

December 2020

Northwest Amateur Radio Society

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Lunch Break - North

Dec 16 Jason's Deli at Champions
Dec 23 Adriatic Grill
Dec 30 BJ's at Willowbrook
Jan 06 Gianna's
Jan 13 Spring Creek BBQ on 2920
Jan 20 Mia Rancho/Spring TX
Jan 27 Panera Bread

Saturday Breakfast:

Saturdays at 7 am
Denny's 6504 FM 2920 @ TC Jester
(west of Kuykendahl)

Lunch Break - Medical Center

Oct 14 Pappas Barbecue
Oct 21 Antonio's Mexican Grill
Oct 28 Jason's Deli
Nov 04 Buffalo Grille
Nov 11 Vieng Thai Restaurant
Nov 18 Southwell's Hamburger Grill
Nov 25 Niko Niko's (BW-8 & I-10 West)

Monday Lunch (was Taildraggers

Lunch):
Mondays at 11 am; Goodson's in
Tomball

The latest information on in-person meetings.

1. The December 18th general meeting will take place via ZOOM and in-person.
2. The January VE session (exact date and location TBD).
3. Lunch Break Medical Center has been suspended until further notice.
4. Lunch Break North resumed October 7th. Check the reflector for the latest status.

Next Gathering: Friday, December 18th

The meeting will be the annual "Show& Tell".

- December 18th, 2020 at 7:00PM
- ZOOM.
- login: 2815436502 PC: 123456
- In-Person at the KVFD administration building.

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Meeting Location—When social gatherings are allowed.

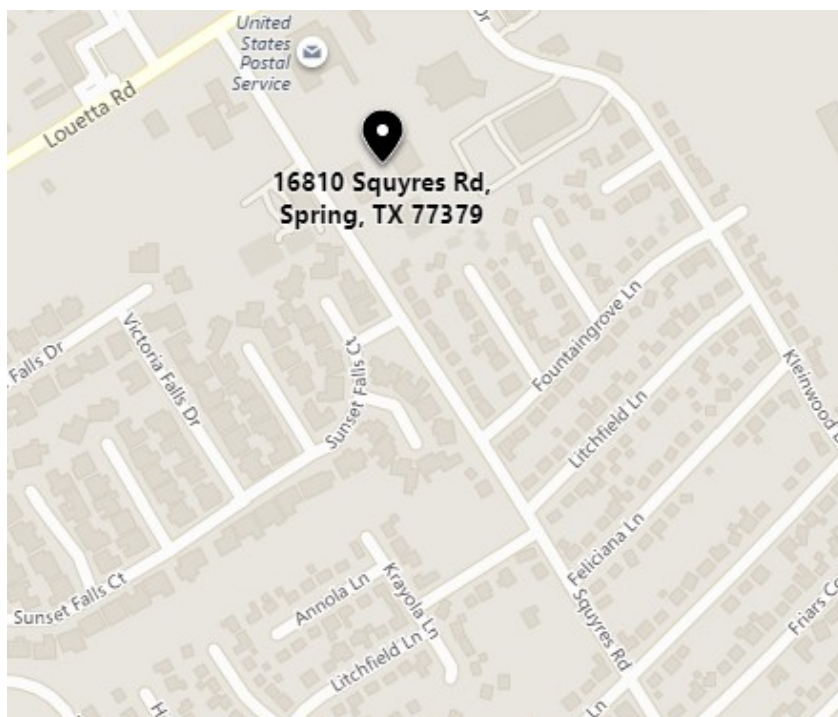
We will meet at Klein Fire Department Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. It is located behind Klein Fire Station 4.



Picture from <http://kleinfiredept.com/services/stations/headquarters>

The Board wishes to thank the Klein Fire Department for the generous offer allowing NARS use of their facility.

LOCATION MAP — 16810 Squyres Rd.



December 2020 message from NARS President

Ahhh, it is **Christmas time** already! My message to everyone this month is short however, Christmas is the festival of love and spirit So, let us drink the spirit to feel love Merry Christmas to You!

Many of us have had a difficult year this year with illness, loss, uncertain employment, and isolation due to COVID-19. With that in mind, here are the current plans.

1. Our next VE test session is scheduled for January 2021. More information will be provided early January. Please read the License section in our Newsletter for more information regarding requirements to attend this test session.
2. Our Monthly General meeting be held Friday December 18th at 7PM and will be both in-person and on-line using ZOOM. Login information is posted on the www.W5NC website and will also be sent out by Email.
3. December is ‘Show and Tell’ month so bring on those special projects and share them with the membership.
4. January is our annual NARS Awards banquet so reserve time on your calendar now. This event will be held at the Klein Fire Department Admin building our normal meeting place. The food will be provided by Rudy’s BBQ. We need a head count so please let an officer know your plans to attend.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for all your faith and dedication towards our NARS Club on this Christmas. Hope your bond lasts forever!

New Year? Yes please! Here is to better times ahead for us all! Wishing you a happy Christmas and a safe and healthy 2021.

Ron Matusek WA6TQH

Opportunities to Serve

DECEMBER GATHERING

Our December gathering will be held in-person and on ZOOM Friday December 18th at 7PM.

ZOOM

- login: 2815436502
- PC: 123456

In-person: KVFD administration building.

NARS will hold the annual “Show & Tell” event. Bring your projects to show.

NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

Officer elections were held.

Position	Officer
President	Ron Matusek, WA6TQH
VP & Administrator	Marty Fitzgerald, W5MF
Secretary	Martin Rogoff, N5GPS
Treasurer	Tom Hoherd, KK5YU
Board Member	Sam Labarbera, N6HB
Board Member	Sheree Horton, KF5LMJ
Board Member	Kirc Breden, N5XJB
Board Member	Rob Nixon, KD5BXZ

DMR Training

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the Video of each Session please bring a USB stick (estimate 3GB per session) and we can make a copy available to you to download on your USB stick with a NARS donation of \$6.00 per session. You can sign up at the meeting. Many have requested this as a helpful tool to refer back to when programming radio's and other general information related to DMR. This video is NOT planned for wide public publication so take advantage of this opportunity.

VE Session Congratulations

Kevin G. McClain - New Technician
David L. Meine - New Technician
Norman J. Mapes Jr. - New Technician
Clark V. Baker - New Technician
Russell W. Rupp - New Technician
Brandon W. Coon – New Technician
Steven S. Prindle – New Technician
Matthew A. Thomas – New General

Dennis W. Rude N5DWR – Upgrade to General

Saturday, November 28th (Klein Fire Department)

We had 9 candidates taking 15 tests.

Element 2 tests given: 8; passed 8; Failed 0

Element 3 tests given: 7; passed 2; Failed 5

Element 4 tests given: 0; passed 0; Failed 0

Thanks to the VE's in attendance: Stephen G. Protz KA5AUD; Sheree Horton KF5LMJ; Keith Dutson NM5G; Dan Carroll KD5DAN; Marvin J. Wilken KT4W; Sam Labarbera N6HB; Martin Rogoff N5GPS.

And to Ron Matusek WA6TQH , NARS ARRL VE Liaison.

NARS WEBSITE: W5NC.NET
E-Mail Reflector: mailman.qth.net.

NARS now has a new address!

Please update your address list!

Northwest Amateur Radio Society
P.O. Box 11483 Spring, TX 77391



Houston Transtar Building
Conference Center West Entrance
6922 Katy Road
Houston, TX 77024

V.E. Exams every 4th Saturday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Mark Landress, WB5ANN@arrl.net for further info.

Special points of interest:

- The Next VE Session is scheduled for January (exact date and location TBD). Special restrictions will be followed to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Welcome, Congratulations, and Condolences

Ken Harlan KA5AKG—SK

August 29, 1933 – November 14, 2020



Ken was one of the main drivers when NARS was formed in 1985. He was the first president and was always there to do what ever it took to help NARS and our members. He was instrumental in obtaining and operating the

NARS repeaters for many years. Best known for tower climbing, repeater trustee, and bringing his military 10KW generator to field day.

NARS Info

Board Meetings

The board meetings will be at 6:00 on the same date and at the same location as the general membership meeting, except for January due to the NARS award banquet.

General Membership Meetings

3rd. Friday each month at 7:30 pm. — EXCEPT January Banquet
Located at Klein Fire Station Administration, 16810 Squyres Rd., Klein, TX 77379. Located behind Klein Fire Station 4.

NARS name tag

Any member can request a badge and should contact Cindy, KM4YGG, & Art, KM4YGH.

Weekly 2m Net

Wednesdays at 8 pm.
Monitor Reflector for Current Repeater.
Coordinator: Neal Naumann N5EN.

Weekly DMR Net

Tuesdays at 7 pm.
Monitor Reflector for Current Repeater.
Coordinator: Sam Labarbera, N6HB
slabarb@outlook.com

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NARS has a social media presence

NARS has a social media presence! Thanks to Sam Labarbera, N6HB, we have a Facebook page for those who would like to follow us there. Visit the [W5NC Face-book](#) page and join! It is open to ham radio operators, so there is a short quiz to qualify new members.

We also have a Twitter feed. Follow us on https://twitter.com/nars_w5nc.

Locations for NARS Lunch Break - North and Medical Center

Lunch Break North locations

Gianna's Italian
28301 State Highway 249
Suite 100
Tomball, TX 77375

Mia Rancho
6096 FM 2920 Rd
Spring TX 77379

Panera Bread
1448 Louetta Road
Spring, TX 77388

Jason's Deli at Champions
5403 Farm to Market 1960 W
Houston, Texas 77069

Adriatic Cafe - Tomball
19004 Windsor Pointe Dr.
Tomball, TX 77375

BJ's at Willowbrook
7637 FM 1960 West
Houston, TX 77070

Spring Creek BBQ on 2920 in Klein
6068 Farm to Market 2920
Spring, TX 77379

Medical Center area Wednesday lunch

Vieng Thai Restaurant
6929 Long Point Dr.
Houston, TX 77055

Southwell's Hamburger Grill
2252 W Holcombe Blvd
Houston, TX 77030

Niko Niko's Greek & American Café (BW-8 & I-10 West)
1040 W Sam Houston Parkway North
Houston, TX 77043

Silver Palace Chinese Buffet
4005-H Bellaire Blvd. @ Stella Link
Houston, TX 77025

Pappas Barbecue

Antonio's Mexican Grille
3147 W Holcombe Blvd
Houston, TX 77025

Jason's Deli

Buffalo Grille
4080 Bissonnet St
Houston, TX 77005