

NARS NEWS

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A View of How it all began Will be Shown at October 21st Meeting by Harry Gage

Thomas Carlyle (1795-1881), noted historical essayist said, "The history of the world is but the biography of great men," History can be a fascinating look at those who have gone before us and what they accomplished. Sometimes we tend to forget that they were living, breathing human beings who wanted to live and work "forever" just like us. Volta, Ampere, Ohm, Faraday, and Hertz, among others, gave life their best shot and look at what their basic research produced!

Harry Gage, N5WIZ, will explore a bit of this history with us at the October 21st meeting. A few of the instruments these pioneers used will be outlined and it's interesting to note that some of Volta's instruments are at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. Another old instrument is at the U.S. Bureau of Standards (inventor unknown).

Harry heeded the call for program volunteers and discovered some new things in the process. You surely will gleam some discoveries too at this meeting. See ya there.

Sierra Spin a Great Success by Dick Rousseau, N5JZY

Beautiful weather, a good event and an interesting activity filled our morning at the George Ranch and Brazos Bend State Park for the annual cycle event there. Except for a few minor incidents, everything went very well and all participants enjoyed a good time and good food (the NARS staple).

Thanks to the following NARS members and friends for helping with the Sierra Spin on Saturday, October 1, 1994: Dick Rousseau, N5JZY; Ken Harlan, KA5AKG; Cal White, WF5W; Steve Dodson, KC5AMA; Jason Rice, KC5HTX; Bill Denton, WA5DWF; Brad Nelson, WD5GNI; Jin Ssutherland, N5SBP; Nelson Livingston, KB5WYY; Desi Livingston, KB5YGG; Bud Livingston, KC5IKI; Ed Russell, KB5QLX; Bob Chimelewski, N5PJI; Bill Kujawa, KB5SIU; Shirley Kujawa, KB5WOO; Carl Kujawa, KB5YGI; Jay Rubens, KI5MD; Cindy Rubens, KB5RXT; Harold Larson, KC5CNV; Allen Majeski, WA5REJ; BT Burk, N5QVS; Van VanDevender, AB5KK; Tim, N5PHM; Terry Anderson, WB5EXY; Herb Phillips, KF9RX; Mike Lavender, KB5WQJ; Mike Felcyn, KC5HEI; Bill Stientenroth, K5ZTY; James Sullivan, KB5SGY; David Cole, WD5BZY; Ron Cole, W5HYH; Charles Singleton, KC5HZZ; Larry McCain, WA5SAJ.

NARS Calendar --- plan now !

Oct 21 - NARS monthly General Membership meeting @ Cypress Creek Presbyterian Church - Eyeball QSO's @ 7:00.

Oct 22 - Amateur Radio License Examinations by NARS at the Tomball Community Center, 8:30 AM.

Nov 4 -NARS Directors Meeting @ 7:30 PM at location to be announced.

Nov 12 - Special Amateur Radio License Exam Session next door to Houston Amateur Radio Supply, 181 Cypresswood (at I-45) - 1:00 PM.

Nov 18 - NARS monthly General Membership meeting & elections @ Cypress Creek Presbyterian Church - Eyeball QSO's @ 7:00.

Due to Holiday conflicts, NO regular license exam sessions will be held in Nov. or Dec.

SPECIAL AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATION SESSION

On Saturday November 12, 1994 a NARS sponsored special examination session will be held beginning at 1:00 PM for anyone wishing to test for a new amateur radio license or for upgrading their present license.

The location will be at: Houston Amateur Radio Supply 181 Cypresswood Dr. Spring, TX. No advance registration is necessary. Call 370-0953 or 355-7373 for information.

Slippy Speaks!

by Mike Hance, KB5YVT

Ok, you went to the packet show, set-up your computer and rig, you see things coming across the screen....Now What???? Well don't feel bad. I watched that screen for about a month before I figured how to connect to something!

One step at a time, and here is your first: 1) Place your rig on 145.07 Simplex. 2) Per your TNC instructions, adjust the volume so your TNC hears something. 3) If your running a Packet Software, some of the next commands may vary but in the most basic sense these should work for you..... 4) Now type this - C IAH (return)

**Always type a return after a command and be exact on the spacing between letters. 5) You should get some connect text from IAH. Now type U and you will get a list of users on the IAH node.

