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Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

Feb 24 Gianna's
Mar 03 Spring Creek BBQ on 2920
Mar 10 Mi Rancho
Mar 17 Panera Bread
Mar 24 Jason's Deli at Champions
Mar 31 Adriatic Grill
Apr 07 BJ's at Willowbrook

Saturday Breakfast:

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

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

The latest information on in-person meetings.

- 1. The annual awards banquet has been deferred until later in the year and the February meeting will be on ZOOM only.**
- 2. There will be no VE session in February, 2021.**
- 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, February 19th

DX Engineering's Tim will present Antenna Building.

- February 19th, 2021 at 7:00PM
- ZOOM only.
- login: 2815436502 PC: 123456

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Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

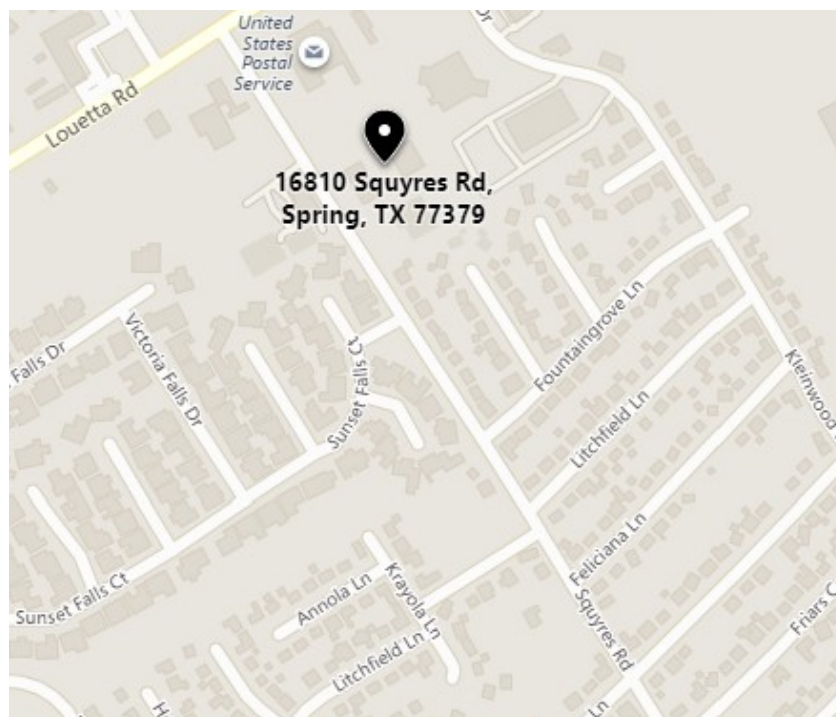
We will meet at Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. It is located behind Klein Fire Station 4.



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.



Opportunities to Serve

FEBRUARY GATHERING

Our February gathering will be held on ZOOM only Friday February 19th at 7PM.

ZOOM

login: 2815436502

PC: 123456

DX Engineering's Tim will present Antenna Building.

JANUARY MEETING RECAP

Our president went over the awards that are normally given out at the annual awards banquet.

We had a presentation on EchoLink and Duestar by Walter, K5WH, and EchoLink by Marty, W5MF.

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

Special points of interest:

- The date for the next VE is set for Saturday, March 27th at the Klein Fire Department Admin Building.
- Gates will open at 8:30 A.M.
- Testing will be from 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.
- The gates will be closed and locked at 12:30 P.M.

VE session guidelines

- If you have a temperature or feel ill, please do not ask to be tested.
- Tables and chairs have been arranged to meet social distancing requirements. Do not move them.
- Please bring a mask and plan on wearing it while in the building.
- If you know you will be attending, please send an email to rom1@att.net or vec@w5nc.net.
- We are allowed a maximum of 28 people in the building at one time. This number includes all applicants plus the VEs.
- NO Walk-in for this session. Please email vec@w5nc.net to be placed on the list for testing.
- Please park in the designated spaces and wait for instructions.



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

Mike Bragassa—SK

February 18, 1939 – December 19, 2020



Mike Bragassa of Vestaburg, Michigan, passed away peacefully at Mid Michigian Medical Center in Alma, Michigan on December 19, 2020, at the age of 81. He was a member and former President/VP of NARS. Great guy who loved CW and contesting. Mike

loved to tell stories about world travel, especially in Russia.

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 Station Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. Located behind Klein Fire Station 4.

NARS name tag

Any member can request a badge and should contact Sheree Horton, 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
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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
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

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