

NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

April 1989

"PRACTICAL ANTENNAS" SUBJECT FOR APRIL 21st MEETING

Bringing with him a wealth of info based on his broad knowledge of and practical experience with numerous antenna systems, our speaker for the NARS April 21st meeting will be Don Busick, K5AAD. Don said that he will emphasize practical antennas, ones that "really work" without costing an arm and a leg to set up.

A familiar face on the Houston Ham scene, Don is well known to local amateurs. As an owner of Madison Electronics he stays abreast of all the latest trends in amateur radio equipment. An avid DXer, Spunky is a member of the DX Century Club Honor Roll, and has worked all 320 of the countries on the current official ARRL Countries List.

If you haven't heard Don expound on antennas before, you sure don't want to miss this meeting. Come early and enjoy some eyeball QSOing before the meeting starts. This is a great time to meet local Hams.

MARCH MEETING RECAP

At the regular meeting in March, Mr. Stephen Lee from the local FCC field office shared with us rules enforcement procedures as well as public service activities in general. He explained the DFing equipment he brought with him to the meeting and gave an overall excellent presentation to an attentive audience. He also distributed some current FCC literature on a number of subjects.

Winner of the door prize was Rich Richardson, KA5YFU, who received a copy of the ARRL Handbook courtesy of Madison Electronics, 3621 Fannin, Houston. Phone: 713-520-7300.

THIRD ANNUAL NARS FAMILY PICNIC SET FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Third Annual Northwest Amateur Radio Society Family Picnic will be held Sunday afternoon, April 23rd. The time will be from about 2 p.m. until dark, and the location will be the pavilion at the Spring Creek State Park.

Bring your own barbeque or whatever. There are charcoal grills available, but bring your own chairs and a festive mood. Since we have the covered pavilion reserved, this will be a rain or shine affair - and alcoholic beverages are permitted. Plans are to have an HF rig set up so bring your best DX attitude along.

To get to the park from Tomball, take SH 249 (FM 149) north - turn left at the traffic light located about a mile north of FM 2920 - and proceed about a mile to the park. The pavilion area is straight ahead from the entrance. Talk-in is on the 146.06/66 MHz NARS repeater, or on 146.46 MHz Simplex.

Chairman for this year's event is Curt Furtado, KB5BCL. If you have questions, call Curt at 894-5826.

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Hearty congratulations to Dianne Pankau, KB5DGD, who gave birth to harmonic Richard James at 1:30 p.m. on April 11th. Richard weighed in at 8 lbs. 15 oz. Both mother and son are doing very well.

1989 NARS Field Day chairman Rich Richardson, KA5YFU, reports Field Day location will be Fritche Park. Site is on Fritche Cemetary Road which runs south from Grant Road just west of Telge Road.

NARS NOTES

- OPS NEEDED for March of Dimes 1960 Area WalkAmerica event on Sunday, April 30. Please contact Bob Welch KE5IC, at 376-4814 to volunteer!
- PLEASE WELCOME new NARS members:
Tee Bowden, New Novice
Gary Johnson, N5GBR
Doug Seyler, WB5TKI
- CONGRATULATIONS are in order to:

Bob Patterson, N5MJB, who received his DXCC certificate in March. And Norm Kalson who received his new call sign KG5SJ ex KB5HZS.
- THE NATIONAL RED CROSS Convention will be held in Houston May 20-24. Many Hams are needed to help with communications during this event! Please volunteer your much needed help to Rich MacDougal, KG5LZ, our Public Service Coordinator.
- SEE NARS INFO in April QST, p.128!

FROM THE PRESIDENT by RICH MACDOUGAL, KG5LZ

The time is drawing near for another Field Day and we have a coordinator, Rich Richardson, KA5YFU, who is busy making arrangements. Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 24-25 and participate. Also call Rich if you would like to help set up or loan gear. We already have several volunteers like Ev Haines, KA5VIZ, who will supply three 10KW portable generators and Ed Hinds, KB5AEL, who has checked them over. Curt Furtado, KB5BCL, is organizing the Novice station and Roy Hradilek, AD5Q, is antenna design and CW station coordinator. One last note... I want to thank our net control ops for their work. I have a new VHF/UHF rig and was impressed by Scott Byrd, N5KEU, and Ken Harlan KA5AKG, running the ARES and NARS Info Nets. Also wish to thank Bob White, KF5ZL, and Dick Rooney, W5VHN for their N.C. work on the RACES and 10M NARS Ragchew Nets. Just wanted these folks to know that they're appreciated!

KLEIN FOREST RADIO CLUB, by KEN BUSBEE, KB5ESQ

Students at the Klein Forest High School met on February 15th to start an amateur radio club. Dee Kramm, KB5GEW, a junior at the high school was able to convince Mr. Keith Glazener to serve as faculty advisor. About 10 students were present for the initial meeting and Dee Kramm was chosen as the interim leader with Crystal Bennett as her assistant. Several of the students are enrolled in the Novice Course currently being offered by NARS. Ken Busbee, KB5ESQ, attended the initial meeting and spoke briefly about the many facets of amateur radio. A not so successful demonstration of two meter operation was tried with a student trying to talk with other NARS members. Thanks to the many members who tried to make it a success.

On the 15th of March the student club met to prepare their by-laws and rules. All necessary items were submitted to school officials and the Klein Forest Radio Club (KFRC) is now recognized by the school. About 10 students attended this second meeting. The next meeting of KFRC will be April 19th at 2:30 p.m. in the Career Center building. The scheduled topic will be packet radio and students from the school's Computer Club will be invited.

Support for student clubs was emphasized by the NARS Board of Directors at their February 10th meeting. To help start the club at Klein Forest, the board approved purchase of a set of library materials from the ARRL. These materials arrived and were divided into two groups. Certain material was given to the school library with the remaining given to the faculty advisor. Additionally, the board approved a NARS annual membership reduction to 1/2 the normal fee for members who are full time high school students.

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