You will see something like this: Uplink 3(KB5YVT) 6) The 3 means I'm connected on port 3 (2 meters) on IAH, a 4 means they are connected via 440 (70cm). 7) To connect to someone on the node type C (port #) (callsign) ie: C 3 KB5YVT.... You will now be connected to that person and all you have to do is type and hit return. There must be space between the C, the Port, and the Call.

Congrats!!! You've made a packet real time connection. This basic procedure is the one you will use to connect to anything on the node. I'm always around so connect sometime and I'll help you progress from here! 73 Mike

LOCAL SWAP MEETS, ETC...

There will be no HamCom in Houston this year, but for those for those who can't wait for an opportunity to do a little horse trading, dickering, lollygagging, oohing and aahing, or just outright spending of ordinary money, there are two upcoming events that you should be interested in.....

Saturday, November 12th, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00P.M. Houston Amateur Radio Supply's 1st anniversary and Icom celebration- In addition to all the goodies in George's store, there will be a tailgate swapmeet in the parking lot, door prizes, hourly drawings, and coffee and donuts. The newest Icom IC738 transceiver will be on display, along with a complete working satellite station under the tent in the parking lot with live demonstrations.

There will also be a VE test session starting at 1:00 P.M. The next day, Sunday the 13th, 7:00 A.M - 4:00 P.M. There will be a swap-meet/ indoor flea market and auction at the Farm and Ranch Club in Bear Creek Park. This is planned as a forerunner to the 1995 Houston Ham Convention which is in the planning and organization stages among southeast Texas area clubs right now.

From the President

by Mike Lavender, KB5WQJ

If you enjoy the great outdoors that Mother Nature has provided us lately, then you were- or should have been- part of the NARS group that went out to the Sierra Spin bike event just a short time ago. MY THANKS TO ALL worker types that helped. The up-coming events in our area include the Houston MIDNIGHT RAMBLE coming on the 15th into the night portion of the 16th. Call me if you want to help and meet some other Club folks. Also, the AIR show is (rescheduled) on the weekend of the 22nd and 23rd of this month at Ellington Field.

We on the NARS Board have had a really fulfilling and busy time of it this year. Membership keeps getting better and larger, and new and fun events will also be on the horizon for us. For this to happen we need your input and ideas. If you know a good topic or speaker please let someone on the Board pass the info on to our program director. REMEMBER this is our club and, and that means you and me. All events we do as NARS are events that family or friends interested in Ham Radio can and do come out for and have fun. THANKS....Mike

From the Board

by Alan Majeski, WA5REJ

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING PRESENT: KB5WQJ, KJ5IP, WA5REJ, WA5DWX, KI5MD, N5JZY, KA5AKG, W5BKK, KB5SIU, KB5WOO, KB5ZXO, AND K5ZTY.

The committee is still working on the annual banquet but the site is not set. Jay Rubens KI5MD has to relinquish his membership duties due to a new job. Thanks to Jay for fine job. We hate to lose expertise. KA5AKG says repeater running on small antenna now, should be better soon when he can install better antenna. N5JZY says the Sierra Spin went off as well as he had hoped. The Nominating committee presented a slate of nominees for next year. JOTA and Webelos events during October are organized with KJ5IP coordinating the Webelos events and WA5DWX handling the JOTA. W5BKK brought board up to date on the node project. The board voted to fund equipment needed to complete the node, including 9600 baud 70 cm port, not to exceed \$1000. Help is still needed at VE exam sessions. Those who can spare a Saturday morning once or twice a year can should contact Van, AB5KK, at 370-0953 or Mark, K5GQ, at 587-0256.

A Special Event by Bill Denton, WA5DWX

As advertised in QST, the site of the second annual special event station of the Sierra Club's annual bike ride, or spin as they like to call it now, was up and running right on schedule. With the help of Cal White, WF5W, and his portable rig, the call was put out on 14.200 by Brad WD5GNI. Lo and behold there were people there waiting for our station to hit the air.

We were disappointed on the amount of activity we had. We did pretty well until the California QSO party hit the air. They just about wiped out the general portion of the band. Most of our contacts came from the advanced portion. I have already received several requests for certificates. We will be printing them as soon as we get a good count on how many are needed.

