

May 2021

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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### Lunch Break - North

May 19 Jason's Deli at Champions  
May 26 Adriatic Grill  
Jun 02 BJ's at Willowbrook  
Jun 09 Gianna's  
Jun 16 Spring Creek BBQ on 2920  
Jun 23 Mi Rancho  
Jun 30 Panera Bread

### 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

### Monday Lunch (was Taildraggers

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

## The latest information on in-person meetings.

- 1. The May meeting will be a combination of ZOOM and in-person.**
- 2. There will be an in-person VE session at the Klein Fire Department Station 3 on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.**
- 3. Lunch Break Medical Center resumed on May 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup>. Check the reflector for the latest status.**

*Next Gathering: Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>*

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

- May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 7:30PM
- ZOOM and in-person at the Klein Fire Department Station 3.
- ZOOM login: 2815436502 PC: 123456

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## Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

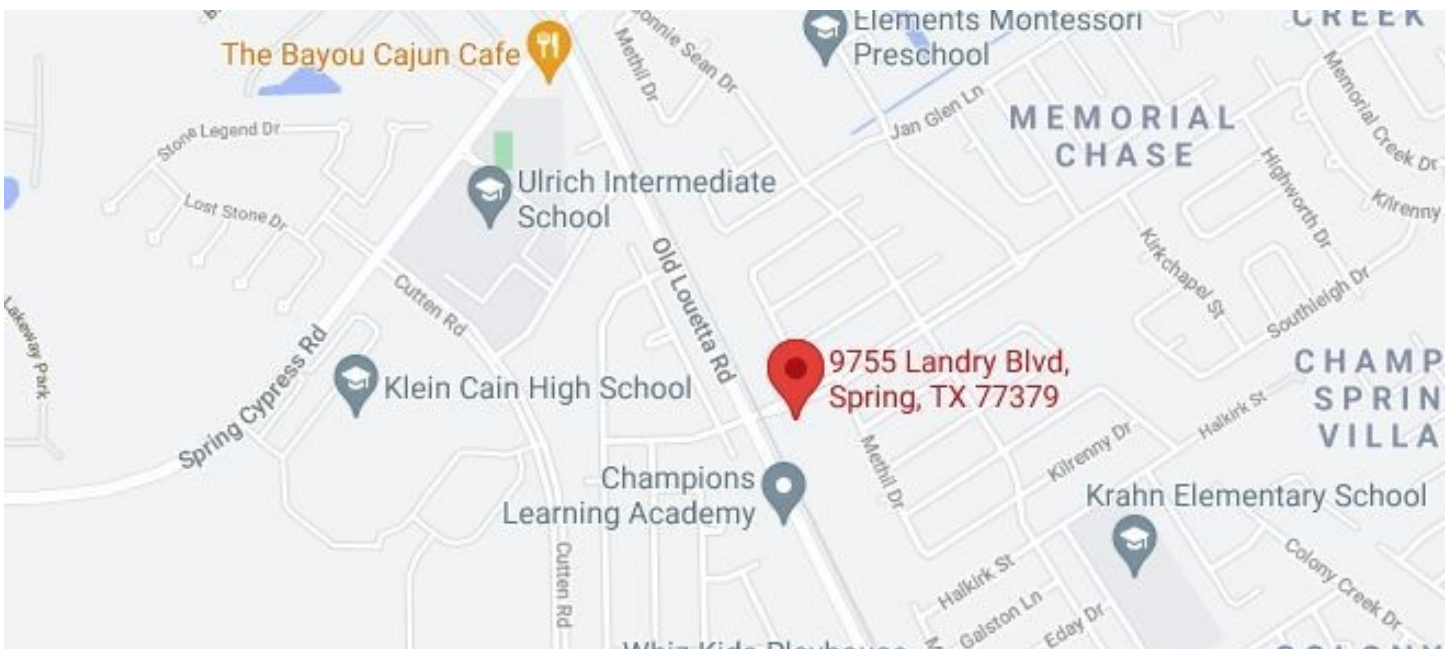
We will meet at Klein Fire Department Station 3 at 9755 Landry Blvd., Houston TX, 77070.



