

# NARS NEWS

The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

February 2004

## February Meeting - Amateur Radio Public Service

Bill Stietenroth K5ZTY and Mike Hardwick N5VCX aim to energize the audience with talk and presentations about public service. Bill will show the "Amateur Radio Today" ARRL CD (8 minutes). He will also bring a 2 meter portable station. Mike will show a PowerPoint presentation on the MS150 bike ride from Houston to Austin. Mike is the President of BVARC and organizer for this 2 day event.

As many of you know, NARS sponsors the following events: Buffalo Bayou Regatta; SIRE Ride-A-Thon; Sunmart Texas Trails Endurance Run. NARS members have also traditionally supported the MS150 and Wings over Houston events. Providing communications for these events benefits both amateur radio and the general public.

Come to the meeting and get better prepared to serve our community.

## Banquet Photos by W5PDW



## Important Dates

**Friday, February 19, 7:30 PM** - General Membership meeting, Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church - Eyeball QSOs, 7:00 PM.

**Saturday, February 28, 8:30 AM** - VE License Exam Session, Tomball Community Center, S. Cherry & Market streets (just South of Main).

**Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 PM** - Board of Directors meeting, Terra Nova Clubhouse, 5200 Woodville.

### Contests

Feb 14-15 CQ RTTY WPX, RSGB 1.8 MHz CW

Feb 15 North American CW Sprint

Feb 21-22 ARRL CW DX

Feb 28-29 CQ WW 160M SSB, Mississippi QSO Party

Feb 29-Mar 1 North Carolina QSO Party

Mar 6-7 ARRL SSB DX

Mar 14 North American RTTY Sprint

Mar 27-28 CQ WW SSB WPX

### Wednesday Lunch Bunch

Feb 11 Horn's Texas BBQ

Feb 18 Matthais' Restaurant

Feb 25 Hill Country Kitchen Buffet

Mar 3 Red Lobster

Mar 10 Casa Imperia Mexican

Mar 17 Strack Farms

### Wednesday Lunch Bunch - West

Feb 11 Luther's BBQ

Feb 18 Skeeter's

Feb 25 Charlie's Hamburgers

Mar 3 Cafe Express

Mar 10 Chili's

Mar 17 Fuddrucker's

### Monday "Tail Draggers" Lunch Bunch

12:00 Noon Aviator's Grill, Hooks Airport

**Notice:** NARS membership dues are \$20 per year, renewable on anniversary of last year's full payment.

*Deadline for articles to appear in the next issue is the last day of this month.*

## BREAKFAST at Victors

4710 W FM 1960

Saturdays

7:30 AM

## President's Corner

February 2004

As this is my first column as the President of NARS, I thought about what I should include, how to keep it interesting to most of the readers, how to make it fit in the space allowed, and how to get it written in time to actually be included in the February NARS Newsletter. Well, I really love it when a plan comes together. I was once told that one way to make a speech (and probably a column like this) really interesting is to have a good beginning, make sure you have a strong closing, and most importantly - keep what you have between them as short as possible. So, if I follow that logic, how can I go wrong? That was the beginning. Did I lose anybody yet?

The Banquet: I hope that everyone that attended had as much fun as Laurie and I did. This was another example of how teamwork pays off. A special thanks to everyone involved in making it such a success. Time seemed to fly by and before we knew it the clock was striking 10:00 PM, and we were still packing up the truck. Not bad considering we only had the Wyndhaven until 9:30! The final totals are still being counted, but I think there were 110 dinners served. Also, the door prizes set a new level of excellence. A huge THANKS to everyone that contributed gifts. If you brought donations from merchants, please send me an email indicating what the item was and the name of the donor. The Board will send a letter of thanks. Before I leave the banquet topic, I would again like to congratulate the three people that were presented with the NARS "over and above" awards. In order of presentation: George DiLetto, NARS Appreciation Award; Pat Reiff, NARS Outstanding Service Award; Schalee Lodge, Ham & "Sheez" Member of the Year Award.

