

# NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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## CURRENT HAM RADIO TRENDS DISCUSSED AT NEXT NARS MEETING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

What's new and exciting in the world of Amateur Radio? For the answer, and some views on current trends, plan to join NARS for its Friday, October 25 meeting.

Guest speaker Don Busick, K5AAD, an owner of Houston's Madison Electronics, 3621 Fannin, will join us with the details.

Don has promised to bring along some of the newest and most sophisticated of ham radio gear, such as the ICOM 735 or 3200 transceivers for your inspection. As an extra added attraction, Don also will donate a door prize, so be sure to toss your name in the hat for the chance to be a winner!

From his unique vantage point, Don will be able to give us the latest info on what's new in the equipment marketplace, plus the latest hot ham radio rumors. He's promised to take questions, and with luck, be able to supply the answers!

Bring a friend. The meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. at the Cypress Creek Emergency Medical Services building, 16650 Sugar Pine Lane. The building is one block east of Kuykendahl and two blocks south of FM 1960 at the water tower. The meeting room is upstairs on the right.

## CLUB APPROVES CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

NARS members voted unanimous approval of the club's new Constitution and By-Laws, and voted into office a slate of officers and directors.

Elected president is Ken Harlan, KA5AKG; vice president, Paul Frantz, WB5DBT; secretary, Dick Rousseau, KA4MFS; and treasurer, Dick Combs, N5DRM.

Also elected to the Board of Directors were Bob Welch, KE5IC; Dee Logan, W1HEO; Dick Rooney, W5VHN; Joe Sokolowski, KD5KR; and Henry Freedenberg, N5HF. (The new president comments in his column on page two)

## HELP NARS AFFILIATE WITH ARRL

NARS plans to apply for ARRL affiliation, and requires at least 51% of its members to be League affiliated. Please help supply us with the information requested by bringing to the meeting the mailing label from QST, since this information must be supplied just as it appears there.

## NARS COLLECTS QSLs

The club is starting a display of member QSL cards, so please bring along one of your cards to a meeting and it will be included in a display to be shown periodically. Make it out to "NARS".

JOIN NARS NOW! BE A CHARTER MEMBER

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### NARS CHARTER MEMBERS NOW TOTAL 40

NARS welcomes the following new charter members who joined the club during the past month:

26. Michael Pate, KA5LUD
27. Vince Hayes, KC0LM
28. Robert Haase, N5AER
29. Courtney Duncan, N5BF
30. Harold Parker, ND5F
31. Jim Stephenson, W5KMN
32. John Ellis, W5PDW
33. Ero Gutierrez, YV1XU
34. Keith Rogers, WA5IMC
35. Scott Taylor
36. Tom Lester
37. Don Culbertson, KA5PWF
38. Dick Turner
39. Orville Hanson, WB4GDV
40. Bart Lewis, KA5RKR

We look forward to meeting each of these new members at our monthly gatherings, and are sure that there are several areas where their participation is welcome and needed. Now that you've joined up....join in!

### NARS ESTABLISHES NEW COMMITTEES

The first meeting of the NARS Board of Directors resulted in the appointment of new committee chairmen: TVI/RFI committee, Ken Edinborgh, W5BKK, and Mike Pfeiffer, K5WIM; Emergency Communication, Dick Combs, N5DRM, with Henry Freedenberg, N5HF; Membership, Paul Frantz, WB5DBT; Training, Dee Logan, W1HEO, with Paul, WB5DBT; and Activities, Henry Freedenberg, N5HF,.

If your're interested in any of these activities, please contact the appropriate chairman at the next meeting. Please try to participate in one or more areas, since much groundwork has to be laid in order to get activites rolling.

### THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

by

Ken Harlan, KA5AKG

Because some people said "I will" and followed through, we now have a real live, functioning, radio club in northwest Harris County. To those of the steering committee we say "Thanks!".

As your newly elected president, I thank you for your confidence. I look forward to working with you in developing our club, supporting you in Amateur Radio, and generally advancing our hobby. The programs we are looking toward now will offer many exciting opportunities.

