

Welcome to North Texas Microwave Society

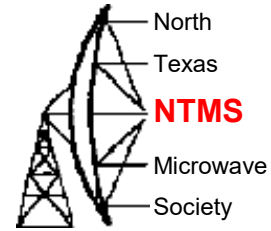
December 13th, 2025

Last MAD - Saturday Dec.



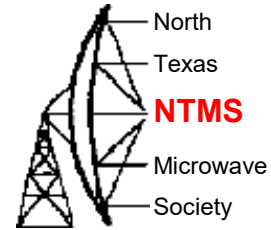
NTMS Agenda

December 13, 2025



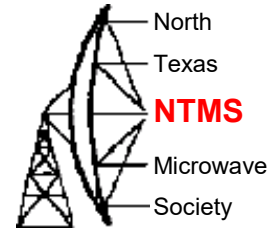
- 12:30 to 1:00– Setup & Bull Session
- 1:00 pm - Meeting Starts
- Technical Program
 - **Using microwave filters – KM5PO Jim McMasters**
 - **Another one-way QSO Attempt! What’s wrong? – W5LUA Al Ward – replay from August 9th, 2025**
 - **AA5C 3rd Gen 10 GHz Transverter – AA5C Greg McIntire – replay from March 9th, 2025**
- Show & Tell by members
- Other items & Business Meeting

December 2025



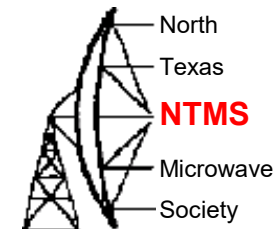
- 17th – 18th Leonids meteor shower
- 20th Rover location checkout (ride along or meet up)
 - EM13ql43rr – 6 miles southeast of Dorchester
 - EM13ph19ek – 1 mile east of Celina
 - others
- 30th - 31st Rover location checkout (ride along or meet up)
 - EM13nj13lg – 2 miles east of Pilot Point
 - others
- 31st Last day for 47 GHz DX cumulative contest for 2025

January 2026



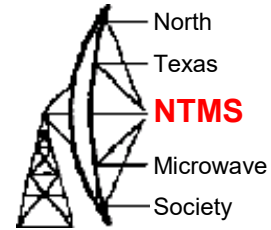
- 3rd (Saturday) NTMS MAD – Microwave Activity Day
- 10th NTMS January Zoom meeting
 - Your presentation goes here
- 16 – 17th Cowtown Hamfest
- 17th - 19th January VHF Contest
- 24th – 25th Winter Field Day

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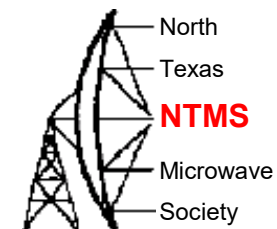
- **NTMS 2 meter net**
Every Sunday, 8:00 pm CST, 144.260 MHz, called by Ross K5ZSJ
- **The 6 meter Hootowl net**
Every Saturday, Midnight, 50.125, called by Al W5RLG
- **NTMS Lunch**
Every Tuesday, 11:30 am CST, Texas Smokehouse BBQ, Richardson TX (May change around holidays)
- **144 MHz Activity Night.**
Every Monday 7:00-11:00 pm local
- **222 MHz Activity Night.**
Every Tuesday 7:00-11:00 pm local
- **432 MHz Activity Night.**
Every Wednesday 7:00-11:00 pm local
- **Midwest M.A.D. and NTMS M.A.D**
First Saturday of every month.

Business Meeting



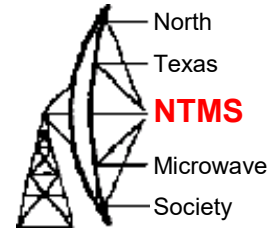
- **Old Business**
 - Beacon party Christmas week
 - Seeking micro-grant from Irving club
- **New Business**
 - Zoom has denied lowering our rate
 - Society membership dues are due
 - List of paid members and donors compiled for January
- **Any other topics to be discussed?**