The Board: By the time you read this column, the new 2004 Board will have had our first meeting. I would officially like to welcome the new Board members and welcome back those that are continuing to serve the club. If you don't remember their names, please look at the last page of any newsletter. Our names and email addresses are always there. One item of discussion early in every year is to determine what opportunities are out there for other NARS members to volunteer for and to help make a difference. As I said at the banquet, and again in this column, if you think you would be interested in stepping forward, YOU WILL NOT BE ALONE. This is a very active club and not one that asks for help and then deserts the volunteer. Please come forward to help. We will appreciate it. You will enjoy it. The club will benefit.

In closing, last year will be a hard one to top. Just look back at some of the events that were being displayed in the slide show at the banquet. Every event that you saw on the screen was the idea of a NARS member. Now look forward. You are a NARS member. Bring forward your ideas. Send us emails. Mention them at the monthly general meetings. Come to the Board meetings - they are open meetings - and we will discuss them. Let's have fun - let's set GOALS. Giving Our All Leads to Success.

Bruce Meier  
NILN

## Public Service Events

*Your Radio Skills Are Needed*

Events officially sponsored by NARS include Buffalo Bayou Regatta (May), SIRE Ride-A-Thon (October) and Sunmart Texas Trails Run (December).

Plan to help with one or more of these events in 2004.

## VE Session Results

At the NARS VE Test Session held January 24, 2004 there were two candidates. Four elements were administered and one passed resulting in one new Technician.

The VE's were Keith Dutson WD5DXL, H.O. Townsend K5CX, Mark Tyler K5GQ, Laurie Meier N1YXU, Paul Frantz W5PF, Walter Holmes K5WH, Bruce Wright WC5CW, Steve Niles N5EN, and Al Crosby K6AHG.

A special note of thanks goes to all of the VE's for their help and also braving the rain.

The next NARS VE Test session will be held on February 28, 2004. See ya there.

Walter Hock KK5LO  
NARS VE Session Manager

## DXpedition to the Island of Stone Money - YAP

*(Continued from January Issue)*

### Page Five - YAP DXpedition

Hotel sent up an invitation for Thanksgiving dinner in the dining room of the Mnuw for tomorrow night, along with a movie the Pirates of the Caribbean. This is the BIG deal here so we are sure to go.

At 7 PM local bands are pretty dead so rest to 11 PM then back on 40.

Worked more of the JA's and tried to set up to work all night in an effort to bump up the contacts. I worked to 2 AM - 10 dB noise level was just terrible - especially with the little 706 and FT100, not meant for that type work.

Friday morning brought more of the same noise. I went out and met with another old ex-ham in town, Dave Evans, an old southern Iowa farm boy who came out to the Carolinas in the 70's working for the Department of Interior in the school system. He moved about all the islands teaching and eventually ended up in Yap as a PA at the local hospital. He was one of two hams on the island at that time. YAP did not have a telephone system so the hams provided all the health and welfare messaging off the island. He said sometimes he would come home and find 6 or 7 people waiting for him to make phone patches. No electricity at his house, so he had to fire up his car for the 12 volts. Dave is still there. Now a retired ham, but building another hotel and does own a couple of buildings in Colonia YAP.

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## *Ham and "Sheez" News*

The annual January NARS banquet is definitely one of the highlights of the year. I've always been impressed when we, as a club, take the time to reflect on the prior year and realize how much we have accomplished and what we have contributed to our hobby and community. If you attended this year's banquet, you saw a slide show that featured many NARS members and several activities. Within the pictures, you also saw how active the Ham and "Sheez" group has been. I am incredibly proud to be part of this group. In order for us to have made such a positive impact in two short years, several ladies have dedicated time and effort to our success. At the banquet this year, we began a new, annual tradition of acknowledging such dedication through our Member of the Year award. The decision to honor Schalee Lodge, KD5WLL, as our first ever Member of the Year was unanimous and immediate. Schalee was the leading force in NARS packaging and delivering one hundred Easter baskets to the families of Fort Sam Houston during the Operation Iraqi Freedom campaign. She also took it upon herself to begin a column in the NARS newsletter to introduce a different club member to us each month. (I have heard many people comment that Schalee's "QUA" article is the first one they read each month.) Also on her own initiative, Schalee covertly studied for her amateur radio license and surprised many of us, including her husband, when she announced her call sign at a club meeting. Schalee - Thank you for your contributions to Ham and "Sheez", to NARS, and to our community!

