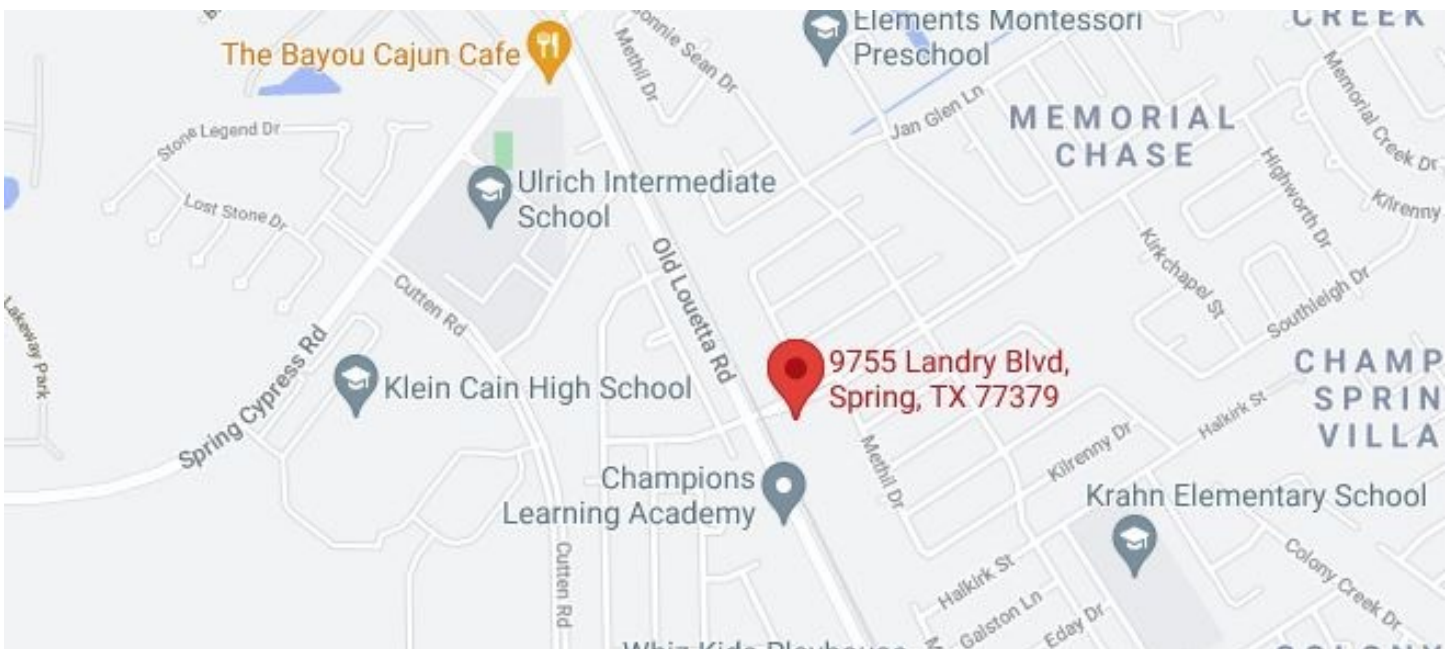
Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

We will meet at Klein Fire Department Training Facility behind Station 3 at 9755 Landry Blvd., Houston TX, 77070.



The Board wishes to thank the Klein Fire Department for the generous offer allowing NARS use of their facility.

LOCATION MAP — 9755 Landry Blvd., Houston, TX 77070



Opportunities to Serve

AUGUST GATHERING

Our August gathering will be held on ZOOM only on Friday August 20th at 7:30 PM.

ZOOM

login: 2815436502

PC: 123456

Bob Heil, K9EID, of Heil Sound will present on "Phasing".

JULY MEETING RECAP

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.

The Field Day Captains presented on Field Day activities and points summary.

VE Session Congratulations

Congratulations to:

George R Cryar Jr – New Technician

Steven J England – New Technician

Mark E Putnam – New Technician

Tommie R Ainsworth Jr – New General

John R Green KI5QMY – Upgrade to General

**Saturday, July 24th (Klein Fire
Department Training Facility)**

Special points of interest:

- ALL Klein Fire Department Facilities have been closed to the public.
- NARS VE testing has been cancelled until further notice.

We had 5 candidates taking 6 tests.

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

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

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

New or Upgrade Licenses: Technician 3 General 2 Extra 0

Thanks to the Exam VE's in attendance: Mark Tyler
K5GQ; Stephen Protz KA5AUD; Marvin J. Wilken KT4W;
Keith Dutson NM5G.

And to Sheree Horton WM5N, NARS ARRL VE Liaison.

