

NARS NEWS

e Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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RECEIVER PERFORMANCE TOPIC FOR MARCH 20 MEETING

This month's meeting gets technical when we explore what makes a good radio receiver. Bill Schrader, K2TNO, will present a slide show, "Evaluating Receiver Performance". If you're interested in what types of measuring and testing are important in understanding how receivers work and perform, you'll find this meeting very informative. A question and answer session will follow. Meeting night is Friday, March 20, at 8:00 p.m.; arrive early for some good conversation prior to the meeting start.

FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

hunny Holmes, W5ALG, Harris County District Attorney, entertained and informed NARS members about County emergency communication and current issues on law enforcement...The .66 machine has been down for several weeks; work is proceeding to correct the problem...Bob White, KB5AEF, Emergency Coordinator, reported on ARES seminar he attended in Austin recently; several speakers from across the country addressed the group. A special ARRL certificate was presented to Bud Hefner, KA6JDT, for his public service activities; presenter was Jay Parker, ARRL Asst. Director-West Gulf Division. Door prize winners were Bob Haase, N5AER (a magnificent scenic print suitable for framing; it was donated by Dick Rooney, W5VHN) and Dan Cassiani, KB5BLX (a Gift Certificate from Texas Comm Center).

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT NARS, PLEASE
CALL KEN EDINBORGH, W5BKK, 376-7660.

NARS PICNIC SET FOR APRIL 11

The First Annual NARS Picnic is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, April 11, at Spring Creek Park near Tomball. Being organized by Ken Harlan, KA5AKG, and Dick Rousseau, N5JZY, it is a "BYOBBQOW", bring your own BBQ or whatever. There are facilities for the harmonics to play in so everyone can do their own thing. There may even be an HF station set up for a few weekend contacts. More info at the regular meeting, or call Ken at 370-2950, or Dick at 370-5714. Picnic talk-in on 146.46 MHz.

NOVICE ENHANCEMENT OFFICIALLY BEGINS
ONE MINUTE AFTER 6 PM ON MARCH 20TH

MEMBERS HELP OUT WOODLANDS MARATHON

Several NARS members provided communications for a Woodlands benefit marathon race held February 14. Those helping out were Vince Hayes, KC0LM (finish line); Jim Minor, KB5AEJ (race computer); Charley Fritze, N5JEN (medical station); and Bud Hefner, KA6JDT (lead car - a 1926 Model T). There were 300 runners for the 26-mile marathon and 800 for the 10K run. A big thanks for those who gave their time and expertise.

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NARS NOVICE COURSE UPDATE

The new Novice Enhancement approval timing kind of blind sided the NARS Novice Course team. As a result of the effective enactment date of March 20th, a Novice Class test will be given to all class members at the regularly scheduled class night on March 19th at 7:30 p.m. A five word-per-minute code test will be given and, for those who pass the code, a 20-question written examination will follow. The written exam questions will be taken from the 200-question pool published in the 1987 Edition of the ARRL book, "Tune in the World With Ham Radio".

If anyone does not pass this test session, another test will be given at the normal end of the NARS Novice Course. It will again start with the five w.p.m. code test, but the written exam will consist of 30 questions from a 300-question pool to be supplied by the ARRL.

Despite the confusion, the class is progressing well and everyone looks forward to passing the test the first time around. de KE5IC

TECHNICIANS - NOVICES

Join the activity on 10 meters. On March 24th, the Houston SHOT Chapter of the Ten-Ten International Net will move its regular weekly net to 28.488 MHz. Novices and Technicians are invited to check in to this net held at 8:00 p.m. local time every Tuesday evening. de KF5SB

NEW 40 METER NET STARTS

A new CW net is operating on 7.1377 MHz, 7 p.m. CST, 0100 UTC every Tuesday. The net is established primarily for the purpose of making contact with states for the WAS certificate. There is a format to follow for talking on the net so you need to listen in first. The net is being coordinated by Scott Davis, WB3CZF, located in Maryland.

>>DAYTON HAMVENTION IS APRIL 24-26<<

NOTICE

For those who have not renewed their NARS membership for 1987, this is the last issue of the NARS NEWS that will be mailed to you.

