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Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

Jan 13 Gianna's
Jan 20 Mia Rancho/Spring TX
Jan 27 Panera Bread
Feb 03 Jason's Deli at Champions
Feb 10 Adriatic Grill
Feb 17 BJ's at Willowbrook
Feb 24 Gianna's
Mar 03 Spring Creek BBQ on 2920

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):
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 January meeting will be on ZOOM only.**
- 2. There will be no VE session in January, 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, January 15th

We will have a presentation on EchoLink and Duestar.

- January 15th, 2020 at 7:00PM
- ZOOM only.
- login: 2815436502 PC: 123456

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Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

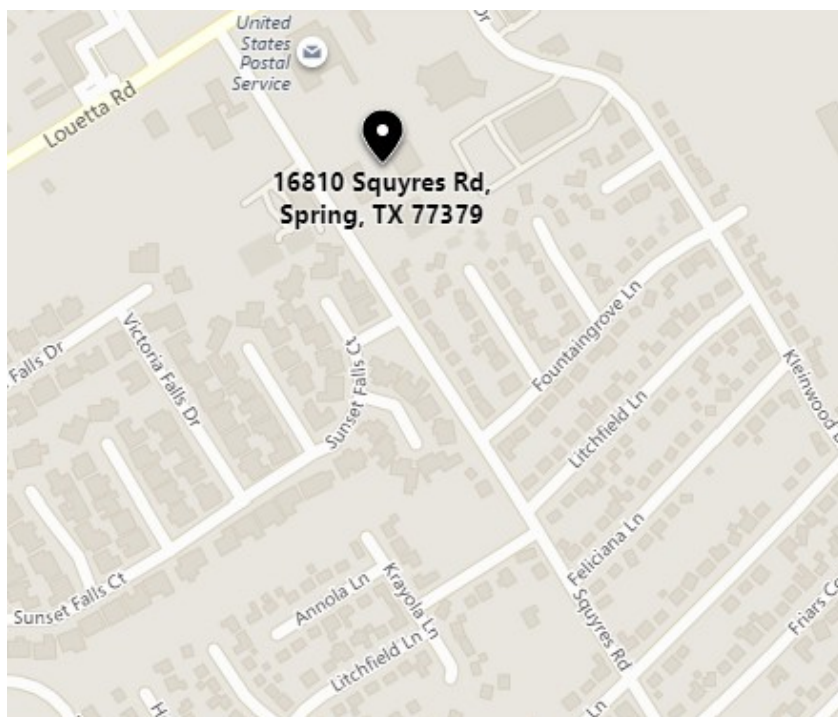
We will meet at Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. It is located behind Klein Fire Station 4.



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.



January 2021 message from NARS President

January already! My message to everyone this month again is short however, it should be a time to reflect on lessons learned from 2020 and make plans for 2021 to be an exciting time with continued growth and encouragement for the amateur radio community.

Many of us have had a difficult year this year with illness, loss, uncertain employment, and isolation due to COVID-19. With that in mind, here are the current meeting plans.

Our next VE test session for January 2021 has been cancelled. More information will be provided later in January regarding plans to proceed with VE session in February.

Please read the License section in our Newsletter for more information regarding requirements to attend this test session.

Our Monthly General meeting will be held Friday January 15th at 7PM and will only be on-line using ZOOM. Given this was our planned annual awards banquet meeting the board has decided to move this dinner banquet out towards the summertime given on-going health concerns. We will, however, announce awards during our zoom meeting. We will also announce the newly elected board members. Login information is posted on the www.W5NC website and will also be sent out by Email.

The January General meeting presentation information will be announced later in this newsletter along with General emails.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for all your faith and dedication towards our NARS Club this past year. Let us make 2021 a time of growth and prosperity! Hope your bond lasts forever!

Ron Matusek WA6TQH

Opportunities to Serve

JANUARY GATHERING

Our January gathering will be held on ZOOM only Friday January 15th at 7PM.

ZOOM

- login: 2815436502
- PC: 123456

We will have a presentation on EchoLink and Duestar. The presenters will be Marty, W5MF, and Walter, K5WH.

DECEMBER 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.

“Show and Tell”. Most of the presentations were made over ZOOM. People attending in person could see and hear the presentations on the AV equipment in our normal meeting room in the KVFD administration building.

VE Session Congratulations

Kevin G. McClain - New Technician
David L. Meine - New Technician
Norman J. Mapes Jr. - New Technician
Clark V. Baker - New Technician
Russell W. Rupp - New Technician
Brandon W. Coon – New Technician
Steven S. Prindle – New Technician
Matthew A. Thomas – New General

Dennis W. Rude N5DWR – Upgrade to General

Saturday, November 28th (Klein Fire Department)

We had 9 candidates taking 15 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 8; passed 8; Failed 0

Element 3 tests given: 7; passed 2; Failed 5

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 Matussek WA6TQH , NARS ARRL VE Liaison.

Special points of interest:

- The date for the next VE session has not been determined. Due to Covid-19 the January session has been cancelled.



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 Cindy, KM4YGG, & Art, KM4YGH.

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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Texas QSO Party

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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

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AMATEUR RADIO CONVENTION

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter about the future of Ham-Com. After 41 years, Ham-Com has decided to close its doors in lieu of the restrictions in place for COVID-19 and the rising costs of putting on a show. The decision was not made lightly, but the safety and wellness of our volunteers, vendors, clubs, presenters, and attendees is our paramount concern.

We sincerely thank each and every person for their support over the past years. This starts with clubs who have participated in offering forums, transmitter sessions, VE sessions, talk-ins, and many more things through the years. Next, to the commercial and flea market vendors who have helped new hams get their first radio to established hams who are building the ultimate ham shack, we thank you for returning year over year. To the volunteer staff, functional directors, and access control, your dedication and hard work have contributed to the continued success of the show for 41 years. Finally, to our attendees. Without you, there is no show. Over 41 years, we have met a variety of people with one common passion, amateur radio. Ham-Com is proud to contribute to bringing people together to enjoy this passion. We will definitely miss this gathering of the broader community.

Our thoughts and best wishes to you and your families and “see you on-the-air”.

73

Bill Nelson

President of Ham-Com Inc

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