

July 2021

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

Jul 14 Adriatic Grill
 Jul 21 BJ's at Willowbrook
 Jul 28 Gianna's
 Aug 04 Spring Creek BBQ on 2920
 Aug 11 Mi Rancho
 Aug 18 Panera Bread
 Aug 25 Jason's Deli at Champions

Saturday Breakfast:

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

Lunch Break - Medical Center

Jul 14 Buffalo Grille
 Jul 21 Antonio's Mexican Grill
 Jul 28 Hu's Garden
 Aug 04 Pappas Barbecue
 Aug 11 Cleburne Cafeteria
 Aug 18 Southwell's Hamburger Grill
 Aug 25, 2021 Silver Palace Chinese Buff.

Monday Lunch (was Taildraggers

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

The latest information on in-person meetings.

- 1. The July meeting will be a combination of ZOOM and in-person.**
- 2. There will be an in-person VE session at the Klein Fire Department Training Facility behind Station 3 on July 24th, 2021.**
- 3. Lunch Break Medical Center resumed on May 12th, 2021. Check the reflector for the latest status. The group is working on 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, July 16th

The presentation will be by the Field Day Captains on Field Day activities and points summary.

- July 16th, 2021 at 7:30PM
- ZOOM and in-person at the Klein Fire Department Training Facility behind Station 3.
- ZOOM login: 2815436502 PC: 123456

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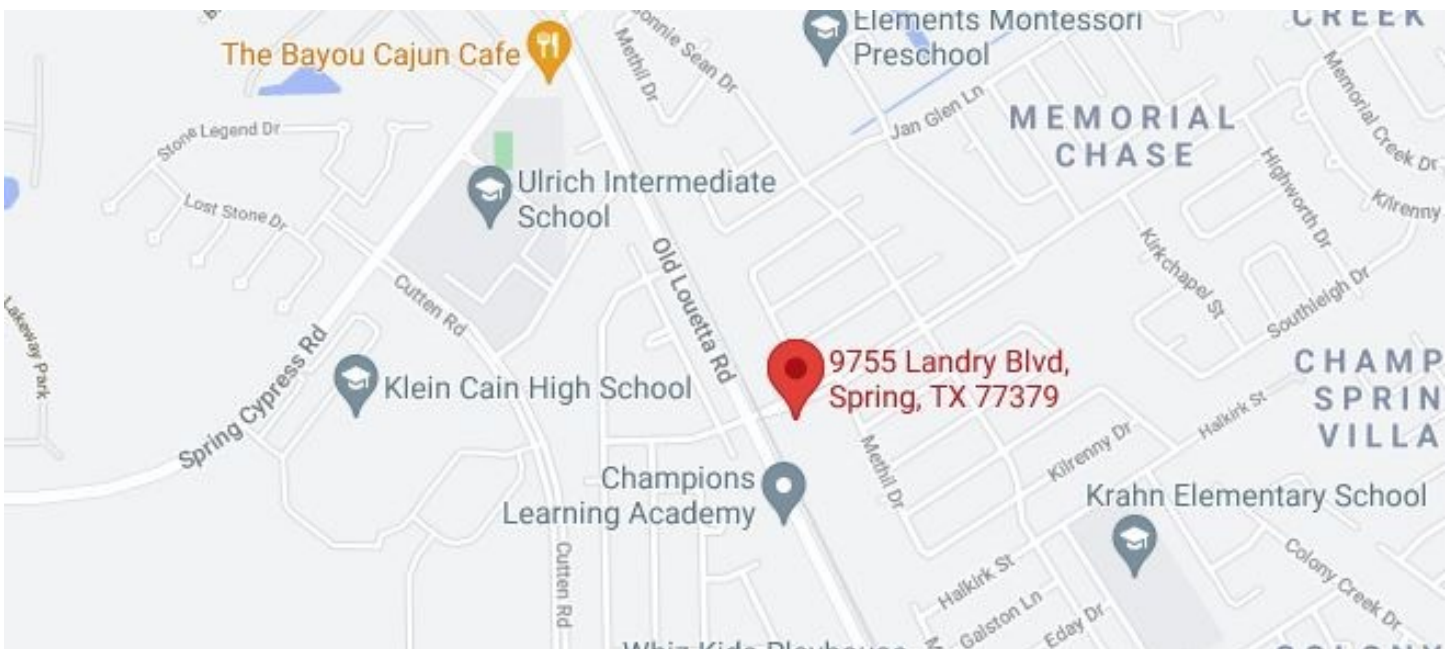
Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

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

JULY GATHERING

Our July gathering will be held on ZOOM and in-person at the Klein Fire Department Training Facility behind Station 3 on Friday July 16th at 7:30 PM.