NTMS Budget & Dues



- Zoom Meeting \$160/yr
- Website Blue Host \$86/yr
- ARRL Liability Insurance \$200/yr
- PO Box \$146/yr
- 501c3 non-profit filing with TX \$25/yr
- Total \$617 / \$20 dues > 31 members min
- Does not include meeting room space and ARRL Spectrum Defense Fund donations
- Please support the NTMS with your \$20 annual dues. Information on paying dues at www.ntms.org (see Membership link on left side of home page)

NTMS Donations

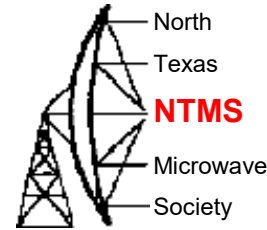


- On home page option:

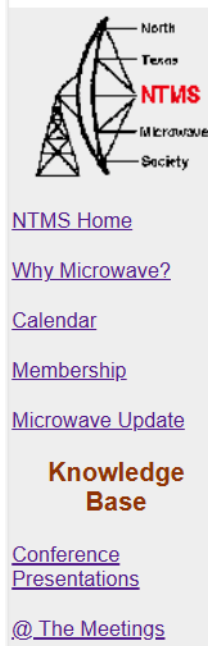
A screenshot of the NTMS website header. On the left is a blue box with the white text "W5HN". To its right, the text "North Texas Microwave Society" is displayed in blue. Below this, a red banner contains the white text: "Dedicated to Promoting Activity, the State of the Art in Equipment Design, and the Exchange of Ideas and Technology for the Amateur Bands Above 902 MHz". On the far right, a yellow button contains the text "Please donate to NTMS". Below the button are icons for PayPal, VISA, and MasterCard, followed by "+more". At the bottom of this section, it says "Powered by PayPal".

- Another option:
 - For donations by check please mail your check to:
 - NTMS
P. O. Box 26
Sanger, TX. 76266-0026
 - Note Donation and call sign on check.

NTMS Budget & Dues



- As we approach the end of the year, please pay your dues and take part in supporting NTMS.
- You may pay dues using the PayPal link on the website or send a check/M.O. to Wes Atchison.



Membership

NTMS dues are \$20 per year, add \$1 for a family membership. The family membership includes all family ham members. Please fill out a membership form for each member and mail to WA5TKU.

[Click here for membership Application](#)
(PDF Format - For mail)

[I have a Membership Question](#)

Renew or submit Dues via Paypal

Please include Call Sign and ARRL affiliation (y/n)

For PayPal payments, please email Name, Call Sign and ARRL affiliation to wa5tku AT atchisonlocal DOT com

Membership Options

Individual \$20.00 USD ▾

Buy Now



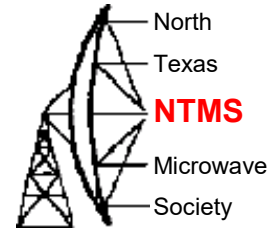
Also, consider a donation if you like what we are doing!

Donate to NTMS



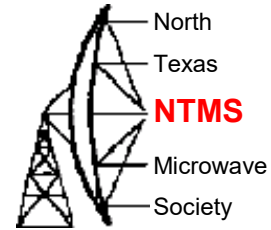
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Next steps



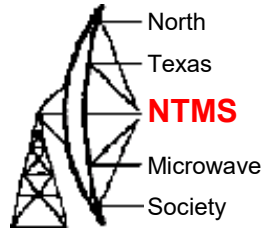
- Place a Donate button on home page with the phrase “If you like what we are doing, please donate.” *Done*
- Irving club provides “Micro Grants”. *In Process*
- A Grant would be suitable to offset or pay for an NTMS large project. *ARRL grant (need volunteer)*
 - Multi-band beacon (approx. \$2000 invested now)
 - Repair and modernization of other beacons
- Raise money in other ways besides estate processing.

Election - 2026



- After asking, I have not heard of nominations for elected officers?
- Matt Kube, W5ZCA asked to take a reprieve from the V.P. position.
- Al Ward, W5LUA has volunteered for the Vice President position. 2026 we will begin planning for Microwave Update 2027.
- I will continue on as President if there are no objections.
- We have several other people in the club that do work: Scott Armstrong, Eric Haskell, Wes Atchison

Adjourn?



- Motion to adjourn?