Picture from <https://www.kleinfiredept.com/services/stations/station-33>

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

## MAY GATHERING

Our May gathering will be held on ZOOM and in-person at the Klein Volunteer Fire Department Station 3 on Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM.

### ZOOM

login: 2815436502

PC: 123456

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

## APRIL 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.

Some important board personnel changes were discussed. There were also discussions concerning NARS repeater activity and plans and Texas QSO Party and the awards.

## VE Session Congratulations

Congratulations to:

Matthew Schoenherr - New Technician

Thomas Anderson KC5WHA – Upgrade to General  
Eric Mitchell KI5OXS – Upgrade to General  
David Holden KI5GHO – Upgrade to Extra  
Druce Crump KI5PIZ – Upgrade to Extra

### Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> (Klein Fire Department)

Special points of interest:

- The date for the next VE is set for Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Klein Fire Department Station #3 Training 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.

We had 5 candidates taking 6 tests.  
Element 2 tests given: 1; passed 1; Failed 0  
Element 3 tests given: 3; passed 3; Failed 0  
Element 4 tests given: 2; passed 2; Failed 0

Thanks to the Exam VE's in attendance: Sheree Horton WM5N; Stephen Protz KA5AUD; Keith Dutson NM5G; Marvin J. Wilken KT4W; Sam Labarbera N6HB; Martin Rogoff N5GPS.

And to Ron Matusek WA6TQH, 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](mailto:wm5n@arrl.net) or [vec@w5nc.net](mailto: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.

