

NARS NEWS



The Northwest Amateur Radio Society

Houston, Texas

January 2006

January Meeting – Annual Banquet

I hope everyone is making plans to attend the banquet on January 20th. We will be celebrating NARS 20th anniversary. The menu is new and improved and the evening should very enjoyable as we explore some of the things that have gone on in NARS since 1985. By the magic of video Tom Roarback KF500 will speak to us from his home in George Town Texas. Tom was one of our founding members and our 2nd president. He was also NARS' first field day coordinator in 1986. He moved from Houston around 1991 but still has a keen sense of loyalty toward our club. You will hear him tell of some of the fond memories of his experiences in those early years.

I also have prepared a collection of around 270 pictures from the 1985–2005 era. They pretty much tell the story of NARS and many of the activities that went on during the past 20 years. This will run as a slide show starting 6:30 and will continue through dinner. With all of this, we will have some surprises along the way and who knows what might happen. It should be a fun night.

I would really like to have as many of the past presidents as possible in attendance so that we might get a picture of the group.

This is the information on the banquet:

NARS Banquet January 20th 2006
Wyndehaven Terrace
12716 Cutten Road

Cost is \$20.00 person
Make Checks payable to NARS and Mail to PO 90387, Houston, TX 77090-0387.

Doors open at 6:30 and Dinner is scheduled to be served at 7:15. See you there.

Bill Denton W5SB

2005 Sunmart Texas Trails Endurance Runs

Some of us got an early start at the Friday night banquet at the Sheraton Hotel on JFK. I saw Bill Stietenroth and XYL, Bob Walworth and XYL, Paul Frantz and XYL, Joe Sokolowski, Terry Myers, Eddy Reynolds and Paul Owen. It was a very good dinner and I got to give out not only the Polo shirts and hats, but also got some of the other Sunmart stuff. Saturday's weather for this year's race was a little colder in the morning but the afternoon warmed up nicely.

The morning crew was Allen KB5UJS, Bill K5ZTY, Jim KJ5X, Jeff KE5FGA, Kevin KD5ZUI, Paul N5NXS, Rob KD5BXZ, Terry KQ5U and Tom KD5EIJ. We met at the Wells Fargo Bank on North Freeway at 5am and left a little late because Ken KA5AKG had to be excused from going. We then headed for Huntsville State Park to provide communications for the Sunmart Texas Trails Endurance Runs, an ultra marathon on foot trails for approximately 900 runners. There are two races, one is 50 miles long and the other is 50 Kilometers. There are some serious runners out there and then some that walk the last lap. We manned 6 aid stations while the runners made their way on the 12.5 mile loop around Lake Raven. Some used hand held radios and some used their mobile radios in their cars.

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Important Dates

Friday, Jan 20, 7:30 PM – Annual Banquet, Wyndehaven Terrace, 12716 Cutten Road.

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

Tuesday, Jan 31, 7:30 PM – Board of Directors meeting, Ponderosa Fire Station, 17061 Rolling Creek drive.

Contests

Jan 21–22 North American QP SSB, Hungarian DX
Jan 28–29 CQ WW 160 CW, BARTG RTTY
Feb 4 MN QP
Feb 11–12 CQ WW RTTY WPX
Feb 12 North American CW Sprint
Feb 18–19 ARRL CW DX
Feb 25–26 CQ WW 160 SSB

Wednesday Lunch Bunch – North

Jan 18 Jason's Deli
Jan 25 Neal's Restaurant
Feb 1 Sweet Tomatoes
Feb 8 Farm To Market Grill
Feb 15 Casa Imperial Mexican

Wednesday Lunch Bunch – West

Jan 18 Chili's
Jan 25 Fuddrucker's
Feb 1 Escalante Mexican
Feb 8 Jason's Deli
Feb 15 Luther's BBQ

Wednesday Lunch Bunch – Medical Center

Jan 18 Fred's Italian Corner
Jan 25 Jason's Deli
Feb 1 Buffalo Grille
Feb 8 DJ's Old Timey Hamburgers
Feb 15 Marco's Mexican Bar & Grille

Monday "Tail Draggers" Lunch Bunch

11:00 AM 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 Denny's
7720 Louetta
Saturdays
7:30 AM

NARS to conduct Tech License Course in May

NARS is offering a one-day study session on Sunday, May 7th for Technician followed by an exam for those wishing to get their Technician license. A Morse code test will not be required for this license. This will be an accelerated course, focusing entirely on the questions and answers given during the test session. The course will be conducted at the Ponderosa Volunteer Fire Hall, 17061 Rolling Creek Dr. North, Houston (one block west of Ella off FM 1960 W). Hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enrollment fee is \$30.00 and will include a study guide and the fee for administration of the exam.