Our September meeting kicked things off with our guest speaker, Al Vacek, KN5A, offering some very sound advice, technically and practically, in dealing with deed restrictions and relations with our neighbors. In furthering our radio activities, we should seriously heed his advice to "always take complaints seriously".

Courtesy, consideration, and assistance should be our creed.... not only toward other hams, but also toward the community.

73 de Ken

### NARS NEWS SENT TO NON-MEMBERS

A mailing of the News to non-members is made each month as a means of introducing the club to potential members. So, if you received this issue and aren't a NARS member, consider this issue as a "get acquainted" offer from the club. Please fill out the application coupon elsewhere in this paper and join NARS. We'd love to have you!



## FCC ISSUES MEMORANDUM ON PRB-1

"State and local regulations that operate to preclude amateur communications in their communities are in direct conflict with federal objectives and must be preempted."

The words are those of the Federal Communications Commission, which recently issued its memorandum opinion and order on PRB-1 filed last summer by the ARRL. The issue under review concerned the growing tendency of state and local governments to regulate the antenna installations of radio amateurs, thus effectively forcing many operators off the air or into vastly curtailed activity.

"Because amateur station communications are only as effective as the antennas involved," said the FCC, "antenna height restrictions directly affect the effectiveness of amateur communications." The FCC said it didn't want to specify a given height of antenna as allowable, but said that local regulations must be crafted to "accommodate reasonable amateur communications."

The federal government has a stake in such discussions, said the Commission, particularly since the amateur service is designed to meet the public interest and provide a valuable emergency communication resource. Support of the ham radio community was evident in comments filed by the Defense Department on behalf of MARS, the American Red Cross, Quarter Century Wireless Assn., and various town civil defense officers.

The FCC added that this memorandum does not reach restrictive covenants (deed restrictions) which are voluntarily entered into by home buyers.

## HAM RADIO NEWS UPDATE

A new beacon is on the air, joining those that already beam signals from various corners of the globe as a means of testing propagation. LU4AA/B is transmitting on 14.100 MHz every 10 minutes starting at 08 minutes after the hour. Reports of reception are welcomed by the Radio Club Argentino & Northern Cal. DX Foundation.....The first reciprocal calls issued by Japan have been received, with 7J1AA through 7J1AAE issued. Information on a Japanese reciprocal call can be obtained from the JARL, 1 14 2 Sugamo, Toshima, Tokyo 170, Japan.....In Canada, the DOC plans to deregulate many amateur radio rules affecting the Canadian Amateur Service, allowing hams north of the border to operate any mode, anywhere in their bands they wish, if they adhere to voluntary band plans....Solar conditions are bad, but take heart, it's believed that the recent total absence of sunspots is temporary, and not an indicator of the end of cycle 21. The best eight weeks of the year are at hand, says the ARRL's W1AW bulletin, however the solar flux is so low that even 20 meters is borderline territory; what little DX there is on 21 MHz is in the north-south path, and even this is rarely heard on 24 & 28 MHz. Prospects for improvement aren't bright, but late October looks better, with the 27-29 probably the best of the fall season to date.....Mexican earthquake traffic involved several NARS members in efforts to crash the pileups and pass health and welfare traffic on behalf of Houston-area residents concerned about friends and relatives in the disaster areas.....

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UPGRADING CODE SESSIONS

Several club members have expressed interest in forming training classes as a means of upgrading or boosting code proficiency. The newly formed training committee will address these needs, particularly the possibility of tapping the ARRL Club and Training Department's supply of training aids.

In the meantime, it has been suggested that groups of club members meet informally to help each other in theory and code. Higher licensees are encouraged to lend their helping hands as "Elmers" and sit in.

Charter member David Taylor, WB5PIO, is among those wishing to form a study group, and has agreed to help organize the first such team. Please make a point to see David at the next meeting and volunteer if you're able to help out.

NARS News has also learned that an effort to organize a new Novice class is underway by Mark Schaeffer of Heath/Zenith Electronics, 5050 FM 1960 West. If you're interested see Mark or give him a call at 583-1163.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

ARRL Member? \_\_\_\_\_

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