

## HCARC Newsletter for August 2008

It's that time again the monthly HCARC meeting. It will be tomorrow night 8/12/2008 at 7:00. One of the main items on the agenda for the meeting will be the gun raffle. I have turned in all of the paper work for Christmas on the Square and we should know what booth we'll be working out of on the 25<sup>th</sup>. We still need a booth for the Peanut Festival.

The work day at Hutto's was productive but there were a couple of hitches. The ground was so hard that digging a hole deep enough for the guy-wire support was not easy. After digging as deep as we could and filling the hole with 8 bags of concrete, the tower is now braced well and Van plans to add another brace at a later date. I painted the radio shack while Van and crew worked on the guy-wire brace. I'll need another couple of hours to finish painting but it is looking better out there since we cleared the brush around the building. I have a card of appreciation to send Hutto as soon as I can get everybody together to sign it.

Ted Harding has pictures of the Field Day posted on the club web page. They are right at <http://www.wa5ec-hcarc.org/FieldDay2008.htm> if you care to see them. They're worth a look.

Gene Grimes still needs some members to sign their ID's and their ARRL membership cards. If you make the meeting tomorrow be sure to do this. Also, a representative of the Houston County Courier will be at the meeting to take pictures and do an article about the club. So be prepared to have your picture taken.

I won't be at the meeting tomorrow night as I will be out of town. Cindy Sims will take over as secretary. Thanks for the help.

Bob McWilliams

Treasurer HCARC

## July Meeting HCARC

7/10/2008

Tommy Walton KE5TLW opened the monthly meeting welcomed members and guest and offered the invocation. There were 12 members in attendance. Bob McWilliams KD5VAU gave the minutes for last meeting and a motion was made by Van Sims NR5ZQ to accept and Cindy Sims N5RZR seconded. The motion carried. The treasury report was given and Cindy Sims made the motion to accept and was seconded by Ray Lively. The motion carried.

### Old Business

Last week's field day was discussed and all in attendance agreed that it went well. Thanks to Ted Hardin W5WAG again for organizing the activities. Ted discussed placing pictures on the club web site through the Yahoo user group. Gene gave an update on the ID badges and they should be done by the next meeting

### New Business

The .31 machine is off the air and Ray Lively W5DLC discussed a temporary antenna solution bring it back up. There is a new tower going up and the club will have a spot on that tower. The tower will be on top of one of the Crockett ISD land between the two existing towers. Van says that the antenna will be at 400'. We need to have this machine up until the new tower is up.

Saturday will be a work day at the tower site. We will need 8 sacks of Sackcrete and a gallon of paint for the building too. We need to fix one of the guy-wires that have worked loose and the building the building is in need of paint. Bob McWilliams will pick up materials at Stowe's lumber.

We discussed sending Mr. Hutto a card of appreciation for letting us use their facilities. Cindy Sims has the contact information that we'll need.

The gun auction for this year's fund raise was discussed and it was decided that this would be an agenda item for next meeting

A motion to adjourn was made by Cindy Sims and was seconded by Ray Lively. The meeting was adjourned.