ZOOM

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PC: 123456

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JUNE 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.

Bob Heil, K9EID, presented on Heil Sound.

VE Session Congratulations

Congratulations to:

John (Russ) Green – New Technician
James V Hart – New Technician
Ronnie J Allcorn – New Technician
Joseph A El-Azzi – New Technician

Robert J Heyt KI5HKN – Upgrade to General
Paul E Pacior KA5PUD – Upgrade to Extra
Carlos L Diaz KG5OLD – Upgrade to Extra
Michael R Hvasta KF5IUM – Upgrade to Extra

Saturday, June 26th (Klein Fire Department Training Facility)

We had 9 candidates taking 16 tests.
Element 2 tests given: 6; passed 5; Failed 1
Element 3 tests given: 6; passed 1; Failed 5
Element 4 tests given: 4; passed 3; Failed 1

Thanks to the Exam VE's in attendance: Robert Ewers K9HOU; Mark Tyler K5GQ; Stephen Protz KA5AUD; Marvin J. Wilken KT4W; Sam Labarbera N6HB; Martin Rogoff N5GPS; Ronald Matusek WA6TQH; Brian Derx N5BA.

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.

Special points of interest:

- The date for the next VE is set for Saturday, July 24th at the Klein Fire Department Training Facility behind Station 3.
- 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 wm5n@arrl.net or vec@w5nc.net to be placed on the list for testing.
- Walk-ins will be allowed for this session.
- Parking is provided behind the main fire station building. Use the entrance at the Training Building.

Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

Welcome new members

January, 2021, new members(s):

Bert Estes — AI5BW (was KI5MSR)

Tom Bazan — KA6SFR

Tony Hui — KI5NEL

February, 2021, new member(s):

James Lovett — KI5NVD

March, 2021, new member(s):

Rafael Alvarez — N4SPD

April 2021, new member(s):

Druce Crump — KI5PIZ

May 2021, new member(s):

Larry Reynolds— KF5YOA

John Morton— KI5QAJ

Stephen Allison— KI5PHL

June 2021, new member(s):

John Green—call pending

Carl B Bradley—KI5QNC

Louis House —W3RZ

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 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

08/14/2021—Shreveport - Bossier Hamfest

Location: Shreveport, LA

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Shreveport Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://www.shreveporthamfest.k5sar.com>

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/>

Repeater Update—July 4, 2021

Below is information on NARS repeaters that are available for you to use.

Please use them, especially the new linked system in Klein. For now, please continue using K5WH 146.76 offset minus .600 PL Tone 103.5 for the Wednesday night net till we get the linking system up on the new downtown location. W5NC-R Echolink/Allstar will be pointed to the New NARS Repeaters normally, but will be switched to K5WH repeater for the Wednesday night net only.

Current production repeaters. Plan is that these will be put in standby as backups later or possibly replaced as newer repeater come online:

1. Galleria 146.660 offset minus .600 PL Tone 141.3 <-- Very Noisy repeater, but usable inside the 610 loop.
2. Galleria 444.375 offset plus 5.00 PL Tone 103.5 <-- Low power but usable. Might replace with multimode repeater for DMR, D-Star, and YSF.

New NARS Repeaters:

1. Klein area 444.375 offset plus 5.00 PL Tone 100.0 <-- This system is up and working very well in the Klein area. Please use it anytime.
2. *At my home in the Klein area 146.660 offset minus .600 Tone 100.0 <-- This system is in test mode and is linked to the Klein 444.375 repeater. If you can hit this system please go ahead, but be aware I might be working on this system. In all cases I will announce when I am programming it. This system has the old Klein VFD repeater, a UHF linking transceiver, and the ARCOM RC-210. Voice announcements about current club activities will be automatically transmitted here. If you listen, you will even hear my 9 year old and 7 year old granddaughters ID'ing the W5NC club call. This system will be going to the new downtown location on top of a very tall building.

*John Parmalee, K5VGM is in current negotiations with the building management right now for the new downtown location.

Marty/W5MF

NARS Repeater Lead