

November 2021

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

Nov 17 Spring Creek BBQ on 2920
Nov 24 Mi Rancho
Dec 01 Cheddar's 21001 IH-45, Spring
Dec 08 Jason's Deli at Champions
Dec 15 Adriatic Grill
Dec 22 BJ's at Willowbrook
Dec 29 Gianna's

Saturday Breakfast:

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

Lunch Break - Medical Center

Nov 17 Buffalo Grille
Nov 24 Antonio's Mexican Grill
Dec 01 Hu's Garden
Dec 08 Pappas Barbecue
Dec 15 Cleburne Cafeteria
Dec 22 Southwell's Hamburger Grill
Dec 29 Silver Palace Chinese Buffet

Monday Lunch (Taildraggers lunch):

Mondays at 11 am; Aviator's Grill
at Hooks Airport Terminal

The latest information on in-person meetings.

- 1. Klein Fire Department Facilities have been reopened. The November meeting will be in-person and ZOOM.**
- 2. The next NARS VE test session will be held on November 20th, 2021 at Klein Volunteer Fire Department Station 3.**
- 3. Lunch Break Medical Center resumed on May 12th, 2021. Check the reflector for the latest status. The group has a new rotation and new time is 13:00.**
- 4. Lunch Break North resumed October 7th, 2020. Check the reflector for the latest status.**
- 5. Monday Taildraggers lunch has resumed September 13th. Mondays at 11 am, Aviator's Grill at Hooks Airport Terminal.**

Next Gathering: Friday, November 19th

The meeting topic is phasing and will be presented by Bob Heil, K9EID.

- November 19th, 2021 at 7:30PM.
- ZOOM and in-person.
- ZOOM login: 2815436502 PC: 123456.

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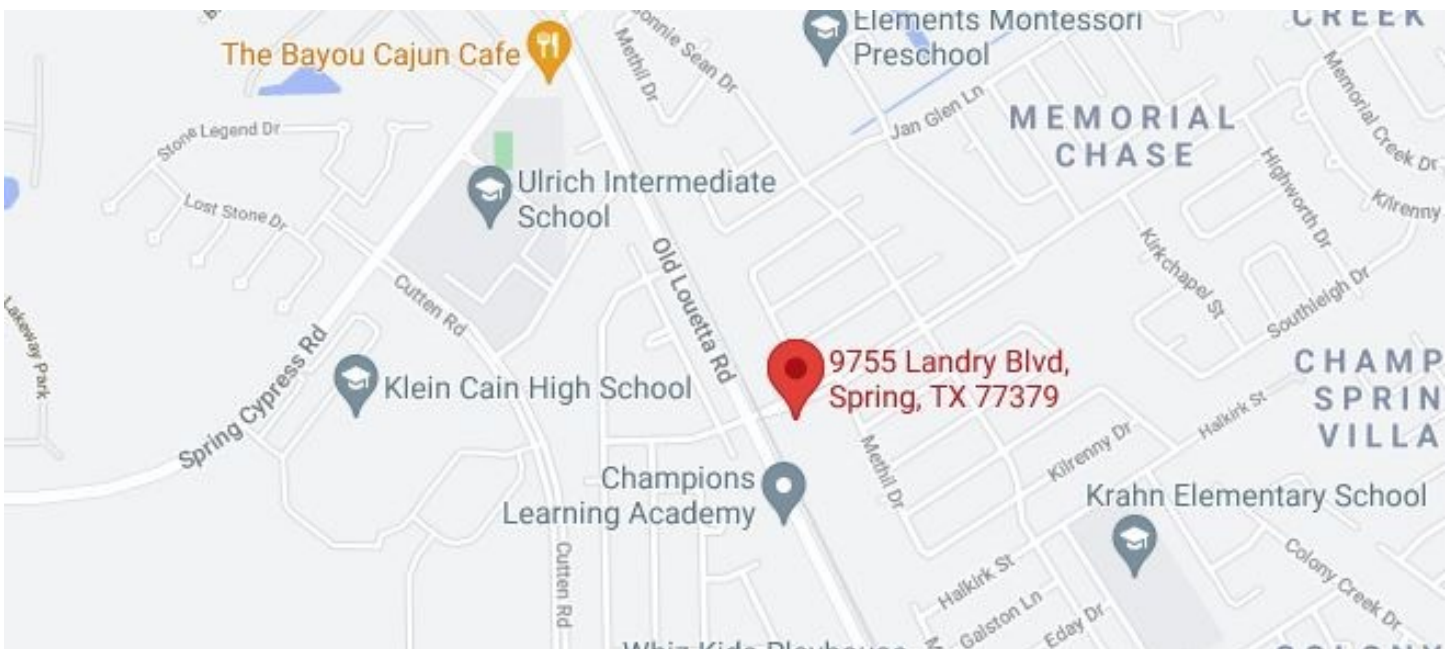
Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

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

NOVEMBER GATHERING

Our November gathering will be held in-person and on ZOOM on Friday November 19th at 7:30 PM.

