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Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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### Lunch Break - North

Oct 13 Cheddar's 21001 IH-45, Spring  
 Oct 20 Jason's Deli at Champions  
 Oct 27 Adriatic Grill  
 Nov 03 BJ's at Willowbrook  
 Nov 10 Gianna's  
 Nov 17 Spring Creek BBQ on 2920  
 Nov 24 Mi Rancho

### **Saturday Breakfast:**

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

### Lunch Break - Medical Center

Oct 13 Cleburne Cafeteria  
 Oct 20 Southwell's Hamburger Grill  
 Oct 27 Silver Palace Chinese Buffet  
 Nov 03 Jason's Deli  
 Nov 10 Mia's Table  
 Nov 17 Buffalo Grille  
 Nov 24 Antonio's Mexican Grill

### **Monday Lunch (Taildraggers lunch):**

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

## The latest information on in-person meetings.

- 1. ALL Klein Fire Department Facilities have been closed to the public. The October meeting will be ZOOM only.**
- 2. NARS VE testing has been cancelled until further notice.**
- 3. Lunch Break Medical Center resumed on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Check the reflector for the latest status.**
- 5. Monday Taildraggers lunch has resumed September 13<sup>th</sup>. Mondays at 11 am, Aviator's Grill at Hooks Airport Terminal.**

*Next Gathering: Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>*

The meeting topic is home emergency backup power systems.

- October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:30PM.
- ZOOM only.
- ZOOM login: 2815436502 PC: 123456.

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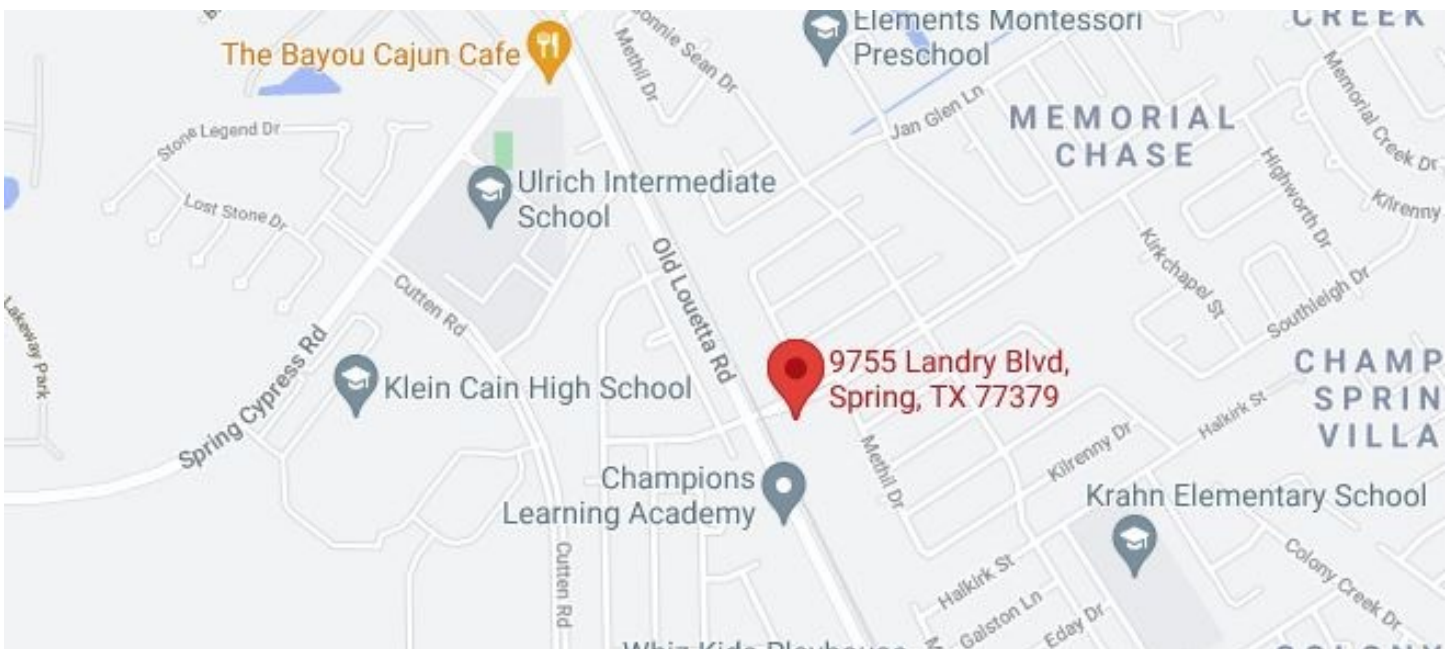
## Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

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

## OCTOBER GATHERING

Our October gathering will be held on ZOOM only on Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

ZOOM

login: 2815436502

PC: 123456

The meeting topic is home emergency backup power systems.

## SEPTEMBER 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.

As part of the September meeting we held a vote to approve the updated club by-laws.

## 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. 12<sup>th</sup> (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.

Special points of interest:

- The date for a special VE session is Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at Windwood Presbyterian Church - Conference Room. 10555 Spring Cypress Rd (Located at 249 and Spring Cypress).
- This special session is for Cypress Creek CERT.



**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

May 2021, new member(s):

Larry Reynolds—KF5YOA  
John Morton—KI5QAJ  
Stephen Allison— KI5PHL

July 2021, new member(s):

Mark Putnam—KI5QZA  
George Cryar Jr—KI5QYZ

September 2021, new member(s):

Bob Judd—WN5G  
Nell Judd—N5KTA

June 2021, new member(s):

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

August 2021, new member(s):

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

October 2021, new member(s):

Thomas Bladecki—KI5RWX

# 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](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

10/23/2021—Parker County Hamfest

Location: Springtown, TX

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Amateur Radio Club Of Parker County & Tri-County Amateur Club

Website: <http://W5PC.ORG> or <https://wc5c.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/>

Hey guys and gals,

I wanted to forward over Chris' message about a JOTA event that he's putting together at a church at Louetta and Jones rd. in October.

Chris is a recent NARS member, having just passed his tech exam a couple months ago, and is really working hard to get many of his Boy Scouts licensed up as well.

A few of us will participating here to help make a presence on ham radio and give the kids a way to communicate with other stations, and if anyone else would like to also join us, please let me know.

Since there will be several of the scouts already licensed by the time this happens, it should be especially fun for them to get some real air time.

Ping me for any questions, and between myself and Chris, I'm sure we can get the blanks filled in.

Walter/K5WH

-----Original Message-----

From: Cmsimonton <cmsimonton@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 3:11 PM

To: walterh@k5wh.net

Subject: JOTA

Mr. Walter

Per our earlier conversation, I am writing to formally request assistance from you and from NARS in setting up HF stations at the scout building behind Lakewood United Methodist Church (11330 Louetta @ Jones) on Saturday, October 16th for Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). I have already reserved the scout building for the day, but was hopeful that you could help me narrow down an appropriate window of time for the event. I'm not sure if morning or evening is preferred based on my extremely limited knowledge of HF bands and signal propagation. Plus, I've never participated in JOTA, but now find myself coordinating it for our troop. Also, if possible, I think it would be very interesting to the scouts if we could coordinate a balloon release on that day to introduce them to APRS tracking. Unfortunately, I will be on a campout with the scout troop during the next NARS meeting, so I will not be able to make this request in person. Thank you in advance for helping me with this matter.

Chris Simonton

W5TXS; 713-502-7067