At the banquet, we also introduced a second potential annual tradition - a coupon book for the men. Four individual coupons give the men the opportunity to thank their wives/significant other for their continued support of amateur radio. I've already heard that a few coupons have been cashed in for "chick flick" movies and dinners. (Ladies - Please let us know your favorite movies and restaurants throughout the year!) If any of the men did not receive a coupon book, let me know. We have more - trust me!

January continued to be a very active month for the ladies. Our January meeting was held at the home of Nancy Kinard. We enjoyed wonderful munchies and, of course, a little wine! Also, Nancy treated us to a BeautiControl product demonstration and gave us some very valuable tips. It was great to be able to relax with friends and pamper ourselves a little. (Nancy - Thank you so much for being a fantastic hostess and inviting into your beautiful home! We had a terrific evening.)

The Ham and "Sheez" ladies have been conspiring to ensure that Valentine's Day is celebrated appropriately. Of course, we're including the men in our lives in our plans! We have made dinner reservations for Saturday, February 14, at 6:30 at Buca di Beppo's Italian restaurant in The Woodlands on I-45. If you're interested in joining us, please let me know absolutely no later than Saturday, February 7. I will adjust the reservations accordingly.

Our February meeting will be held

on Monday, February 23, at the Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church. We are planning a craft night with Shrinky Dinks. Come, join in the fun, and learn a new craft! The festivities will begin around 7:30. Hope to see you there!

Recently, we have really enjoyed getting together and learning how to play Mahjong and Bunko. We had so much fun that we've decided to have our next ladies game night on Friday, March 12. The hostess of the party and the location have not yet been decided. Further information and directions will be sent shortly. If you like playing games, laughing quite hysterically, and generally having a good time, make sure you set aside time to join us!

### **Monthly recipe:**

Here's a real melt-in-your-mouth recipe for your slow cooker!

#### Sauerkraut and Pork

2 lbs. Pork cutlets  
2 - 14 oz cans sauerkraut  
2 apples, chopped  
2 T brown sugar

Cut pork into serving-size pieces. Brown under broiler or in two tablespoons oil in skillet. Place in slow cooker. Add remaining ingredients. Cover. Cook on low for 24 hours. (Yes - 24 hours!)

Enjoy!

*Best regards,  
Laurie Meier - NIYXU  
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## QUA\* Laurie Meier N1YXU?

In recognition of the Second Anniversary of Ham and Sheez I thought it would be very appropriate to interview our visionary. She does almost everything to keep this group together, going and growing! And that's a good thing because she is one of the most organized people I know - maybe if I keep hanging around her some will rub off on me. N1YXU (she has graciously allowed me to use her call sign in the TQP contests), Laurie Meier has had a life filled with variety. Let's look at some and you can ask her more.

Laurie was born the first child of an Air Force Sergeant at Chanute AFB, Rantoul, IL. She has been back once, but only lived there two and a half years, so she isn't sure exactly where it is, which I can understand because . . .

From there they were transferred to France! Laurie attended a French speaking nursery school and was the only American. She quickly picked up the language and then her family (she had a new baby brother) was transferred to England. There Laurie began to speak with a cockney accent (next time you see her, ask her to say a few words!) While in England she picked up another brother. They lived in England for two years and then were sent back to the U.S., California. She remembers eating a "Mama Burger" at a drive-in when her parents said that her father was going to be transferred to Viet Nam. She had no idea what that meant except that she, her mom and brothers were moving back to New Hampshire to live with her grandparents.