To renew your membership, please send a check made out to "NARS" to Bob Welch, KE5IC, 7811 Theisswood Rd., Spring, TX 77379.

NEW MICROWAVE CLUB FORMING

A new ham club for microwave enthusiasts met for the first time on March 7th. Called the Gulf Coast Microwave Society, the club will meet monthly and is planning to put up a 1.2 GHz repeater in the Houston area as one of its first projects. For information please contact NARS member Mark Allen, KA5YPU, acting president of the GCMS, at 367-9209.

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING

The NARS board met February 13 at the Lincoln Foundation...NARS club awards will be displayed in the shack at the Lincoln Foundation...A proposal for a NARS family membership will be announced at a regular meeting...The NARS application for ARRL Special Service Club status was lost at ARRL level for awhile, but is now back in line for their action... Repeater Committee members announced by Chairman Ev Haines, KA5VIZ, are as follows: Ken Harlan, KA5AKG; Mark Allen, KA5YPU; Ed Hinds, KA5AEL; with a fifth member to be announced. The board meeting was followed by an ARES organizational meeting headed up by Bob White, KA5AEF, NARS Emergency Coordinator.....de N5FIX

NARS MEMBERS QSL CARDS

Some time ago it was suggested that everyone bring their QSL card to a meeting and give it to the club secretary to be displayed in a hanging file at club meetings. Anyone who hasn't done so is requested to bring your QSL card to the next meeting for this purpose.

NARS NOTES

- HEARD FROM W1AW - Tom Roraback, KF500, operated ARRL headquarters station W1AW on Saturday, March 7th. At least two NARS members, Vince, KC0LM, and Ken, W5BKK, were able to work him. Many others listened in vain.
- UPGRADES - Congratulations to the following for their upgrade to Amateur Extra Class:

Ken Edinborgh, W5BKK
Dick Rooney, W5VHN
Allen Majeski, WA5REJ
- CALL SIGN CHANGES:

Scott Byrd, N5KEU ex KB5AEN.
David Gaines, KF5VA ex N5IWF.
Robert Hasselmeier - New Novice Class call is KB5CBK.
- PLEASE WELCOME these new members:

Bruce Cline, N5FD
Bill Gary, K8CSG
Robert Hasselmeier, KB5CBK
Watt Hinson, N5KEX
Bill Kemp, new novice
- PLEASE VOLUNTEER to help with these events:

March 29 - Equestrian Cross Country Jumping Event, Bellville, TX, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

March 21, 22, 28, 29 - Houston Festival, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. includes a bicycle race plus general monitoring.

April 12 - American Heart Association, walk/run.

To offer your assistance call Bud Hefner, KB6JDT, at 987-3041.

See QST, March issue, for NARS writeup on p. 148.

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. Time: 8:00 p.m. Eyeball QSO's: About 7:30 p.m.
- BARTER TABLE before each meeting.
- NARS BOARD MEETS at 7:30 p.m. the second Friday of each month at the Lincoln Foundation, 7622 Louetta Road, just west of Stuebner Airline. Meeting open to all members.
- BREAKFAST EYEBALL QSO - Every Saturday 8:30 a.m. at Uncle Tom's Kitchen, 17500 Kuykendahl. Informal ragchew.
- NARS NETS Coordinators

RAGCHEW - MONDAY 7:30 p.m.
21.350 MHz (Bob, KB5AEF)

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

NARS INFO - WEDNESDAY 8:00 P.M.
146.66 MHz (Bud, KA6JDT)
- NARS CALLING FREQUENCIES:

2 meters 146.460 MHz (Simplex)
75 meters 3.880 MHz

ANTENNA RAISED AT LINCOLN FOUNDATION

On Sunday afternoon, March 1st, Bob White, KB5AEF, and Ed Hinds, KB5AEL, erected an inverted vee antenna, cut for 40 meters, atop the Lincoln Foundation building. They were ably assisted in this endeavor (from the shack) by Ken Edinborgh, W5BKK, and Bob Welch, KE5IC. Bob, KB5AEF, checked it all out with his Yaesu rig and reported a couple of successful East Coast c.w. contacts.

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