This course can help one attain a Technician license in a short amount of time. Once this is accomplished, membership in NARS or other amateur radio organizations can help a licensee in utilizing the newly acquired privileges.

Enrollment is limited to about thirty students and is tailored to the adult sector only. So, if you're serious about getting your ticket, here's your chance! Reservations are required. Send your name, address, phone number and a check for \$30.00 to:

NARS
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Houston, TX 77090-0387.

Further information can be obtained at our web site, <http://www.w5nc.org>.

Note: The above notice will begin to appear publicly as we near the month of May. You as Narsians can help by spreading the word to your non-ham friends about this coming 'crash' course. Contact Joe, KD5KR at kd5kr@juno.com or Jerry, KB5VGD at g_whiting@sbcglobal.net for more info or enrollment. New Hams are made, not born!

Joe KD5KR

VE Session Results

No session was held in December.

The next session will be held Saturday, January 28, 2006. See you then.

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Norm Covey/K5OS
NARS VE Session Manager

Public Service Events

Your Radio Skills Are Needed

Events officially sponsored by NARS include Buffalo Bayou Regatta (October) and Sunmart Texas Trails Run (December). Events supported by NARS members include Houston Marathon, MS 150 and Wings over Houston.

Plan to help with one or more of these events in 2006.

Here is an announcement for the MS 150:

It is that time again when we need to start gathering our resources for the upcoming 2006 BP MS 150 Bike Tour, April 22-23, 2006. Last year was our most productive year raising over \$9 million for our charity, helping more than 17,000 Texans and their families affected by multiple sclerosis.

None of this is possible without the more than 3,000 volunteers like you. We have several new volunteer positions this year: Break point traffic control and box truck driver. If you would like more information about these positions, please reply to this letter and include your special interest at the volunteer sign up page of the website. Please go to the website: www.ms150.org to sign up for what we believe will be another record breaking year.

If you have friends or family that would be interested in helping, we welcome any newcomers . . . or old-timers that want to get back "in the SAG of things".

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Jeff Walter KE5FGA
SAG Coordinator

DX News

“For All the NARS DX News Fit to Print”

Seems the big DX catch this last month was Desecheo Island (KP5). This came as a surprise, I think, to all DXers. This is a US protected area that had not allowed any amateur radio operations recently. The two operators, N3KS and K3LP were on the island for work purposes and evidently had the right authority to operate. As they say WFWL (work them first; worry later) I am sure this was a new one for a lot of members and of course, a new-band filler for most. There had been several past operations from Desecheo, but they were a good while ago.

George, K5VUU was able to snag Desecheo on 15 and 20 meters for an over-all new one! Congrats Messr. George! This makes number 305 overall DXCC countries for George.

Speaking of overall DXCC 300+ members, I have done a quick tally and it appears that we have at least 9 members with 300 DXCC countries of record with the ARRL:

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| 1. K5VUU 305 | 6. WF5W 329 |
| 2. N1LN 315 | 7. N5ET 345 |
| 3. K5NZ 332 | 8. K5UO 344 |
| 4. W5PF 334 | 9. AD5Q 343 |
| 5. KJ5X 328 | |

Keep it up guys! (. . . and please let me know your activity)

Paul, W5PF needed KP5 on 12, 40, 80 meters and was able to snag them on 80 meters after he returned home from the last monthly meeting. It takes that kind of dedication to ‘get-em’ while they are hot! Paul also worked them on 12 meters the next day. After Paul’s QSO, the operator said the boat was arriving and they would only operate five more minutes and turned it into a free-for-all blood bath! You saved yourself some grief there Paul!

Even if you’re not a band chaser; always work the DXpeditions on all the bands . . . AND modes you can. You never know how your interests will turn in the future; speaking from experience. Especially a location that could become illegal to operate from.

