

NARS NEWS

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

June 1987

...CQ FIELD DAY - CQ FIELD DAY... JUNE - STAND BY FOR FIELD DAY

The June 19th NARS meeting will be all about our participation in the 1987 Field Day exercise, June 27-28. The 24-hour program officially begins at 1 p.m. Saturday and ends at 1 p.m. Sunday (CDT). The location this year is Meyer Park on the south side of Cypresswood Drive just west of Stuebner Airline.

Field Day is a time every year for ham operators to practice portable communication procedures under emergency conditions. Events like this give us an idea of what is required to set up a station without commercial power in the event of a major disaster. This ARRL event is organized like a contest to see how many contacts a group can log in a 24-hour period. Groups compete according to how many transmitters are being operated. NARS will compete in the 2A category; two transmitters plus a novice station will be in operation. All bands and modes of communication can be used.

For our June meeting Ev Haines, KA5VIZ, Field Day Chairman, will go over the FD rules, schedules, strategy, and equipment. Just to whet our appetite, Bob Welch, KE5IC, will show a video tape of the NARS 1986 Field Day. Even if you have a tight schedule on FD weekend, you are encouraged to drop by. Family members are more than welcome as well as friends, neighbors, and all interested parties. So don't miss this month's meeting and don't miss the special weekend.

PLEASE NOTE: A deputy constable will be on duty at the gate to Meyer Park from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. (hours the park is normally closed). To get in during these hours, you must present your ham radio license.

NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER BIANNUAL EMERGENCY DRILL

On Saturday, June 27th, starting at 10 a.m. (CDT), the NW Harris County ARES group will participate in an emergency drill at the Northwest Medical Center. The hospital will practice emergency procedures to be used in the event of a disaster. There will be a simulated chemical spill and partial evacuation of the hospital. Four ham operators will be in position in the hospital plus one Net Control; several other ops will be available on standby basis near the hospital. Further details on the regular ARES net and at the time of the drill.

MAY MEETING RECAP

Ron Stagno of the National Weather Service discussed severe weather, tornadoes, and hurricanes, using a unique and extremely interesting narrative style augmented by a video tape of the tornado disaster at Wichita Falls TX. He pointed out that the Houston area is No. 1 in the nation for tornado reportings and that NW Harris County has the most severe weather in this area. Door Prize: Dick Turner, KB5AKK, won a \$20 gift certificate donated by Texas Comm Center, 4120-A Directors Row, Houston TX. Dick Combs, N5DRM, won a portable BBQ grill in a club raffle (grill was donated by Ken Harlan, KA5AKG).

KA6JDT HEADS WEST

On May 27th, Bud Hefner, KA6JDT, acted as Net Control for the Wednesday 2-meter net for the last time. Bud has transferred back to California. While here he did a great job of coordinating NARS participation in many community service projects; he will be missed!! Best 73 from NARS, Bud.

**FROM THE PRESIDENT
by TOM RORABACK, KF500**

A year has passed and it's time for another Field Day event. For those of you able to participate in the NARS Field Day station last year I know you're anxious to be very active in the expanded station this year. For those NARS members that were unable to participate last year or are new to our organization, the program scheduled for our June 19th meeting is devoted to last year's Field Day event.

Bob Welch, KE5IC, has been working hard at editing the many hours of video tape and the hundreds of 35mm slides taken during last year's Field Day. He has put this all together into what promises to be a very interesting program. Even if you can't make this year's Field Day, join us at the June meeting.

Ev Haines, KA5VIZ, has been ably assisted by the Field Day Committee in putting this year's event together and it promises to be one that we'll remember fondly for a long time. The location is just perfect; we have permission to use the parking lot in Meyer Park on the south side of Cypresswood Drive just west of Stuebner Airline. This is an ideal location for setting up as well as a convenient one for NARS members. The only thing you'll have to remember is that a constable will be stationed at the gate from 9 p.m. until 7 a.m. when the park is normally closed. In order to get into the Field Day station during those hours you will have to show your amateur radio license.

