

# HARC NEWS

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## Minute

### On the Calendar

#### Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2009  
EOC @ 7:00 PM.

**Dec. 9, 2008:** Tommy KE5TLW opened the meeting at 6:10 PM and welcomed members and visitors.

**Opening Prayer:** Van opened the meeting with prayer.

**Introduction of visitors:** Visitors and members were welcomed to the meeting and yearly Christmas Party to follow. We were pleased to have several visitors.

**Minutes:** Bob read the minutes from the last meeting. Gene a motion to accept and Mike seconded. The motion carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Bob gave the treasurer's report. Cindy made the motion to accept and Jan seconded The motion carried

**Attendance:** There were 13 in attendance.

**Under Old Business:** There was no old business discussed.

**Under New Business:** Because of the unusually light turnout, Mike Ellis made a motion by acclimation to make Van Sims, President replacing the out-going president, Randy Hargrove and Cynthia Sims. Sec/Treasurer replacing out-going Sec/Treasurer, Bob McWilliams. Gene Grimes seconded. The motion carried.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**SKYWARN MEETING**  
JAN. 17th.

**Program:** Instead of a formal program, we had the election of Ham of the year and Elmer of the year. Van was chosen Ham of the year and Gene was chosen Elmer of the year. Congratulation!!

Our Christmas Party and Auction followed. We had a great time and collected \$141.00. Thanks to everyone for a great time.

**Announcements:** It's that time again. We will start accepting Club dues by the next meeting. **Have a great NEW YEAR!**

**Door Prize:** There was no door prize tonight.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

**rn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

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**Don't miss the Jan. 13th meeting at 7:00 PM.**  
**Be sure to make the Jan. meeting .**  
**Welcome all new members**

HCARC is open to anyone who wishes to join, and exists for the sole purpose of promoting a great hobby, Amateur Radio. An amateur radio license is not required. All members are asked to respect and uphold the general rules and practices of Amateur Radio, and to support HCARC. Annual dues are determined by the type of membership chosen, and are payable by January 31. The Club repeater operates on 145.310(-) with a 103.5 tone and is open to anyone who wishes to use it. The 146.700(-) with a 123.0 tone has battery back-up. Club meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Houston County EOC at 7:00 PM and weekly nets are held on each Tuesday at 7:00 PM. For more information, or to join HCARC, contact any Club Officer.

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We all had a blast at the Christmas Party. There was plenty of good food and fun. If you weren't there you missed a great time. We had our annual white elephant auction and deposited \$126.00.

It's been a great year and we look forward to an even better year in 2009.

**May God Bless you all in the new year.**

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## **CLUB TALK...CLUB TALK...CLUB TALK...**

Members, this area is for you!!!  
If you have anything you want to discuss,  
sell, trade, etc. Let Van or Cindy know and it will  
be placed in the monthly newsletter.

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**Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009  
Houston County EOC  
7:00 PM**

- Club Repeater — 146.700 (-)
  - T - 123.0
  - Club Repeater — 145.310 (-)
  - T - 103.5
  - 440 repeater — 443.600 (+)
  - Salt Grass Link T - 100.0
- Weekly Net Tuesday @ 7:00 PM on 146.700 repeater**



**New net time is every Tues.  
at 7 PM. Please check in!**



**January Birthdays**

Ray Lively Jan. 17th  
Hazel Lively Jan. 14th  
Mike Dowdy Jan. 23rd  
Mac Dishongh Jan. 27th  
Carol Hash Jan. 3rd  
Joel Martin Jan. 13th

Program for May 8, 2007  
Presented by David Lamb

David explained there were 17 people present for the last Skywarn Class.

Everyone who is a weather spotter could be called anytime to go to a set location to watch the weather. David will set a place for each person to be during bad weather.

Houston radar sees about 8000 feet above our area so they really need our eyes to tell them what is going on here. We need a procedure and will use the 70 machine for transmissions and someone will relay messages on the Salt Grass System.

David's office has sent a PO off Friday to order \$3000.00 of Ham equipment for the bus. He gave the Hospital an order for \$6000.00 for equipment.

As soon as the bus and a few other things are completed, we will have one of the best communication systems around.

Van and Gene will be attending a class on the Gateway System soon. The only time this system will be used will be times of emergencies or training exercises.

David hopes to get all weather spotters set up next month.

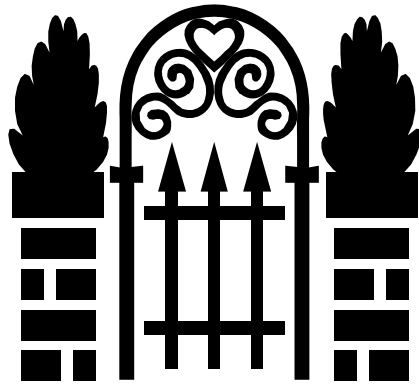
Houston County will be first Storm Ready County in a 23 county area. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

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This story can fit 150-200 words.

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# Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 100-150 words.

The subject matter that appears in newsletters is virtually endless. You can include stories that focus on current technologies or innovations in your field.

You may also want to note business or economic trends, or make predictions for your customers or clients.

If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

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*"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."*

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This story can fit 75-125 words.

Selecting pictures or graphics is an important part of adding content to your newsletter.

Think about your article and ask yourself if the picture



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supports or enhances the message you're trying to convey. Avoid selecting images that appear to be out of context.

Microsoft Publisher includes thousands of clip art images from which you

can choose and import into your newsletter. There are also several tools you can use to draw shapes and symbols.

Once you have chosen an image, place it close to the article. Be sure to place the caption of the image near the image.