ZOOM

login: 2815436502

PC: 123456

Bob Heil, K9EID, will present on phasing. He would like pre-submitted questions. Send your question to Paul Kent or Ron Matussek.

OCTOBER 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.

Walter Holmes, K5WH, presented on HOTSPOTS for Digital Radio.

VE Session Congratulations

Congratulations to:

Elizabeth A Kasper—New Technician
Peter A Cole—New Technician
Jodi M Cole—New Technician
Dale E Schmirler—New Technician
Scott A Johnson—New Technician
James G Putnam—New Technician
Erik L Frazee—New Technician
Thomas G Glass—New Technician
Carter L Cole—New Technician

**Tuesday, Oct. 12th (Windwood
Presbyterian Church)**

We had 7 candidates taking 7 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 7; passed 7; Failed 0

Element 3 tests given: 0; passed 0; Failed 0

Element 4 tests given: 0; passed 0; Failed 0

New or Upgrade Licenses: Technician 7 General 0 Extra 0

Thanks to the Exam VE's in attendance: Stephen G Protz KA5AUD; Marvin J Wilken KT4W; Samuel A Labarbera N6HB.

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, WBSANN@arrl.net for further info.

Special points of interest:

- The date for the next VE session is set for Saturday, November 20th at the Klein Volunteer Fire Department 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 – DO NOT attend.
- Tables and chairs will be arranged to meet social distancing. DO NOT MOVE THEM.
- Wear masks if you are not fully vaccinated or feel the need to wear them.

Please send an email to either of the following if you plan on attending the test session:

Sheree Horton wm5n@arrl.net or vec@w5nc.net.

Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

Welcome new members

June 2021, new member(s):

John Green—KI5QMY
Carl B Bradley—KI5QNC
Louis House—W3RZ

July 2021, new member(s):

Mark Putnam—KI5QZA
George Cryar Jr—KI5QYZ

August 2021, new member(s):

David Ruth—WA5DAV
Melissa Ruth—WA5MEL
Chris Simonton—W5TXS
Jim Berry—KD5BN

September 2021, new member(s):

Bob Judd—WN5G
Nell Judd—N5KTA

October 2021, new member(s):

Thomas Bladecki—KI5RWX
Thomas G Glass—KI5SCT
Dale E Schmirler—KI5SCP
Elizabeth A Kaspar—KI5SCM
Scott A Johnson—KI5SCQ

November 2021, new member(s):

Robert White—K0RCW

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.

I am very happy to announce that we now have a fully executed agreement with building management for our new VHF repeater location downtown.

Thank you to everyone for all the hard work that went into getting this accomplished.

More to come later!

Ron Matusek
WA6TQH
Northwest Amateur Radio Society
President

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.

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

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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 Wednesday NARS Lunch Break - North and Medical Center

Wednesday 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

01/14/2022—01/15/2022

Cowtown Hamfest, ARRL North Texas Section Convention

Location: Forest Hill, TX

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: Cowtown ARC And Surrounding Clubs

Website: <http://cowtownhamfest.com>

Greater Houston HamFest

March 4 & 5, 2022

BVARC

Location: Fort Bend County Fairgrounds

4310 Texas 36

Rosenberg TX 77471

Sponsor: BVARC

Website: <http://houstonhamfest.org/>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

04/23/2022—Emory Hamfest

Location: Emory, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Rains Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://w5ent.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/>

Of Interest

Houston Local Traffic Net

The net meets each Monday from 6:30-7:30pm on 146.940 / 167.9 and each Thursday from 6:30-7:00pm on 147.000 / 103.5. The purpose of the net is to pass National Traffic System (NTS) radiogram messages into and out of the Houston area. The Monday night net includes an instructional segment as well as handling radiogram traffic.