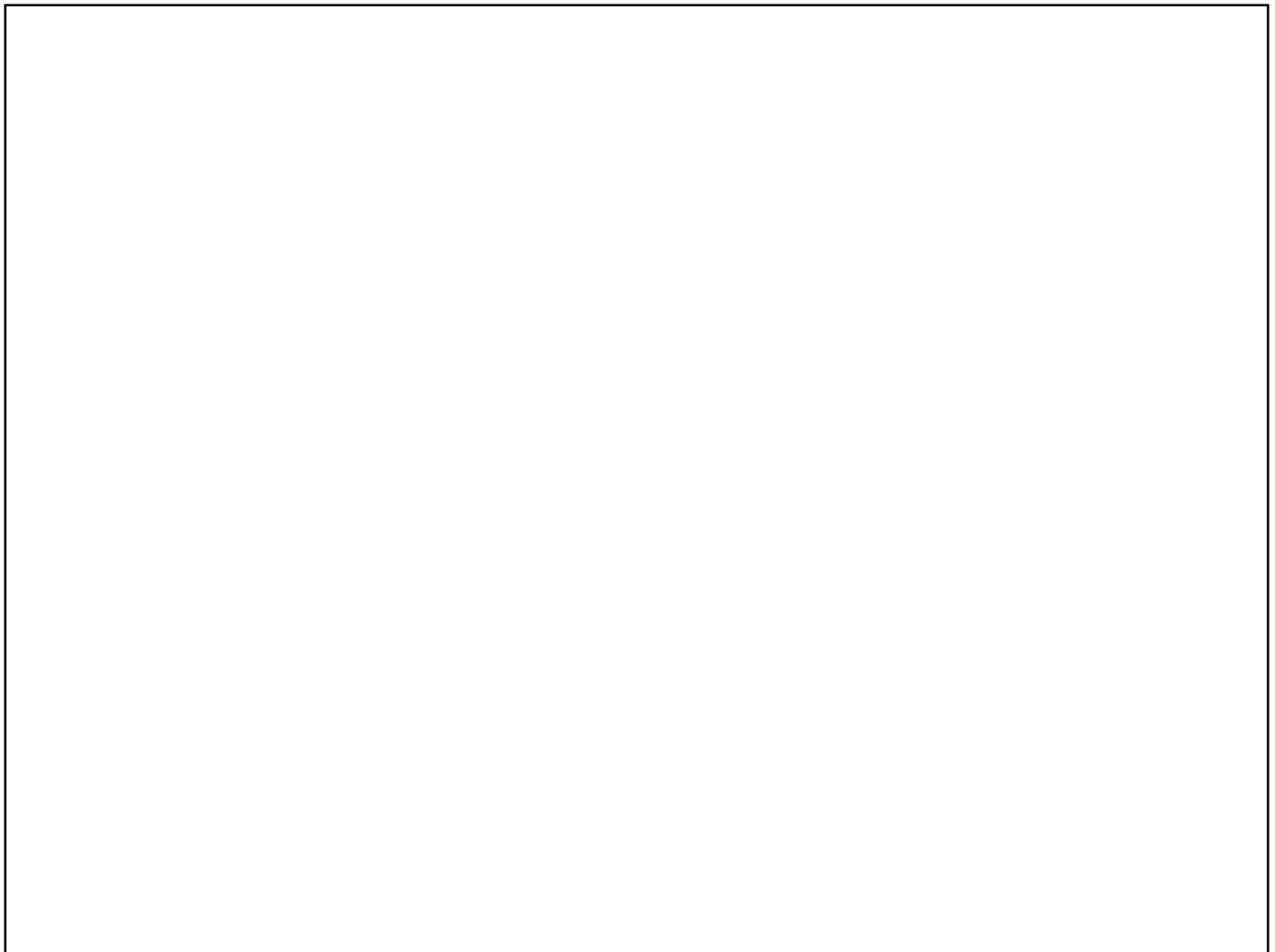


**Houston Transtar Building
Conference Center West Entrance
6922 Katy Road
Houston, TX 77024**

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



Welcome new members

March, 2021, new member(s):

Rafael Alvarez—N4SPD

May 2021, new member(s):

Larry Reynolds—KF5YOA

John Morton—KI5QAJ

Stephen Allison— KI5PHL

July 2021, new member(s):

Mark Putnam—KI5QZA

George Cryar Jr—KI5QYZ

April 2021, new member(s):

Druce Crump—KI5PIZ

June 2021, new member(s):

John Green—KI5QMY

Carl B Bradley—KI5QNC

Louis House—W3RZ

August 2021, new member(s):

David Ruth—WA5DAV

Melissa Ruth—WA5MEL

NARS Info

NARS now has a new address!

Please update your address list!

Northwest Amateur Radio Society
P.O. Box 11483 Spring, TX 77391

NARS WEBSITE: W5NC.NET

E-Mail Reflector: mailman.qth.net.

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 Department Training Facility behind Station 3, 9755 Landry Blvd., Houston, TX 77070.

NARS name tag

Any member can request a badge and should contact Sheree Horton, WM5N (was KF5LMJ).