Bruce, N1LN. I got his DX report via email date-timed at 01:26 AM. Another example of DX-dedication! He was up late chasing the KP5 on the lower bands.

The KP5 was a new-one for Bruce; so great! He was able to work them on 75, 20, 40, 30, 17, 15 and 12 meters. They didn’t have any 160 meter antennas and probably 10 meters was down the tubes!

Bruce’s new band-countries this past month; all CW:

40M: 9N7JO, TF4M, VR2BG, LR50U, Z2/UA4WHX
80M: TF3KX, 5Z1A
17M: A22/JA4ATU
160M: ZP6CW

That is a good list of stations to have work; especially anything out of Africa (5Z on 80, A22)

Also the post office brought him some nice QSL Christmas presents in the way of band countries:
ZS6CCY 75M SSB, UN7TX 40M CW, VU2NXM LP 20M CW, CX4SS 80m CW.

You better write a ‘thank you’ note to the QSL-gods, Bruce . . . Hi!

You know, some of those South American countries, e.g. southern Argentina and southern Chile, are a long distance away; “not just down below us”. They can be farther away than some European countries. But, then again, it’s a different propagation slant all together.

Cal, WF5W was able to work KP5 on 40 and 30 Meters. His activity was down this last month. Also, he found out that a couple of his wire antennas . . . were down. His 160M inverted L was unusable due to a storm and his 80M loop had one leg broken off and he said it still worked. Cal is still using what he calls, the “magic antenna” (and that is what it is!) He is hearing DX very well with the K9AY multi-loop, vertically polarized receiving antenna for the low bands.

Now he has a new little keyer to play with. “Idiom Press something or other”. Maybe he can show-n-tell us at a monthly meeting?

John, W5PDW, the big signal from Tomball worked Desecheo, KP5 with just one call in the pileup. Man, you are killer in those pileups, John. Keep it up and please let me know how you are doing. He had worked another Desecheo station back in 1993, so it wasn’t an

over-all new-one. Maybe a band-counter, John? Never too late to start.

John received a QSL from K4AF, the Pentagon ARC to add to his special call QSL collection.

H.O., K5CX made a very unusual QSL: K0AAA/ “portable fish house on the ice” on 17M SSB. H.O; up in the cold-country, we called them “ice shanty’s”. Probably that only counts for some maritime-type award, huh?

K5UO, your columnist, was able to work a few new band-counters this past month. I have spent most of my time on the lower bands with mixed success. 160m is “tuff”.

All CW, band counters:

12M: OK2PZF (“nice”; not in the callbook!), Z2/UA4WHX (Bruce: wish “us” luck in getting a QSL!)
17M: K5LP/KP5, Z2/UA4WHX, PZ5WP . . . and . . . TZ6MF
30M: SM3EUR, EA8/DL3KUR, EY7AF
80M: TF4M, LR50U (So. Sandwich) (Number 244 and 245: 80M!)
160M: CP4BT (Number 127: 160M)

Important QSL’s received: 4W3ZZ, Timor-Leste a new-one for overall and CW. Leaves me needing two on CW and one on fone for the “Number One DXCC-something or other” (second time)

Need more member-reports-support/input! Please consider making a little note when you work something notable. Or each time you work something as the month rolls along; just shoot me an email: k5uo@dxer.net. With 9 members in the +300 category; there must be a bunch in the other categories. Let me know your progress.

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Ham and "Sheez" News

A Year to Remember

December was the icing on the cake as far as the past year goes. I believe everyone who attended the Ham & Sheez Christmas Gift Exchange this year at Mary Tyler's will agree that this very special time of the year was outstanding as usual and could have possibly been the best event of the year. We spent a wonderful evening enjoying each other's company, a lot of wonderful food, a little wine, and our annual gift exchange. We all promised to send in our recipes to be included in this newsletter article. The recipes received are included below. I'm so glad we are working on a cookbook, because tried and true recipes like these should be shared. We would not be part of NARS, or at least recognized as NARSians if we did not have a special appreciation for very good food.

December 31st is also the New Year's Eve Party at the home of Eddie and Tina Sinclair. It was reported that this was a wonderful success again this year. There was a new attraction at the party this year – a chocolate fountain. From the stories I have heard, just about everything goes better with chocolate. I have a feeling that the chocolate fountain will be making a few additional appearances this year at some other Ham & "Sheez" events.

