

# HARC NEWS

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## Minute

### On the Calendar

#### Monthly Meeting

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

**Jan. 13, 2009:** Van, N5RZQ, opened the meeting at 7:05 PM and welcomed members and visitors.

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

**Introduction of visitors:** There were three visitors tonight so everyone introduced themselves by name and call-sign. We were very glad to have John Hartley, W5GN0, Bill Doyle, KE5TXZ, and Dennis McKeon, KE5YGB. Welcome!

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

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

**Attendance:** There were 14 in attendance.

#### Under Old Business:

- a. Please try to have dues paid by March meeting. \$15.00
- b. Salt Grass is having problems with link radio. Steve will be here soon to replace it or repair it.
- c. Our new board member is Bob McWilliams, replacing Gene Grimes.

#### Under New Business:

- a. The Commerce Street of \$113.00 was paid.
- b. We will call all members and ask how many would like to receive the newsletter in the mail instead of e-mail.
- c. We voted on two new members, Bill Doyle and Dennis McKeon. All members agreed and we welcome them as new members.
- d. There will be a Fun Run in March. Mr. Olive will talk about this at the Feb. meeting.
- e. Because there will be some newsletters mailed and other items printed, Van asked the club to purchase a black toner cartridge for our printer. Bob made a motion to buy the cartridge and Ralph seconded. The motion carried.
- f. There was a discussin about hf net for club members or anyone else who might want to join in.
- g. We discussed having a garage sale/bake sale this year. Cindy will call Charlene and find out the particulars about having it a the Jordan School.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**SKYWARN MEETING**  
JAN. 17th.

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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.

- h. There was a discussion about having the quarterly refreshment meetings and door prizes again. Everyone agreed. The next refreshment meeting will be in March.
- i. Van asked for volunteers for net controllers. We now have Tommy on 3rd. Tues, Van on 4th. Tues., and Gene on 5th. Tues. Randy volunteered as stand by. \_\_\_\_\_ said he would volunteer when he knew more about it.
- j. **PLEASE INVITE FRIENDS!!! Lets grow our club.**
- k. All new members – we have sew-on patches for vests or shirts, etc. Each new member will given a small patch.
- l. Rand will print a bill for the phone patch and give it to Cindy. \$17.00

**Program:** Gene gave a short talk on Skywarn. He said there will be Skywarn meeting on Sat., Jan. 17th. He put together a Standard Operating Procedure booklet and passed them out to all Skywarn members.

Van talked about a drill that HE, Randy and Gene participated in on Sat. Jan. 10th.

Van said we will have a win-link demo soon.

Ted talked about the web site and explained about broadband internet coverage for everyone in the U.S. He explained how bad this will be for Ham Radio because of the interference.

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

Ralph has two neighbors who erect towers. They are looking for work when in Crockett. Call Ralph and he will set you up.

### **TEXAS MUSEUM of TECHNOLOGY**

A non-profit organization has been formed to construct a museum in Houston County, Texas. This Museum will be an educational and informative, inter-active display of exhibits in the field of science And most fields of technology. Visitors can view the chronological progress of technology in the fields of telecommunication, electronics, mechanical power, transportation and many more areas of technology.

The material for the museum will come from donations made by industry and individuals. One of the first exhibits planned will be a telecommunication complex showing how digital electronics has brought such services as improved internet robotics and a host of other services.

As a non-profit organization Texas Museum of Technology will depend on donations from individuals, Fund-raisers and material from industry.

Anyone interested in helping building, contributing surplus material or help, please contact.

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**Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, Feb. 10, 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!**

**February Birthdays**

We have no birthday's listed in Feb. If we have missed someone, please let me know.

Cindy Sims

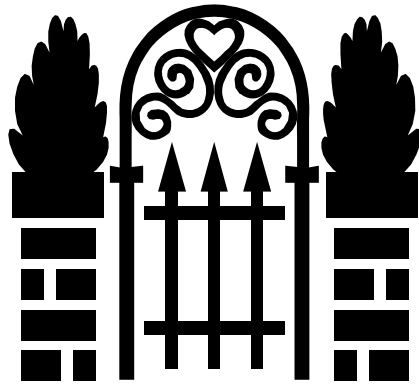
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# Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 150-200 words.

One benefit of using your newsletter as a promotional tool is that you can reuse content from other marketing materials, such as press releases, market studies, and reports.

While your main goal of distributing a newsletter might be to sell your product or service, the key to a successful newsletter is making it useful



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to your readers.

A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of

topics but try to keep your articles short.

Much of the content you put in your newsletter can also be used for your Web site. Microsoft Publisher offers a simple way to convert your newsletter to a Web publication. So, when you're finished writing your newsletter, convert it to a Web site and post it.

# 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.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated

every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

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

# Inside Story Headline

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.