When her dad returned a year later they were re-stationed in England again for five years. Most of her childhood was spent overseas. In fact she has lived longer in Houston than anywhere else. Then came the real

culture shock - they were again transferred back to the U.S - Arkansas. She couldn't understand what people were saying for the first month!

Laurie attended schools through the military and really appreciates the consistency of her education. When she moved to a new place they were using the same books and practically on the same page as the place she had just left. Our "public schools" could take lessons!

She attended Duke with a major in French. Her family is rabid "Blue Devil" basketball fans - her brothers also graduated from Duke. During the games her grandmother wears a little beret with blue horns on it! (And I thought grandmothers were supposed to be . . .)

When she graduated her plans were to go to Paris as an Au pair and she had been accepted at the Sorbonne to pursue Cultural Studies. She flew over on an Air Force jet with her father. It was impossible to hear so they spoke with sign language. The plane refueled in the air; it was quite an experience. Her stay in Paris lasted four days; it was a disaster! The family was not a good fit and she knew it would be difficult to find another in a short time.

When she returned to the States she had a temporary job at Digital Equipment and found she was interested in Finance. She went to Arizona to pursue her graduate work at Thunderbird University, near Phoenix, where she could concentrate on Finance and languages. After receiving her degree she moved back to the North East to be closer to her family and found she needed a car to get around. Her father helped her find one to get back and forth to work. There were only two problems: it was

a standard and it was a Yugo! Her dad still apologizes to this day, for the Yugo part. Laurie's uncle taught her how to drive the standard, but she still didn't have it perfected when she had to get to work on the interstate; toll booths were a particular problem. Laurie solved this with two signs in the back window that said "Please be Patient with me" and "New Standard Driver". When she killed it at the toll booths no one ever honked at her. In fact, they would honk, wave and give her the thumbs up sign as they drove by! She left the signs on after she had perfected the art of shifting because she liked friendly people. She still prefers driving a standard to this day. I figured out that Laurie has one fetish - avoiding backing up! She will drive through the parking lot to find a spot where she can pull through and be ready to leave. [Ed note: That's not a fetish; it's smart driving!]

Again, she was driving to her job at Digital Equipment. While in the temporary position the woman she worked with offered her a permanent job. Her manager asked her to go to Rochester, New York to assist with a Kodak project. She was using the office of a manager who was traveling at the time. After a few days the door opened and a man said, "Who are you?" It really was love at first sight. Of course the man was Bruce! Laurie's mom is also her good friend. In fact, she was the matron of honor at her wedding! She says it was just right.

Laurie and Bruce worked together for five years and she fondly recalls that those were her favorite years of her career. They didn't always agree, but couldn't disagree in front of everyone else. But they always left the problems at work when they went home.

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# DX News

## *“For All the NARS DX News Fit to Print”*

From Bruce Meier N1LN:

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Now that the pulsing noise has been corrected, it has been a great month on 160 mtrs. Most of these were worked in the CQ-WW-160 contest by either Chuck, NO5W, or myself.

160 mtrs CW (DXCC total: 90 worked)

JD1YBJ - Minami Torishima  
JT1CO - Mongolia  
XQ6ET - Chile  
9A - Croatia  
C9 - Mozambique  
CT - Portugal  
PY0F - Fernando de Noronha  
S5 - Slovenia  
SP - Poland

EI - Ireland  
HA - Hungary  
YU - Yugoslavia

From Cal White WF5W:

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TS480HX on the air on 29th. VE2 was first DX. This is going to be a fun machine for DXpedition for sure. BUT lots of manual reading . . .

Cards in on 80 bring total confirmed 92 and counting. Waiting by the mail box daily . . .

Special DX - WAB with Montgomery County also on the 29th w/W5PDW checking out the SSB/CW and the settings.

From Allan Fritsche W5ADF:

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Didn't spend too much time on the radio this month. Did work 4U1UN (Bernie W3UR) for a new contact on 15M Phone.

Received a couple of cards for contacts in 2003. A61AJ United Arab Emirates KH7U/KH5 Palmyra Atoll.

