

The HCARC Newsletter for May 2008.

Greetings and I hope you all had a good month. The HCARC meeting for May is scheduled for Tuesday the 13th at 7:00 PM. See you there and I hope that we have another productive meeting like the last one.

I went by Gene Grime's house last week and he has most of the pictures for the HCARC members IDs. Everybody that hasn't signed their ID will need to do so at Tuesday's meeting. Gene is still working on getting the holders for the ID cards and I'm sure that we'll get an update on this at the meeting. One thing we might want to consider is how much we are willing to pay out of our own pockets for the ID card holders.

A couple of Saturdays ago we cleaned up around the radio shack. Van and Randy brought their tractors out and Ray and I assisted. We took out 30 or 40 little pines that were threatening to grow up into the guy wires from the tower. After we had cleared the trees and taken care of some weeds around the radio shack it looked pretty good around the place. Thanks again to Mr. Hutto for letting us set up building and tower out on his place. After the cleanup was finished everybody went out to Ray's place for pot-luck dinner. I wasn't able to go but from what I have heard everyone had a good time.

Don't forget that we are all supposed to bring canned goods or any non-perishable food items to the meeting so that we can send care packages to our brave men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. Cindy will take care of sending the packages we will need to provide the food items and a dollar or two for postage. Things like playing cards and games along with those DVDs that you don't watch any more would also be good. Remember that weight is not as much of a factor as size is because there isn't a weight restriction on the package but the size limit is fixed. This is a great idea to send care packages to the troops and I know that our men and women in uniform will appreciate the gesture in ways that we will never know, so be sure to bring in those goodies.

Be sure to go to the HCARC web site <http://www.wa5ec-hcarc.org> and see what is new. Ted has done a great job with the web site and it is coming along nicely.

Things to remember

1. HCARC meeting Tuesday April, 13 7:00 (bring food goods and postage)
2. Field day June 28-29
3. Sign your ID picture at the meeting if you haven't already.
4. We all need to start tuning into the net on Tuesday evenings
5. If you haven't paid your dues yes "Git-er-Done".
6. We have plenty of patches and cookbooks left. See Bob

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Minutes for the Houston County Armature Radio Club meeting for Tuesday the 8th of April.

Randy Hargrove KD5LZJ, opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. He welcomed all in attendance and gave the offering. Bob McWilliams, KD5VAU gave the secretary/ treasury report. There were no minutes from the last meeting so McWilliams made a motion to dismiss the minutes for the March meeting until a later date. The motion was seconded by Danny Lamb KV5CVC, and passed. The treasury report was given and a motion was made by Van Sims N5RZQ and was seconded by Daniel Hash KE5PJO, to accept the treasury report the motion passed.

Under old business, Gene Grimes AD5QR, reported that he had made progress on the club membership ID project. He has a few of the IDs made and has pictures that need signing. There was a discussion over which type of mount would be the most efficient and cost effective. Gene indicated that there will be a small charge for each ID so that he can recoup any losses that he has had. Also, Earl Jones KD5ZQM, is supposed to look into helping us in getting the IDs laminated. Ted Harding W5WAG, talked to club members about a field day and it was decided that we would have a volunteer field day committee. As it stands now the committee is made up of Ray Lively W5DLC, Daniel Hash, Ted Harding, Gene Grimes, and Van Sims. Our next field day will probably be on June 28 and June 29, 2008.

Under new business, Cindy Sims N5RZR, suggested that the club start sending care packages to our servicemen and women in the mid-east war zones. After discussion it was decided that club members would bring canned goods and other items to the meeting to send to the troops. A collection for the postage will be taken at the meetings. Van requested a workday on the radio shack. The guy wires need to be cleared of brush. We decided to meet at the radio shack about 9:00 on Saturday and there will be a pot luck dinner at Ray Lively's place afterward. Van Sims made a motion to buy a Yeasu 8800 as a replacement for a broken radio. Van made a motion to purchase the radio out of club funds and it was seconded by Daniel Hash. The motion carried.

At this time Danny Lamb made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Daniel hash.