In many respects, 2005 was the year that was. We all became another year older. Some of us are a little bit grayer. Some of us have newborns added to the family tree while others have lost loved ones. Many of us were affected by Hurricane Katrina and Rita. Some have had health issues that we hope are permanently mended now. I would like to quote one of our own Ham & "Sheez," Marian Denton, who said, "HAPPY NEW YEAR 2006. May there be no hurricanes, tornados, ice storms, floods, crime, bird flu, 9/11, Fire, mosquitoes or warts, etc. May this year be the best and least stressful, the most healthy and happy year of all time for everyone, everywhere!" I just want to second that.

Upcoming Activities

Friday, January 20th – The Annual NARS Banquet – This will be a special event this year as it will be the 20th Anniversary of NARS. The program this year will include a celebration of members and events of the past twenty years. This is also when we name the Ham & Sheez member of the year. Thanks to Mary Tyler and Nancy Kinard for all of their hard work and planning to make this year's banquet extra special. Be sure to purchase your banquet tickets in advance so they will know how much food to prepare.

Monday, January 30th – Monthly Ham & Sheez Meeting – January is a great time to do a little planning for the upcoming year and to enjoy some post holiday relaxation. The ladies have decided to do "Dinner and a Movie" in place of the January meeting. Somewhere between the wine and the dessert, we can talk some more about the Ham & Sheez cookbook and make some plans for Spring. Details and directions will be sent out in email the week before the 30th.

Recipes of the Month

Chicken & Green Noodle Casserole (Mary Tyler)

4 lbs. cooked and cubed chicken breast
1 stick of Oleo
1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped green pepper
1 cup chopped celery
6 oz. jar stuffed green olives, drained
6 oz. can mushroom pieces, drained
1 package spinach noodles
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1/2 lb. sharp cheddar cheese
4 cups chicken stock

Cook noodles in the chicken stock according to package directions. Mix all ingredients together. Put in a greased casserole dish with extra cheese on the top. Bake at 300 for 45 minutes.

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*CHOCOLATE ALMOND BARK* (Cheryl Tompkins)

one 11-1/2 oz. pkg. (2 cups) milk chocolate morsels  
1 Tablesp vegetable shortening  
1/2 cup raisins  
1/2 cup chopped toasted almonds

Combine over hot (not boiling) water, milk chocolate morsels and vegetable shortening, until morsels are melted and mixture is smooth. Remove from heat, stir in raisins and almonds, and spread into waxed paper-lined 13" x 9" baking pan. Chill in refrigerator at least 30 minutes. Break into bite-sized pieces.

Comments: I recommend Nestle's chocolate, and use the milk chocolate, not the semi-sweet. I don't keep shortening on hand, so I used butter. I usually double the recipe, and it fits easily onto a cookie sheet.

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Sausage Balls
(Anita Townsend)

1 pound of sausage (spicy if you like it hot)
1 pound of sharp cheddar cheese (shredded)
3 cups of bisquick

Bring the sausage and cheese to room temperature before mixing. Mix by hand or use the dough hook and your KitchenAid mixer on low to mix all of the ingredients. Add a tablespoon of water if necessary. Roll into small balls and bake at 350 degrees about 10 to 12 minutes.

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*Baked Stew*  
(Jo Nan Carr)

2 lb stew meat, cubed small  
1 or 2 tsp. salt  
2 sticks celery, diced  
2 carrots, diced  
1 large onion, diced  
2 1/2 Tbsp. tapioca  
1 Tbsp. sugar  
1/2 c. tomato juice or sauce

Mix all ingredients in a 2 quart casserole. Bake, covered, in a 250 degree oven for 4 hours. Being native Texans, we served it over rice with cornbread on the side.

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Mrs. McKay's Shortbread
(Laurie Meier)

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 pound of butter at room temperature
2 cups sifted flour
3/4 cup of corn starch

Preheat oven to 300. Mix together into a soft dough. A pastry cutter works well for this. Use your hands if needed. Place in two 8 X 8 pans or one 13 X 9 pan. Press the mixture into the corners and bottom of the pan(s). Prick the dough all the way through with a fork. Sprinkle lightly with sugar. Bake for about 45 minutes or until light brown. Cut as soon as removed from oven and then allow to cool.

