

June 2021

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

Jun 16 Spring Creek BBQ on 2920
Jun 23 Mi Rancho
Jun 30 Panera Bread
Jul 07 Jason's Deli at Champions
Jul 14 Adriatic Grill
Jul 21 BJ's at Willowbrook
Jul 28 Gianna's

Saturday Breakfast:

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

Lunch Break - Medical Center

May 12 Buffalo Grille
May 19 Antonio's Mexican Grill
May 26 Hu's Garden
Jun 02 Pappas Barbecue
Jun 09 Cleburne Cafeteria
Jun 16 Silver Palace Chinese Buffet

Monday Lunch (was Taildraggers

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

The latest information on in-person meetings.

- 1. The June 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 June 26th, 2021.**
- 3. Lunch Break Medical Center resumed on May 12th. 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. Check the reflector for the latest status.**

Next Gathering: Friday, June 18th

The presentation topic will be Heil Sound presented by Bob Heil, K9EID.

- June 18th, 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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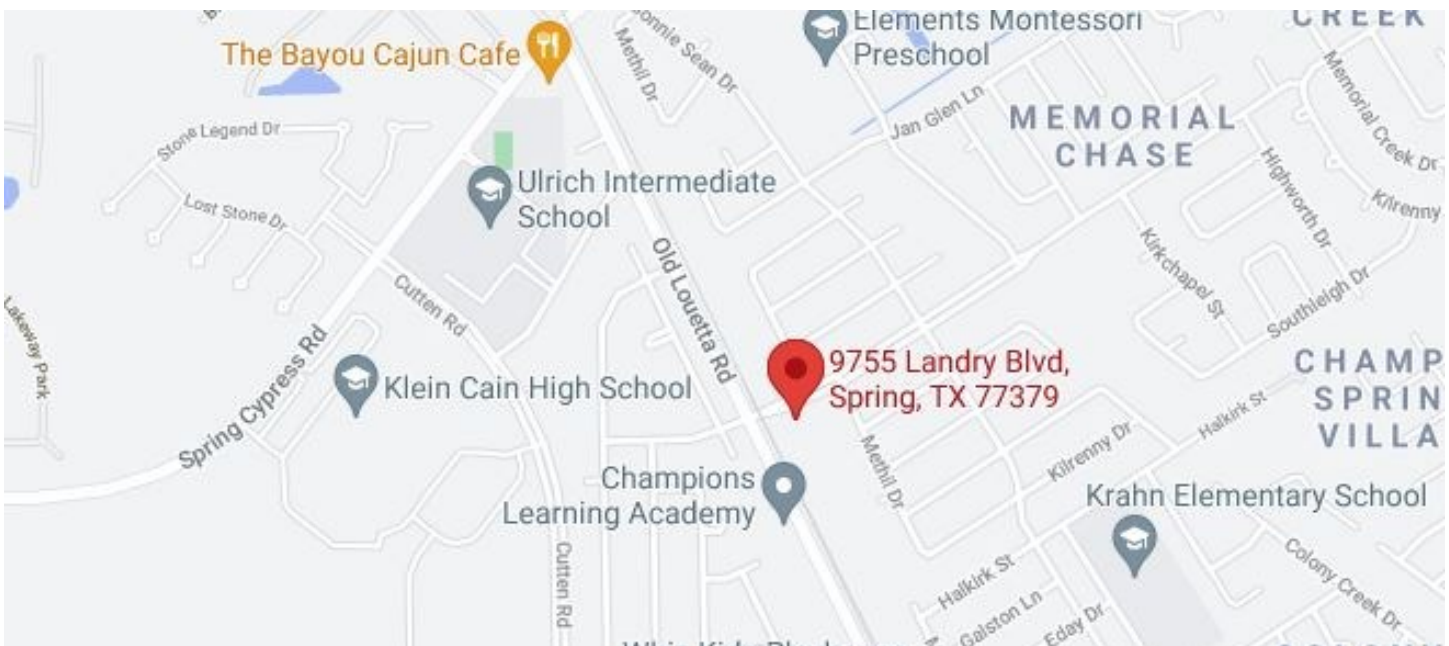
Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

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

JUNE GATHERING

Our June gathering will be held on ZOOM and in-person at the Klein Fire Department Training Facility behind Station 3 on Friday June 18th at 7:30 PM.

ZOOM

login: 2815436502

PC: 123456

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MAY 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.

