

# NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

AUGUST 1985

## FIELD DAY EFFORTS PRODUCE 474 CONTACTS AS RADIO CLUB LAUNCHES FIRST DRILL

A small but enthusiastic crew of local hams held a successful first Field Day June 22-23, logging 474 contacts, including 398 on side-band and 76 on CW, over the 24-hour-long marathon.

Led by chairman Bob Jahn, WA4JBV, the activity originated at the QTH of Dan Wells, N5IDE, on Louetta Road. Dan's family provided outstanding support, including great meals for the hungry crew. Operating comfort was assured by the camper wheeled in by Paul Frantz, WB5DBT, who also put in long hours mikeside. Norm Nissen, WB8QQR, interrupted his wedding anniversary to deliver a generator and radio gear. (Special thanks to his XYL.)

Antenna fans know that Murphy's Law strikes often during Field Day weekends. This year was no exception. Attempts to raise a full-size TA-33 beam to 30 feet by walking it up with a less-than-adequate pole produced "instant pretzel." A compromise of 20 feet was used after discarding the top bent section. Ken Harlan, KA5AKG, shot an arrow into the air and it fell to earth exactly where it was needed for the dipole. Jim Stevenson, W5KMN, brought a multi-band dipole-in-a-box. Ask him about the "some assembly required" notation in the instructions.

N5HF, the call used this year, was loaned by Henry Freedenberg, who also zipped along some fast CW. Official photographer Bob Welch, KE5IC, snapped the evidence and put on an FB meeting show. Thanks to all who participated, and see you next year!

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## NEXT RADIO CLUB MEETING FRIDAY AUGUST 23 AT CYPRESS CREEK EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Our next club meeting will be held Friday, August 23 at the Cypress Creek Emergency Medical Services building, 16650 Sugar Pine Lane. The building is two blocks south of FM 1960, one block east of Kuykendahl and at the base of the water tower. The meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. in the upstairs room and features a talk and tour by Philip Binkley, supervisor of communication. Bring a friend!

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JOIN NARS NOW! BE A CHARTER MEMBER. APPLICATION BLANK ON PAGE TWO.

**STEERING COMMITTEE DRAFTS CONSTITUTION,  
SETS \$10 ANNUAL DUES FOR NEW RADIO CLUB**

The first step toward establishing a new radio club in northwest Harris County has been taken with the drafting of a proposed constitution and By-Laws. The action came during a meeting of the steering committee July 27 at the QTH of Dee Logan, W1HEO.

The format of the document was based upon samples provided by the American Radio Relay League and local radio clubs.

Contents of the drafts follow standard club organization, with a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer elected by the members during the November meeting. A board of directors will consist of officers, the immediate past president, the activities chairman and two directors-at-large. The intention is for the board meetings to be open to all members and held on a regular basis.

Annual dues were established at \$10 per year by the committee. Because of the expense of postage and printing of meeting notices, it was agreed to begin soliciting memberships immediately. A membership application appears below, and we urge you to fill it out and send in your charter membership application today. Dick Combs, N5DRM, agreed to open an account and act as interim treasurer.

The name "Northwest Amateur Radio Society" or NARS is being used for now, although members may wish to change the name. The steering committee has avoided a Houston name, since many members of the planning group live in Harris County rather than Houston.

Thanks to members of the steering committee for their efforts in launching the new radio club: Bob Welch, KE5IC; Paul Frantz, WB5DBT; Dee Logan, W1HEO; Ken Edinborgh, W5BKK; Ken Harlan, KA5AKG; Dan Wells, N5IDE; Henry Freedenberg, N5HF; Dick Rousseau, KA4MFS; Bob Jahn, WA4JBV; Dick Combs, N5DRM; Kirby Van Horn, K7WOC; Dan Allan, KA5PSO; and Jim Stevenson, W5KMN.

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Please accept my membership in the Northwest Amateur Radio Society. Enclosed is my check for \$10 made payable to NARS.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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