See you at the NARS Anniversary Banquet
Anita – N5AOK

QUA* Bruce Meier N1LN?

I just had the opportunity to interview one of my favorite people. This individual lives life to its fullest and turns challenges into a good time. N1LN, Bruce Meier, isn't running his life on radio control, even though those toys are some of his hobbies.

He was born in a funny city named "Skinny Key" (sounds like a Bahamas Island to me . . .), but he spells it Schenectady, New York. He lived there through college, when he applied for a job with Digital Equipment Company (DEC). He was the youngest of three interviewed. When it came time to answer questions at the end, in a one-on-one environment, he was the only one to carry the conversation. He got the job. He then went to training for several months on the PDP-11 in Westfield, Massachusetts.

He was involved in manufacturing training and went to Ireland for four months to set up their manufacturing facility.

He then moved to field services. One of his favorite stories about learning how to work with people follows:

He was asked to lunch with one individual who, when it came time to pay the bill, had a credit card that was declined. Bruce picked up the tab. When he got back to the office, he found out that this was his usual practice. It was also how he handled his company accounts payable, always in arrears. Bruce told Digital's financial department to let him handle collecting payment. Bruce stayed on him until he began paying his invoices and became a legend at the company for bringing his account current. It made him mad that he took advantage of him for lunch!

Through several positions at Digital he ended up at Kodak in an

outsourcing environment, setting up their intercompany financial and billing software. It entailed parts, labor, phone charges, etc.

Bruce took a couple of weeks vacation to help his daughter Corie visit several colleges. When he walked back into his office there was a woman sitting at his desk! He soon discovered she also worked for Digital in the finance department. She was auditing the program from corporate accounting. They began to talk and get to know each other at lunches and dinners with groups. They discovered that they both loved college basketball.

Their first official date was dinner at a sports bar in March 1989 to watch a Duke game against UNLV. Duke got killed! Bruce had to console Laurie after the loss. Then, in October 1989, they were married!

Bruce's oldest daughter, Corie has three children, Aileen, Amanda and Logan. His youngest daughter, Stephanie, has a daughter, Angelina. They were all in Texas for Thanksgiving. I'm sure it was an adventure!

As we have all heard, Bruce retired from HP October 14, 2005. He and Laurie had purchased ten acres in North Carolina in 2000. They had planned to eventually build a house, put up antennas and retire there in the future. Well, the future is now. Bruce has cleared two of the acres. Construction is beginning on the house and plans are in the works for the "farm."

There are even plans for one or two dogs. Sarge says he gets to interview them when they arrive on the scene.

Their property is located in central

North Carolina near the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area. They are about five miles west of Chapel Hill with rolling hills and lots of trees. After they bought the property, Laurie's parents and her brother and his family moved to an area fifteen miles from their land.

Bruce was licensed in 1963 as WN2NLR, a novice. He upgraded to general in 1964 and became WB2NLR. He, as I have found many people do, put the radios away from 1970 to 1993. In 1993, Bruce put up a 20 meter antenna and entered a contest. Laurie had written an Excel program to log his contacts. They soon discovered that because she couldn't copy code, she couldn't keep up! She quickly solved that problem by using her language skills to learn code and getting her Tech-Plus license.

When Bruce passed his General and then his Extra in 1996, he became N1LN. Laurie suggested he get the FT-1000MP he had been eyeing as a reward! I'm sorry ladies; I just report it as I hear it. . .

They currently have two complete FT-1000MP systems, with amplifiers, and all the necessary accoutrements. Two towers with six beams, two inverted L's, a dipole and four beverage receiving antennas.

Their plans for the property are:
Three towers (one at 100 feet)
Eleven beams
Various wire antennas

I asked N1LN what his band preference is and he replied "It depends on the time of day!", at least he was polite and didn't add "you silly person".

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2005 Sunmart Texas Trails Endurance Runs from page 1

The afternoon crew was Bob N5ET, Joe KD5KR, Eddy K5WQG, Paul W5PF and Thomas KD5MER. Some had lunch at the main tent and then headed out to their station. With the weather being so good we did not have many of the slip and slid injuries that we usually see at these races.

We did see a record 50K ran in 3 hours and 7 minutes. I saw a few more runners that had to see the doctor at the main lodge this year. All were treated and limped away with their chins and ankles held high.

