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On the Calendar

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, Mar. 10, 2009
EOC @ 7:00 PM.

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Feb. 10, 2009: Van, N5RZQ, opened the meeting at 7:15 PM and welcomed members and visitors.

Opening Prayer: Mac Dishongh opened the meeting with prayer.

Introduction of visitors: Everyone introduced themselves to our newest members and guests.

Minutes: Cindy read the minutes from the last meeting. Gene made a motion to accept and Danny seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Cindy gave the treasurer's report. Tommy made the motion to accept and Mike seconded. The motion carried.

Attendance: There were 20 in attendance.

Under Old Business:

- a. Please try to have dues paid by March meeting. \$15.00
- b. Charlene talked about the garage sale on May 9th. at the Jordan School
- c. Van once again asked for new net control volunteers.
- d. Randy will send a copy of repeater phone bill and the club will pay him.

Under New Business:

- a. Tommy made a motion to accept Reggie Olive and John Hartley as new members and Joel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Welcome Reggie and John to HCARC.

- b. Van explained about the Salt Grass Net and when it might be repaired.
- c. Van read some information about banning the use of cell phones while driving and talked about concerns and differences between cell phones and Ham radios.
- d. Van gave dates and locations of several Hamfests.
- e. We now have new test manuals for anyone wanting to study for a test.
- f. Gene held a test session and said anyone wanting to test should let him know. He also explained about tel-pac being dropped so he installed a RM packet.

Program: John Hartley explained about the new museum he is trying to get going. It will be called the Crockett Technical Center. He also gave the names of the board members. It is non-profit and needs volunteers.

Announcements: March meeting will be our refreshment meeting. Bring goodies!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Garage Sale &

Bake Sale

May 9, 2009

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Don't miss the Mar. 10th meeting at 7:00 PM.

Bring friends and sandwiches, chips, dips, cookies, etc. The club will provide drink and all paper goods. We will also have a door prize!
Save & mark your garage sale stuff for May 9, 2009.

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.

We will also have a door prize at March meeting. Good Luck!

Field day will be the last weekend in June.

Door Prize: No door prize tonight.

Adjourn: Danny made the motion to adjourn and Joel seconded. The motion carried.

We have been having great meetings. Thank you all for your participation. The dues are coming in at a great rate and our funds are growing. Thank you all for helping our club grow. We welcome our new members and as always we are grateful for all of our devoted members who have been around thorough thick and thin. We look forward to watching HCARC grow and do great things.

Thanks to all of you,

Van Sims, Tommy Walton & Cindy Sims

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.

Please, mark all garage sale items and make sure they are in working condition. We will be at the Jordan school by 7:00 AM to set up. Please come help. The club will provide breakfast items, drinks and water for workers. Our club has always done very well with this garage sale but it takes participation. When you bring your items, be prepared to put them on the tables. This helps so much.

The bake sale is a real good thing because Mother's day is the next day. Many people buy cakes or other desserts for their Mom's. Unfortunately we cannot bring anything that must be kept cold or has frosting that will melt.

At the end of the day, we donate left-over items (not baked goods), to a charity organization. If you do not want any items you might have left donated, you must pick them up before 4:00 PM.

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- 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

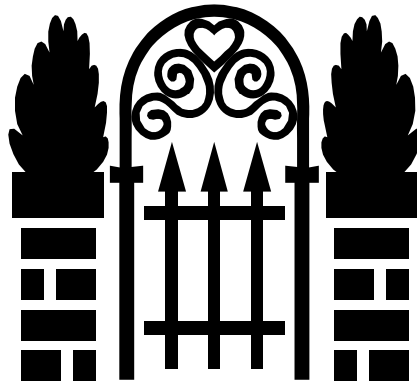
Jan Benson – Mar. 8th
Ralph Reeves – Mar. 20th.
Billy Rollo – Mar. 19th.
Van Sims – Mar. 22nd.
Tommy Walton – Mar. 14th.

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Inside Story Headline

This story can fit 75-125 words.

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