This brought my confirmed count to 210 Phone. Only 40 more to go to get my next DXCC sticker. Wish me luck.

*Al W5ADF*

## QUA\* Laurie Meier N1YXU?

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Bruce started getting interested in contesting when they moved to Massachusetts. He had not yet discovered logging programs. Laurie offered to write an Excel program and log for him as he worked CW. They had the plan all worked out - you know those “best laid plans”. They were all set; the clock ticked the starting hour. Bruce called out the call sign and RST, and before Laurie could log it he was on the fourth contact. After they recovered she began listening to Morse code and realized it was just another language and she was good at languages. In April 1997 she got her Tech Plus license and then General later that same year. She has kept her original call because she considers it her identity, but it is difficult to come up with a phonetic for YXU. She now has her Extra class license.

Laurie now has a Yaesu 1000MP at her desk (Bruce still has his) and she uses his [antenna] “farm”. She is somewhat chagrined to say that she is a point and click operator. If Bruce thinks 30

seconds on one contact is too long, Laurie considers 30 minutes to be about right. She likes to chat.

When I asked about her favorite contact the first one that came to mind was the very first CW contact. She had practiced and took a deep breath, called CQ and the call that came back said the name was W A C M E. She turned to Bruce, who was trying unsuccessfully not to laugh and explained that the “C” was a “Y” and the “M” was an “N”. Laurie couldn't figure out why anyone would name their child Wacme. Sounds like a cartoon name, doesn't it?!

But Laurie has recovered and even gets to practice her French both on side-band and CW. It is especially challenging translating from English to French in Morse code.

Laurie enjoys coin collecting. She has the proof sets and the “standard” stuff, but really appreciates the unusual coins she runs across. She likes to see a country's history through its coins. She concedes that most U.S. coins have

been boring until the last few years when they have begun to get creative with the quarters. There are even two new nickels to be introduced this year!

Her interest in the hobby started when she lived at her grandmother's home. She would go down the street to visit a widow whose husband had collected coins. She started Laurie on a life-long hobby and even gave her a few rare coins like Indian-head pennies to get her started.

Laurie is still adding accomplishments to her life but the one she wants most is to be just like her mom. She says, “She is the most gracious, real person I know and I only hope to be like her some day.” Laurie, I hope we get to meet your mom one day because if she is more accomplished at those attributes than you, we would be amazed. Thank you so much for getting the girls “Sheez” started!

*Schalee Lodge, KD5WLL  
Ham & Sheez Reporter*

\* QUA: “Q” signal meaning “Have you news of . . . ?”

# DXpedition to the Island of Stone Money - YAP

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Ham bands still noisy. Paul spoke with the local electric company management. They were sympathetic and said they would look to see what they could do. Nothing happened, still noise.

Now the evening! The Mnuw was all decked out - the crew and hotel staff had worked hard all day to make it really ready for the evening meal. The crew had taken 4 sheets of plywood, painted them white and installed them on the forward mast for the evening Video performance of Pirates of the Caribbean. Imagine sitting on the deck of an actual old pirate ship, eating American Thanksgiving Dinner, and then watching such a flick - tough stuff to take.

Knowing our time was coming to a close we determined we would stay

up as long as we had even JA's to talk to. I worked up to 2 AM then Paul up to about 3. We had to work for every single contact. That's not the way it is supposed to be.

But CQWW at 10 AM local. Murphy left the building!!! NO noise. We ramped up the radios, worked happily shifting about every hour until 3:30 PM when we had to put down the antennas. We really wished there had been a later flight - we would have just stayed - what a joy that was - CW is really alive and well.

By the time the antennas came down we roughly had made 1950 contacts in 45 countries, and about 900 of those were JA's.

While we did not make any really good "native" contacts, we really did make good friends with the crew and staff at the hotel. They were

really first rate folks and truly enjoyed the Ham radio event.

So it was back to Hawaii to the girls. They had the island under control, shopped out and waiting to tour with us.

As this is written Paul and Georgina are still touring.