I want to thank all my fellow Hams for volunteering their time and equipment. This event would not get the support it needs if it were not for some of our fellow club members to step up the task. Pat them on the back and say well done. I would like to say thank you to Bill and Rob for loaning the antennas and coax. And, a big thank you to Thomas and Kevin who stayed with me till the last station closed just before 7:00pm.

I talked to Dan Miller, Sunmart

coordinator and Roger Soler, Sunmart Race Director. They were extremely happy with our support for this year's event and expressed their appreciation for our support. They definitely want us back next year so mark your calendars for the second Saturday in December 2005 for the 17th running for the Sunmart Texas Trails Endurance Runs. You too can build many wonderful memories of a great time with some great Ham buddies.

Paul N5NXS

Notable DX Bulletins Notices. DX that will be active or is operating now:

1. JW9VDA, Svalbard, LA9VDA, will be active January 9–16; all bands/modes. He will be on Spitzbergen Island (IOTA EU-026) in the Svalbard group. Spitzbergen is where the USSR and now the Russian government have had a coal mining concession, “Artikgol” (artic coal) for many, many years.

2. 9A150NT, Croatia: The Croatian Amateur Radio Association special event station to celebrate the birth of the great inventor and scientist Nikola Tesla. Timing will be all of 2006. See <http://www.inet.hr/9a6aa/9a150nt>

3. TR8FC, Gabon: F4BQO will be active from Libreville between January 1 to May. A good one to get as you never know what will happen politically in Central Africa.

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4. XU7ACY, Cambodia: NO2R, Peter, returns to Cambodia this weekend and will be active on 40/80/160 meters until January 21. Mostly CW with some SSB. A good one to get!

5. 6W/G4WFQ, Senegal will be active between February 4–17; mostly CW. All bands, including the WARC bands.

6. CE0Z, Juan Fernandez: It appears that several operators Chile and some operators from the planned and on-schedule 3Y0X, Peter Island DXpedition will be on Juan Fernandez before heading to 3Y0X. All bands, all modes . . . and three different QSL managers. Best visit their www site to sort that issue out further: www.ce3bsq.cl/ce0z/. Dates are January 20–28.

7. DT8A, South Shetlands: DS4NMJ will be stationed at the South Korean “King Se-jong Station” as a radio operator all of 2006.

8. JD1BLY (CW) and JD1BLX (SSB), Ogasawara: Active February 19 and 28. All bands, including WARC and all modes, including satellites (VO-52 / FO-29)

9. Reports indicate that FT5XO logs are now LoTW.

10. Postal rates will rise on January 8. First class: \$0.39, 2nd Ounce is \$0.24. International is (generally) up to \$0.84. Remember your bureau envelopes!

Like that famous cartoon character always said: “That’s all folks”!

73, Mike, K5UO

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Then he did think about it and said he had started out on 15 meters as a General and still enjoys it the most . . . so there!

He says it has smaller antennas yet his biggest antenna is the 15 meter. Go figure . . .

He had a recent goal to get DXCC on 160 and completed it last year.

His favorite contact is P5/4L4FN, North Korea. The hardest was 3Y0C, Bouvet Island, on 20 meter side-band.

One of Bruce’s other hobbies is boating. When he was twelve, he and his father made his first boat in their cellar with plans from Popular Mechanics. It was

eight feet and didn’t have a name.

His last boat was 28 feet, and named Sanity Check. He and Laurie spent every weekend on her to get back in touch with reality.

They spent a week of those cold New England January’s in the Caribbean and have also been to Hawaii, Bermuda, Acapulco and England.

His company travels have taken him to Germany, Brazil and Argentina.

He, as noted earlier, enjoys college basketball and also professional football. He also enjoys some woodworking,

fishing and radio controlled boats and cars.

When I asked Bruce to sum up his life he said, “Summing up sounds to much like an end state with too much finality in the words. What I would rather say is that I consider myself blessed for what has been, is now, and hope will continue in as many chapters that I am fortunate to be part of.” Bruce, we have been fortunate to be part of you and Laurie’s life and hope to hear every detail of the future!

*Schalee Lodge, KD5WLL
Ham & Sheez Reporter*

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

Welcome, Congratulations and Condolences

Welcome new members Eddie Findley WB2KUI and Kenneth Miller KE5GFO.

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