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

Digital Modes (Including DMR)

Walter Holmes – K5WH
 Marty Fitzgerald – W5MF
 Ron Matusek – WA6TQH

NARS Officers & Other Contacts

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NARS Repeater Technical support Marty Fitzgerald, W5MF 281-251-4301 officers@w5nc.net		

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
6096 FM 2920 Rd
Spring TX 77379

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

Cheddar's
21001 IH-45
Spring, TX 77388

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

Hamfest Calendar

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

10/02/2021—HamEXPO Fall 2021

Location: Belton, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Temple Amateur Radio Club

Website: <https://www.tarc.org/>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

06/17/2022—06/18/2022

Radio Fiesta

Location: Schertz, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: San Antonio Radio Club

Website: <https://w5sc.org/>

Of Interest

In the past couple of months the board has been considering updating our club by-laws to reflect current practices. It is our intent to have more members involved in club responsibilities and yet to realize that as the environment around us changes and needs of the community change we need to be flexible to meet those ongoing needs. It should be understood that the Constitution and By-Laws are living documents and are subject to updates from time to time as the current administration sees a need to make changes.

Some of the highlights covered in this update are as follows:

1. Reduce the number of elected voting board members. Those members who will be voting going forward in this release are: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, Director #1 & Director #2.
2. We have established general guidelines and responsibilities for Associate Director and Ad-Hoc committee positions. These positions are non-voting positions and are appointed by the President after consultation with the Elected board members.
 - a. Administrative Secretary
 - b. Newsletter Editor
 - c. Webmaster
 - d. VEC Liaison
 - e. Repeater Team
 - f. Call sign and Repeater Trustee
 - g. Field Day Coordinator
 - h. Public Information Liaison
 - i. Network Control Team
 - j. Nominating Committee
 - k. Social Media Coordinator
 - l. Special and Ad Hoc Committees
 - m. Officer vacancies

3. Any member in good standing as described in the Bylaws is eligible to hold office in the club provided that the member does not hold office in any other Amateur Radio service club. Members holding an office in the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) are exempt from this restriction.

4. Office terms: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasure will be elected to two year terms.. Director #1 and Director #2 will be elected to ONE year terms.

The documents have been processed through couple rigorous weeks of review and changes based on the input received from ALL board members and has been approved by the Elected Voting board members. These documents are now available to the entire club membership of record for your review. We expect to have a membership vote on final adoption of these documents during the month of September via a ZOOM session to be announced later. Unfortunately in-person meetings are on hold do to increased health concerns.

Final note. All current Officer and Director positions will continue to serve in the elected positions. The changes announced here will take effect in January as is our custom.

Please take the time to read these documents carefully and be prepared for an UP or DOWN vote in September.

http://www.w5nc.net/w5nc/doc/Constitution_final.pdf

http://www.w5nc.net/w5nc/doc/Bylaws_final.pdf

Ron Matusek
WA6TQH
Northwest Amateur Radio Society
President

Hey guys and gals,

I wanted to forward over Chris' message about a JOTA event that he's putting together at a church at Louetta and Jones rd. in October.

Chris is a recent NARS member, having just passed his tech exam a couple months ago, and is really working hard to get many of his Boy Scouts licensed up as well.

Chris is not able to join us Friday night for our normal NARS club meeting to make mention of this, as he's out this weekend with the scouts on an event, but he would normally be asking for some assistance himself, so I'm sending this out on his behalf.

A few of us will be participating here to help make a presence on ham radio and give the kids a way to communicate with other stations, and if anyone else would like to also join us, please let me know.

Since there will be several of the scouts already licensed by the time this happens, it should be especially fun for them to get some real air time.

Ping me for any questions, and between myself and Chris, I'm sure we can get the blanks filled in.

Walter/K5WH

-----Original Message-----

From: Cmsimonton <cmsimonton@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 3:11 PM

To: walterh@k5wh.net

Subject: JOTA

Mr. Walter

Per our earlier conversation, I am writing to formally request assistance from you and from NARS in setting up HF stations at the scout building behind Lakewood United Methodist Church (11330 Louetta @ Jones) on Saturday, October 16th for Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). I have already reserved the scout building for the day, but was hopeful that you could help me narrow down an appropriate window of time for the event. I'm not sure if morning or evening is preferred based on my extremely limited knowledge of HF bands and signal propagation. Plus, I've never participated in JOTA, but now find myself coordinating it for our troop. Also, if possible, I think it would be very interesting to the scouts if we could coordinate a balloon release on that day to introduce them to APRS tracking. Unfortunately, I will be on a campout with the scout troop during the next NARS meeting, so I will not be able to make this request in person. Thank you in advance for helping me with this matter.

Chris Simonton

W5TXS; 713-502-7067

Rol Anders, K3RA, is going to start a Technician Class course in September. This is your chance to get your Technician license training. See message below from Rol.

Ron Matusek
WA6TQH
Northwest Amateur Radio Society
President

"I am starting a free Technician Class course on Zoom beginning Thursday, September 9 and running for 7 sessions. Sessions will start at 6:30, and run 3 hours. No charge, of course. These are the classes sponsored by the National Electronics Museum that we have been holding for years. Please publicize this with anyone you know whom you think would be interested. Those wishing to sign up should email me at roland.anders@comcast.net <mailto:roland.anders@comcast.net> ."

Thanks,

Rol Anders, K3RA