If you haven't already signed up to operate one of the three stations that will be working during the Field Day, do so now -- make a commitment, be a part of the fun and camaraderie that is Field Day.

We've got a Board of Directors meeting scheduled for Friday, June 12th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Foundation -- all are welcome.

NARS NOTES

- NOW IT'S OFFICIAL! - NARS has been designated a Special Service Club by the ARRL. Please see page 67, June QST, for the announcement as well as SSC qualification specs.

- PLEASE WELCOME new NARS members:

Mike Patterson, KA5WBN
Fred Bailey, KB5DFS
Larry Earhart, Jr., KB5DFU
Dianne Pankau, KB5DGD
Linda Coles, N5KHO
Tom Robinson, New Novice

- NEW CALLS:

Nell McComb, N5KTA ex KB5AEU
Joe Lincoln, KB5DIX - Novice
Kevin Townson, KB5DKZ - Novice
Tom McDonnell, KB5DLA - Novice

- NARS ROSTER was prepared by Paul Frantz, KF5SB. Thanks, Paul!!

- OFFICIAL TRAFFIC PASSED: Bob White KB5AEF, handled a message from Jim Haynie, WB5JBP (ARRL Director, West Gulf Division) on the Texas Traffic Net last month. Message congratulated Watt Hinson, N5KEX, and Dan Cassiani, KB5BLX (NARS members) on becoming ARRL members.

NARS NOVICE CLASS UPDATE

Novice class participants who took their test on March 19th have received new calls as follows:

Roger Berry, KB5DFR; Fred Bailey, KB5DFS; Henry del Valle, KB5DFT; Larry Earhart, Jr., KB5DFU; Rod Fuller KB5DFV; Kim Hinds, KB5DFW; Pat Hinds, KB5DFX; Bob Kosa, KB5DFY; Rich MacDougal, KB5DFZ; Mike Maldonado, KB5DGA; Pat Myers, KB5DGB; Kwame Osei-Bonsu, KB5DGC; Dianne Pankau, KB5DGD; John Self, KB5DGE; Jim Sexton KB5DGF; Don Wild, KB5DGG; and new Technician Class, Randy Pugh, KB5CXL.

Passing their Novice Class exams in May and awaiting call signs are Joy Smith and Tom Robinson.

***** FIELD DAY *****

by Ev Haines, KA5VIZ, V.P., Field Day Chairman

ATTENTION ALL NARTIANS!! THE LAST WEEKEND IN JUNE IS FAST APPROACHING WHEN NARS WILL FILL THE AIR WITH RF. LAST YEAR'S GOALS WERE TO BEST THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S SCORE, HAVE FUN, BEAT OFF MURPHY, AND HAVE MORE FUN. WE DID IT!!!!!!

WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO BE A BIT MORE AMBITIOUS THIS YEAR. WE ARE GOING TO ENTER THE FIELD DAY AS A 2A STATION. SOME OF YOU MAY ASK, "WHAT MADNESS IS THIS? HAVE THEY TAKEN LEAVE OF THEIR SENSES? HAS TOO MUCH RF IN THE SHACK FRIED THEIR THINKING PROCESSES?" FEAR NOT FELLOW NARTIANS, READ ON...

LAST YEAR, MANY HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN A FIELD DAY AND OUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP WAS NOT AS LARGE AS IT IS TODAY. THE SCEPTICS ASKED, "ERECT A 37 FT. TOWER COMPLETE WITH BEAM, ROTATABLE VERTICAL, DIPOLE, AND PACKET? MADNESS! SHEER AND UTTER MADNESS! MURPHY WILL SEE THAT DISASTER ARRIVES AT THE MOST INOPPORTUNE TIME." WELL, MURPHY DID ATTEMPT TO DISTRACT AND DESTROY US. THE RESULTS? READ ON...