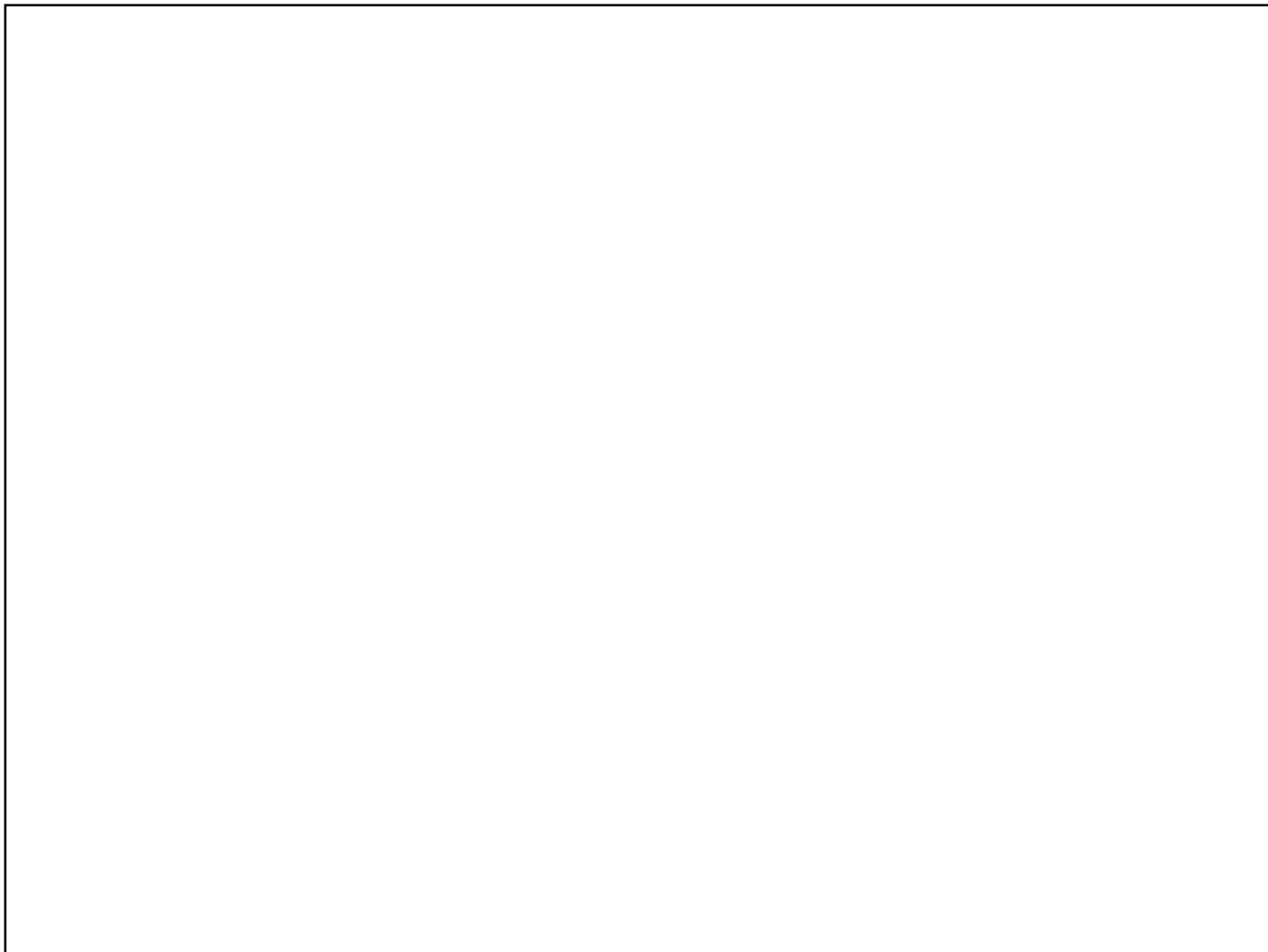


*Houston Transtar Building  
Conference Center West Entrance  
6922 Katy Road  
Houston, TX 77024*

*V.E. Exams every 4th Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.*

*Contact: Mark Landress, [WB5ANN@arrl.net](mailto:WB5ANN@arrl.net) for further info.*

# 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

# 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, 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

|                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>President &amp; Board Chairman</b><br>Ron Matusek, WA6TQH<br>713-825-9606<br>officers@w5nc.net     | <b>Directors (term expires 12/31/2021)</b><br>Sheree Horton, WM5N (was KF5LMJ)<br>713-299-6994<br>officers@w5nc.net | <b>Admin Secretary</b><br>Brandon Rogers, K5BLR<br>officers@w5nc.net                                                                             |
| <b>Vice President</b><br>Paul Kent, K15FJS<br>officers@w5nc.net                                       | Sam Labarbera, N6HB<br>832-781-3145<br>officers@w5nc.net                                                            | <b>Web site</b><br>URL: <a href="http://www.w5nc.net">http://www.w5nc.net</a><br>Web Master: Bill Buoy ,N5BIA<br>281-370-3510 webmaster@w5nc.net |
| <b>Treasurer</b><br>Tom Hoherd ,KK5YU<br>281-370-2941<br>treasurer@w5nc.net                           | <b>Directors (term expires 12/31/2022)</b><br>Kirc Breden, N5XJB<br>officers@w5nc.net                               | <b>NARS E-Mail Reflector</b><br>NARS@mailman.qth.net<br>Coordinator: Keith Dutson, NM5G<br>keith1@dutson.net                                     |
| <b>Recording Secretary</b><br>Martin Rogoff, N5GPS<br>832-603-0036<br>officers@w5nc.net               | Rob Nixon, KD5BXZ<br>officers@w5nc.net                                                                              | <b>VE Session (ARRL) Manager</b><br>Sheree Horton - WM5N<br>vec@w5nc.net                                                                         |
| <b>Newsletter Editor</b><br>Martin Rogoff, N5GPS<br>832-603-0036<br>officers@w5nc.net                 | <b>Public Information Officer</b><br>John Parmalee , K5VGM<br>officers@w5nc.net                                     | <b>Buffalo Bayou Regatta</b><br>Lee Glassman, WA5LEE<br>570-840-2633<br>wa5lee@wa5lee.com                                                        |
| <b>NARS Repeater Technical support</b><br>Marty Fitzgerald, W5MF<br>281-251-4301<br>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](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>

# Meet a vice president candidate.

Paul Kent was Born at Barksdale AFB, Shreveport LA and was raised and lived mostly in Houston, He was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade when he arrived in Houston. His dad was transferred here for Sales/Engineering of packaging equipment. Paul has a sister living in Fort Worth. Paul attended Westbury High School in SW Houston.