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Bottom Line

Yap is not for everyone, but if you want an experience, want to do some serious DX and get a feel for what south sea island living is all about - check it out.

Maybe see you next year from Falkland Islands.

WF5W

## MOTORCYCLE HAMS NEEDED

If you are an Amateur Radio Operator, with or without a motorcycle, interested in volunteering for the BP MS-150 on April 17-18, 2004, please contact:

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# Highlights from the NARS Board Meeting

## January

The regular monthly NARS board meeting was held on January 27. All board members were in attendance along with the following guests: Joe Sokolowski, Walter Hock, Keith Dutson, Bill Stietenroth and Norm Covey. Following are highlights of the meeting:

- Banquet - Joe Sokolowski reported that of the 110 registered there was an excellent turnout of 109. Lee Kinard, chairman of the 2005 banquet, reported that the room was reserved for next year.
- Programs - Terry Myers reported that programs were in good shape for the first part of the year including the following topics: Logging software, Yap DXpedition, Field Day, Texas QSO Party and a potential program on Radio Direction Finding.
- Voice Repeater - Bill Stietenroth reported that some final work at the repeater site is planned for the week of February 2 consisting primarily of re-routing some cables.
- Texas QSO Party - Bruce Meier reported for H.O. that plaques would

be in the mail this week and that H.O., Norm Covey, and Marty Fitzgerald would form a committee to review the TQP rules structure and other TQP issues.

- Communication Support for Local Events - There was a general review of the local events that NARS supports including: Buffalo Bayou Regatta, SIRE, Wings-Over-Houston, and Sun Mart. The general consensus was that the club needed to do more to encourage participation in these events through more advanced planning and publicity.
- Field Day - Bruce reported that, to insure a successful Field Day, the club should have a coordinator in place by March. He also noted that the club has extensive information from previous years available to assist the coordinator in getting the ball rolling.
- Other Volunteer Needs - Keith Dutson pointed out that the club also needs someone to take over the DX column in the newsletter - an excellent opportunity for those interested in DX to pull together DX

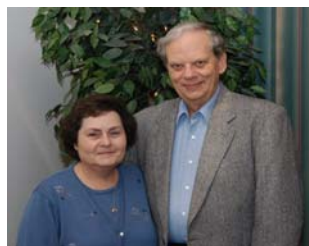
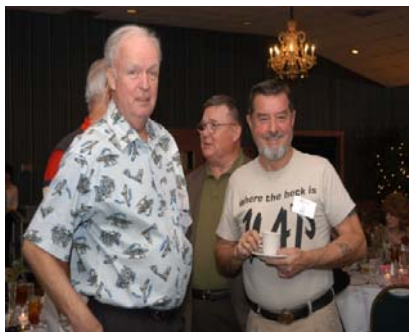
information each month for the newsletter.

- New Volunteers - The following positions, which will become vacant in the near future, have been filled: Laurie Meier has volunteered to serve as the Club Public Relations Coordinator, and Norm Covey has volunteered to head up the NARS volunteer examiner team as VE Liaison.

On the last Tuesday of each month the board meets at 7:30 pm at the Terranova Club House to discuss club business and to set direction for the club. One of the primary advantages of having this separate business meeting is to allow more time for programs and socializing at the regular meeting. All members are invited to attend the board meetings and if interested should contact any board member if directions are needed or if they desire a specific item to be on the agenda.

*C. W. Sanders, NO5W  
NARS Secretary*

## Banquet Photos by W5PDW



# Welcome, Congratulations and Condolences

Welcome new member Mark Rensi KD5UKL.

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### REPEATERS

2M: 146.060 / 146.660 (KA5AKG)  
70 cm: 449.375 / 444.375 (KA5AKG)

### MEETINGS

#### Monthly General Membership

Third Friday each month at 7:30 PM  
Spring Cypress Presbyterian Church, 6000  
Spring Cypress Road

#### Saturday Breakfast

Victor's Restaurant 7:30 AM

#### Wednesday Lunch 11:30 AM

Various locations (Info on 146.660 and  
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column)

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