1. TOWER AND ANTENNAS ERECTED IN TWO HOURS.
2. STATION OPERATING IN LESS THAN THREE HOURS.
3. MORE OPERATORS THAN OPERATING TIME AVAILABLE.
4. PREVIOUS YEAR'S SCORE TOTALLY SHATTERED.
5. MURPHY FOUND, THRASHED, AND BURIED. MAY HE R.I.P.
6. NARS FINDS ITS GOLDEN FIST, KEN (W5BKK).
7. MORE FUN HAD THAN THOUGHT POSSIBLE. BE AT THE JUNE MEETING TO SEE THE ACTUAL RESULTS ON FILM.

THIS YEAR WE HAVE A LARGER MEMBERSHIP, CONFIRMED BELIEVERS, MORE VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPLY RIGS AND EQUIPMENT, AND AN UNBELIEVABLE NUMBER OF CONFIRMED OPS. WE ALSO HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW HAMS FROM OUR LAST NOVICE CLASS THAT WANT TO OPERATE AT FIELD DAY.

WE COULD GO ON FOR PAGES ABOUT LAST YEAR AND THE GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL, BUT LET'S LOOK AT THIS YEAR'S SUMMARY:

1. DATE: JUNE 26 - 28
2. PLACE: MEYER PARK ON CYPRESSWOOD DR.
3. TIME: NOON FRIDAY FOR SET UP. ALL VOLUNTEERS ACCEPTED.
1 P.M. SATURDAY BEGINS FIELD DAY
1 P.M. SUNDAY FIELD DAY ENDS. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TEARDOWN.
4. STATIONS: CW CAPT.- KEN, W5BKK. CALL TO ADD YOUR NAME TO LIST.
SSB CAPT.- JOEL, N5HWU. CALL TO ADD YOUR NAME TO LIST.
NOVICE CAPT.- STAN, K0IQH. CALL TO ADD YOUR NAME TO LIST.
PLUS PACKET AND HOPEFULLY SATELLITE.
5. TRAILERS: COURTESY OF JOE, KD5KR; PAUL, KF5SB; ED, KB5AEL.
6. ANTENNAS: 3 BEAMS AT 40 FT. ON TOWERS.
OUR INFAMOUS ROTATABLE VERTICAL.
ALL BAND DIPOLE.

NEEDED: OPS, VOLUNTEERS, OPS, VOLUNTEERS. LET'S DO IT AGAIN!!

***** FOR SALE *****

ath HW-101 with power supply and mike. Great Novice rig. Good condx. \$175.
Call Dan Wells, N5IDE. Tel: 376-2937

NARS BULLETIN BOARD

NARS MEETS the third Friday of each month at the Cypress Creek EMS building, 16650 Sugar Pine Lane, one block east of Kuykendahl and two blocks south of FM 1960 (beneath the water tower). Meeting time: 8 p.m. Eyeball QSO's: about 7:30 p.m.

NARS BREAKFAST every Saturday 8 a.m. at Uncle Tom's Kitchen, 17500 Kuykendahl, informal ragchew.

NARS REPEATER FREOUENCIES:

146.660 MHz (-600 kHz)
444.375 MHz (+5 MHz)

NARS CALLING FREQUENCIES:

146.460 MHz (Simplex)
3880 kHz

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|FOR INFORMATION ABOUT NARS, PLEASE|
|CALL KEN EDINBORGH, W5BKK 376-7660|
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NARS NETS coordinators:

RAGCHEW - MONDAY 7:30 p.m.
21.350 MHz then 28.490 MHz
(Dick, W5VHN)

CW PRACTICE - TUESDAY 7:30 p.m.
21.185 MHz (Scott, N5KEU)

ARES - TUESDAY 8:00 p.m.
146.660 MHz (Bob, KB5AEF)

NARS INFO - WEDNESDAY 8:00 p.m.
146.660 MHz - (6/10 Bob, KE5IC;
6/17 Dick, N5JZY; 6/24 Jim,
KB5AEJ; 7/1 Ken, KA5AKG)

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