

# NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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## From the Sky and Overseas - Another View of Ham Radio at the November Meeting

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen this is the pilot speaking. The tower has given us clearance for take off. Estimated time of arrival will be about 45 minutes. Make sure your trays are in the upright position and your seatbelts are fastened. Thanks for flying NARS Airlines."

Your pilot or program host at this month's meeting will be NARS member Phil Web, KH2EI, long time ham and currently a pilot for Continental/Express based in Houston.

Phil will touch down long enough this month to relate a mixed bag of topics having to do with ham radio and aviation. From 1989-92 Phil was a pilot for a subsidiary of Continental Air in the Pacific, based on the island of Guam. When not on duty he was on-the-air and enjoyed the pileups from the other end for a change. He's going to tell us what it's like from that side of the mike. He will also tell us some experiences as commercial pilot.

Besides a Guam call, Phil also holds the Japanese call 7J1ALP. He says he can even hold a limited conversation. Maybe the honorable Phil-son will recite some ham jargon in Japanese for us.

Have your boarding pass ready for this month's meeting. Come early for some eyeball QSOing at the terminal gate and then enjoy the program. See you there!

## October Meeting Recap

If you missed this last month's meeting, you missed a real treat. Bill Denton, WA5DWX, showed the video that he and Ron Schneider, N5RBC, put together of Field Day, 1992. It was worthy of an emmy nomination. There are still some doubts by some that they really did what they saw. The hard work involved and the great time enjoyed during Field Day were excellently chronicled. Copies can be arranged for through Bill by those who would like to view what they missed.

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### Your Chance to Win

Kenwood TM 732A Dualbander & Realistic Scanner  
**NARS RAFFLE**

Drawings at Houston Ham Convention Nov. 8th  
11 Chance book for \$10 or \$1.00 each

## NARS Calendar

--- *plan now!*

Nov. 6-8 - Houston  
**Ham-Convention & Hamfest.**  
Swapfest, lectures, equipment  
display and sales, Raffle  
drawing and more...

Nov. 13 - NARS Directors  
**meeting** at Dick Rousseau's  
home - 8:00 PM.

Nov. 14 - Weblos Scout Ham  
radio demonstration at Sealy  
campsite - 8:00 - 5:00.

Nov. 15 - Alzheimer's Memory  
**Walk** - 5K on Memorial Drive  
begining at the Sabine St.  
Bridge - 2:00 PM.

Nov. 20 - Regular monthly  
**NARS membership meeting** and  
club elections at the Cypress  
Creek Emergency Center - 7:30

Nov. 21 - Weblos Scout Ham  
radio demonstration at Sealy  
campsite - 8:00 - 5:00.

Dec. 11 - NARS Directors  
**meeting** at Dick Rousseau's  
home - 8:00 PM.

Dec. 18 - Regular monthly  
**NARS membership meeting** at  
the Cypress Creek Emergency  
Center - 7:30 PM.

Jan. 23 - NARS Annual Awards  
**Banquet.** Strack Farms  
Restraunt - 7:00 PM.



## Education - An AR Opportunity by Ken Harlan

With the great concern today about quality education and the need to motivate and retain students, what better instructional vehicle could be found than amateur radio? All research on learning concludes that hands-on involvement is the most effective mode of acquiring and retaining knowledge. It is generally more fun to most people than just reading or listening.

Amateur radio can provide experience in basic subjects too that educates in a subtle peripheral way. Activities can be directed in both the areas of humanities and sciences. To relate to geography, social studies, and history amateur radio may be the next best thing to being there. Students can talk and relate to others about their surroundings, their needs, and their feelings. They can be in touch with what is actually happening around the world. The world shrinks and their view expands and they may be motivated through their involvement to acquire infinitely more knowledge.

Some students see the sciences as an end in itself to their interests while others only as an obstacle to overcome to accomplish something else. Amateur radio is an experience to teach and apply science for students regardless of their primary interests. Fundamental sciences such as physics, chemistry, and all areas of math are applied in understanding electricity, electronics, propagation and all the other components of amateur radio activity. AR can be used as a teaching aid directly in science subjects or as a sublime mode of teaching them. The best feature of AR is that it can be a fun mode of learning.

Whether used as a teaching aid in the classroom to demonstrate science applications or to reach others in different locations, amateur radio offers a great opportunity for students and teachers to associate and work together. There is a small but growing base of amateur radio related education activities. Involving and educating teachers and instructors in the application of amateur radio is probably the

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## Notes From the President Dick Rousseau, N5JZY

November is looking up as an active NARS month with the HamCom, Webelos Cub Scout programs, and the Alzheimers Memory Walk. I would encourage each of you to see if you can spare some time to help in one of this important activities.

The Webelos Cub Scouts will be at camp near Sealy, Texas on 11/14th and 11/21th and we have been asked to provide a program on Ham Radio for them. BT Burke, N5QVS is handling the event and will need help from NARS members. Give him a call and volunteer if at all possible.

Jim Sutherland, N5SBP (353-6696) is taking names for those who want to help with the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk which will take place in the Allen Parkway/Memorial Drive areas in downtown Houston. They need help on Sunday afternoon on November 15th. A nice afternoon event, close to home so give Jim a call if you can help.

If you've forgotten, I want to remind each of you to attend our November meeting and vote for the new NARS Officers. We need your support and we want to give the new officers a good start for the coming year.

If you haven't read QST for November, take a minute to scan the article on 1992 Field Day. You will see that NARS placed sixth in the 2A class! Ole NARS is getting up there! This just goes to show you what a determined group of Hams can do. There were too many who contributed to recognize by name, so it was certainly a NARS team effort.

One last comment... Its not too soon to be planning to attend the annual NARS banquet which will be held on Saturday, January 23, 1992 at Strack's Farms Restaurant. We will have sign up sheets out at the November and December meetings so you can make reservations. An added attraction this year will be a slide/video program on 1992 NARS events put together by Bill Denton, WA5DWX. Of course, we'll still have our popular annual NARS awards given to members of special note. So, this event is looking to be special and I'm sure you will miss a pleasant event if you don't make it.



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NARS MEETS the third Friday of each  
month at the Cypress Creek EMS Bldg.  
16650 Sugar Pine Lane (beneath the  
water tower) which is one block east of  
Kuykendahl and two blocks south of  
FM 1960. Meeting time: 8:00 P.M.  
Eyeball QSO's : about 7:30 P.M.

NARS BREAKFAST every Saturday  
8 AM at Strack Farms Restraunt, located  
at 5707 Louetta Rd. - Informal ragchew

## NARS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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NARS BOARD MEETS the second  
Friday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the  
home of Dick Rousseau, 7826 Heathrow  
Ln, Houston. All members are invited to  
attend.

## NARS NETS

NARS RAGCHIEW - MONDAY 8:00 P.M.  
28.444 MHz (BT, N5QVS)

NARS INFO - WEDNESDAY 8:00 P.M.  
146.06 / .66 MHz (Ken, KA5AKG)

## EMERGENCY NETS

NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY ARES  
WEDNESDAY 8:30 P.M.  
146.06 / .66 MHz (Scott, N5KEU)

CITY OF HOUSTON - EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT NET

SATURDAY 9:00 AM 146.84(-) MHz  
SATURDAY 9:30 AM 3.905 MHz

## NARS REPEATERS

2 M - 146.060 / 146.660 MHz  
70 cm - 449.375 / 444.375 MHz  
Digipeter - 145.07 MHz  
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