Bill, N5BIA, presented on RF Exposure.

VE Session Congratulations

Congratulations to:

John R Morton – New Technician

Kevin E Harrington KI5PNP – Upgrade to General

Saturday, May 22nd (Klein Fire Department Training Facility)

Special points of interest:

- The date for the next VE is set for Saturday, June 26th at the Klein Fire Department Training Facility behind Station 3.
- The test session will be held in conjunction with 2021 Field Day.
- Testing will start at noon.

We had 2 candidates taking 2 tests.
Element 2 tests given: 1; passed 1; Failed 0
Element 3 tests given: 1; passed 1; Failed 0
Element 4 tests given: 0; passed 0; Failed 0

Thanks to the Exam VE's in attendance: Stephen G Protz KA5AUD; Keith Dutson NM5G; Marvin J Wilken KT4W; Robert E Ewers K9HOU; Martin Rogoff N5GPS; Paul R Owen N5NXS.

And to Sheree Horton WM5N, NARS ARRL VE Liaison.

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.



*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



Andy MacAllister, W5ACM (SK), passed May 19th after a long illness. We all knew Andy as the master of the balloon launches, NCS for the weekly AmSat Net, and an occasional columnist for the Beacon along with many other ham radio activities in which he was involved.

Andy was also a member of the Northwest Amateur Radio Society.

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

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

06/17/2022—06/18/2022

Radio Fiesta

Location: Schertz, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: San Antonio Radio Club

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

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

07/10/2021—Swapmeet

Location: Texas City, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Tidelands Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://www.tidelands.org>

ARRL Field Day—June 25-26, 2011

When: June 25-26, 2011 open to the public starting at 11AM Saturday June 26

Where: Klein Fire Department ESD Station #3

9755 Landry Blvd Spring TX 77379

Who: Anyone interested in Amateur Radio or Emergency Services!

Hosted by: Northwest Amateur Radio Society (NARS)

<http://www.w5nc.net/>

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What is ARRL Field Day?



ARRL is the American Radio Relay League. Founded in 1914, the ARRL is the national association for amateur radio in the US. Today, with more than 161,000 members, ARRL is the largest organization of radio amateurs in the United States and the primary source of information about what is going on in the ham radio world.

Field Day is THE premiere annual amateur radio exercise encouraging emergency communications preparedness among amateur radio operators. ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June, rain or shine, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate and practice emergency preparedness communications.

Field Day is always a popular event with NARS members. This event is open to the General Public and ALL amateur radio operators.

Who is NARS?



NARS is the Northwest Amateur Radio Society and was established in 1985. NARS serves northwest Harris County. We participate in community and public service events. We welcome all hams as well as family and friends. NARS attempts to provide an enjoyable, interesting, and informative experience at each of our meetings. Come to Field day to learn more about Amateur radio and our club.

NARS will be operating as W5NC – the club callsign

Get on The Air!

Members of the public are invited to come experience ham radio and get on the air. NARS will provide an opportunity for any non-licensed persons to experience first-hand the fun of amateur radio by allowing them to GET ON THE AIR (GOTA)

For those of you interested – Morse code proficiency is no longer required for a ham license; however, Morse Code is alive and well. NARS will be operating a Morse “CW” station and for those wanting to experience live voice communications, we will have SSB station available and operating on several HF bands.

Scouts Welcome

If you are interested in amateur radio, please come visit. Girl Scouts interested in the Radio and Wireless Technology Patch Program or Scouts BSA interested in the Radio merit badge or Jamboree on The Air programs.

Get Licensed - VE Session

For those of you preparing to earn a ham license, NARS will be conducting an exam session on Saturday starting at Noon in the Training Room of the Klein Fire Department station #3 located just behind the fire truck building. Contact Sheree Horton WM5N, NARS at vec@w5nc.net .

Food

Food will be available i.e. Barbeque hot off the grill -weather permitting. Hot dogs, Soft drinks available by the Salvation Army. All at very reasonable prices.

Location



Just off Old Louetta Rd at Landry Blvd, behind the Klein Fire Department St #3 on the corner. Located in Training building behind the Klein Fire Truck building.

Schedule

Friday, June 25, 2021

NARS General Meeting, 7pm – 9pm

Saturday, June 26, 2021

- Public Welcome 11 am – 5 pm
- License Examination 12 pm
- Official Start of Field Day, 1pm & continues overnight

Sunday, June 27

Teardown starting ~noon