Thanks for all those who helped in getting the rig together and on the air.

Slate of Officers Offered by Nominating Committee

NARS will elect officers for 1995 during the November club meeting. The nominating committee offers the following candidates for election as officers and directors:

President - Rudy Novotny, KB5ZXO
Vice President - Bill Stietenroth, K5ZTY
Secretary - Shirley Kujawa, KB5WOO
Treasurer - Brad Nelson, WD5GNI
Director - Bill Kujawa, KB5SIU

The Nominating Committee is composed of Chairman Dick Rousseau, N5JZY, Bill Denton, WA5DWX, and Ken Harlan, KA5AKG.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting and all members are eligible. Officers are elected for a one year term and a Director-at-large is elected for two years. The remainder of the Board of Directors is composed of the two past presidents and a program director appointed by the President. New club officers will be installed at the NARS Annual Banquet in January.

A Big Thanks from K5GQ

Saturday September 17, Tom N5MFK; Van AB5KK; Dezi KB5YGG and Nelson KB5WYY; Walter Holmes WD5GAZ; helped Mark K5GQ put THE TH7DXX triband beam up. Dezi and Nelson steered the ends of the beam as two ropes lifted it over the power line drop. Thanks to all from Mary (K5GQ's XYL).

Amateur License Exam Results by W.S. VanDevender, AB5KK

Saturday, September 24th, fourteen applicants were examined on twenty-eight elements at the NARS-sponsored FCC license examination session in Tomball. 83% passed the written elements, and 75% passed the morse code elements. Technician Licenses: New licenses were earned by Patrick Ansley, Michael Dreier, Robert Kleist, Raul Maldonado and Michael Saunders.

Technician/HF licenses: An upgrade was earned by Robert Argo. Advanced Licenses: Upgrades were earned by Billy Denton WA5DWX, Gerald Livingston, Jr. KB5WYY, and Thomas Stamps N5MFK. Extra Licenses: A new license was earned by Daniel Jones (all elements at one sitting!), and an upgrade was earned by William Stietenroth K5ZTY. Element 2 was passed by Christina Larson. This was a very accomplished and productive group. Congratulations to them all.

The VE team consisted of Walter Holmes WD5GAZ, Roger Berry KG5OW, Bob Walworth AK5B, Bob Judd WN5G, Earl Morse KZ8E, and myself. Harry Gage served as NARS liaison with the successful candidates. Thanks to the VEs and assistants for contributing their time to these sessions each month. Additional VEs are very much needed for this important work. If you would like to be an examiner or assist in this contribution to the advancement of amateur radio, please call Mark Tyler K5GQ at 587-0256, or me, AB5KK, at 370-0953. NARS sponsored license examinations are given on the fourth Saturday of each month beginning at 8:30 A.M. at the Tomball Community Center. The next session will be October 22nd.

NARS Notes

Welcome new members Herbert Phillips, KF9RX; Bill Herman, KB5USB; David Cole, WD5BZY; David Dorba; Glen Rayfield, KA0RFX; David McCartney; Owen Quarles, WA1YIA; and Brian Derx, N5BA. These members increase our number to 298. We are glad to have them among us.

BT Reports that he needs someone to assume responsibility for the 10M HF net on Monday evenings at 8:00 PM. Other commitments preclude his continuation. It is interesting and not a problem to handle so if you would like to handle it, please give him a call at 370-1975.

As we print the NEWS our members and other area hams are assisting with emergency communications related to the flooding in the northwest Houston area. Become involved and see what a difference Amateur Radio can make.

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NARS MEETS the third Friday of each
month at the Spring Cypress
Presbyterian Church, 6000 Spring
Cypress Rd. (1.7 mile east of
Stubner-Airline on Spring Cypress Rd.)
Meeting time: 7:30 P.M. Eyeball QSO's :
about 7:00 P.M.

NARS BREAKFAST every Saturday 8 AM
at Bleacher Grill, located at 2318 W
FM1960. (@ Kuykendahl) , Informal
ragchew.

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NARS BOARD MEETS the first Friday of
each month at 7:30 P.M. at a location to be
announced. All members are invited to
attend.

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NARS NETS

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

NARS CW PRACTICE FOLLOWS
RAGCHEW NET - 28.185 MHz (AB5KK)

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 - 145.03 MHz
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