

The HCARC Newsletter for the meeting of 8/12/2008

DON'T FORGET OUR MEETING AT 7:00 TUESDAY THE 9TH OF AUGUST

Randy Hargrove caked the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.. Cindy Sims made the offering. There were no minutes for the last meeting or a treasury report because the secretary/treasurer was not in attendance. Bud Rhone from the Houston Courier was at the meeting to take pictures for the local news paper. The first order was old business.

Old Business

Ted talked about the Plano Ham Fest. He told the members that the club will receive a check for \$25.00 from the Plano Ham Fest committee for mentioning their ham fest on our web page. Ted thought that the club might consider advertising more on the club website but before he does he will check the legalities involved in doing so.

Booths for Christmas on the Square and the Peanut festival. We got the booth that Cindy and Van Sims requested for Christmas on the Square. The cost for a 10 X 10 booth with electricity was \$130.00. We will not know what booth we will have for the Peanut Festival until the 26th of September. The price of a 10 X 10 booth for the peanut festival is \$50.00. Bob McWilliams paid for the booth and reimbursement will be an agenda item at the next meeting. We will need volunteers to man the booths so there will be a signup sheet at Tuesday's meeting. We will probably get the rifle for this years raffle from Chapman's Hardware again this year.

New Business

We will have refreshments at the September meeting and everyone should bring something for the members to eat or drink.

Joel has had a light stoke and we are asking everyone to keep him and his family in their prayers.

Danny asked that anyone interested in the Storm Spotter Program to meet with David after the meeting.

Van had to leave the meeting because the repeater was down and he feared that lightening had hit some of the equipment. He returned to the meeting and had bad news. When he got to the equipment shack the air conditioning was off and breaker was thrown., He cycled the breaker and sparks came form some of the equipment and the Salt Grass machine was hung up. Gene volunteered to check the equipment for damage tomorrow.

Gene contacted the antennae company about cutting the pole and after many attempts to contact them they have not yet called back. Gene has checked on the Internet about various workshops and has volunteered to host a workshop if another member would host one in return. David mentioned a need for a class on air mail messaging systems.

Carolyn and Hash and Ralph reed asked for updated rosters and Cindy volunteered to provide them at the next meeting. Randy asked about instant messaging on the club web page but Ted discouraged the idea because of problems that might be encountered. Ted explained the advantages of Anderson Pole Connector and how it worked.

Because of frequent power outages a discussion about solar panels and generator for club equipment.

At this time Ralph made a motion to adjourn and Danny seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

So far on the agenda for Tuesday.

1. Reimbursement of funds for Christmas booths.
2. The state of equipment since the problems we had on the 12 of August

Note. I have sent a newsletter to each member of the club with a valid email address before each meeting since I have been Secretary of the club. If you are having problems please inform me. I also send the monthly newsletter and the minutes for the previous meeting to our web master and they are posted on our web site. Thanks

Bob