Paul is an un-degreed engineer having attended Lamar Tech in Beaumont and U of H.

Military Service interceded his collage as the Selective Service removed his student deferment. A week later he was classified 1A and the “military draft” rated him #35. The following week he joined the Navy. Went to “A School at NAS Jacksonville FL and graduated 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class for Aviation Electronics.

Paul was assigned to NAS Alameda CA for active duty but spent time at NAS Fallon NV ensuring Nav, Flight controls and Bombing Computers were operational on A-7s. After active service he was in the Navy Reserve for a year and a half at NAS New Orleans flying in Neptune P-2 ASW over Gulf of Mexico

Paul is married to Vicki, they have three adult sons and a daughter plus five grandchildren, three granddaughters and a pair of grandsons.

Paul’s career was a continuation of his military experiences with naval flight controls. He went to work for Cameron Iron Works doing control systems for Blow-out preventers (BOPs), Acoustic BOP Control Systems and production control systems. Most of this was by FSK modems on hard lines up to 2-3miles. Info: Acoustic used FSK sending 26bits via water medium in 3.76S with a range of 10,000Ft.

After 10yrs at Cameron he went to work for Hughes Offshore which had ties to Hughes Aircraft, where he was the liaison to build a new Multiplex Electronics for interface with the hydraulic systems. After 5yr in engineering he moved into Project Management for 25yrs, (10yr with Anadarko/Oxy). During his time with Anadarko, we he completed projects with umbilicals over 65miles long and in water depths of 9,700ft deep in the GOM. He also completed 7 projects in Australia. Based on our project improvements and reliability his company moved him back to engineering for our entire US client base. He also became an international “go-to” for our electronics and valves and soon became the Chief Engineer for his last 3yrs with the company. During Covid his company changed their strategy, and he was laid off after 35+yrs of service. Perfect timing to slip into retirement.

His father was very much into electronics, some must have rubbed off on him. He started building at the age of fourteenth, a shortwave receiver, five tubes with interchangeable coils for tuning the bands. A long wire across the front of the house for an antenna. His first ARRL

book was “The Radio Amateur’s Handbook” in 1971. Over the years different receivers were purchased and he ended up with a used Icom PCR-2500, great radio he says. After another year or two, a used Icom IC-7000 was purchased, but still no ticket to transmit.

In 2019, as work became a little slow, he used his spare time to study for a technician license and in June he passed the Tech. In July he passed the General and in August he passed Extra. He enjoyed a 70cm handheld at the office early in the mornings (05:30) with a couple colleagues while conversing with the UK, Japan and Australia over the All-star network.

After visiting NARS for a few months, he joined in November of 2019 and started picking everyone’s brain. Even went to Ron’s house and met Sam to load the code plug into his AnyTone.

Shortly before Covid hit he got tangled up with John Parmalee due to his experiences in the Navy (Sonobuoys) and offshore work. We have had some good conversations regarding the “Buoy”, grounds, batteries and antennas.

He built one Hot Spot but had some issues with the RPi and gave it up for something a little more reliable, an OpenSpot 3. Walter was a real asset to set up the OpenSpot. Now his Anytone is doing double duty.

Paul have been retired for 5 months now and has spent a lot of time trying to figure out Medicare and SSB.

Paul is looking forward to serving NARS as Vice president filling some pretty big shoes left behind by Marty.

# 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](mailto: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