

# HARC NEWS

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## Minute

### On the Calendar

#### Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, Apr. 14, 2009  
EOC @ 7:00 PM.

**Mar. 10, 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:** Everyone introduced themselves to our newest members and guests.

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

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

**Attendance:** There were 22 in attendance.

#### Under Old Business:

- Please try to have dues paid by March meeting or ASAP.
- There will be a fish fry at Sim's house on March 28th. At 6:00PM
- Be collecting garage sales items and marking them for May 9th.
- Reggie Olive asked for members to volunteer for the 5K marathon at the Groveton High School @ 6:00 AM on Apr. 11th. He explained that he will need Hams at 3 staging areas to watch for runners who might have problems. He said cell phones don't work in the woods very often and said this would be a good time to promote Ham Radios. He said the event will last until 12:00 or 1:00 PM. If anyone has a utility vehicle they could bring they would appreciate it. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

#### Under New Business:

- Van discussed the need for a new antenna for the 145.31 machine and enough hardline to connect it. Joel made a motion to check prices and purchase the antenna and hardline. David seconded and the motion carried. Van will check on prices for both.
- Tommy asked for someone to call the net in his place next Tues. as he will be on vacation.

**Program:** Jeff Montgomery and Bob Meyer gave a demonstration on Narrow-band emergency messaging software for data communications.

**Announcements:** Next test session will be Thurs., March 26th. At 7:00 PM

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Garage Sale &

#### Bake Sale

May 9, 2009

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Don't miss the Apr. 14th meeting at 7:00 PM.

Bring friends

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.

**Door Prize:** There were two \$10.00 gift card door prizes to the Moose Head and they were won by Reggie Olive and Carolyn Hash. Congratulations!

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

### **A note from Van**

Thank you all for a great meeting. Sorry about having to meet in the break room. I know it was inconvenient but we will have to put up with it until the other room is no longer in use.

We had a great meeting and lots of good food. Thanks to everyone for participating. If anyone has suggestions for a program, please call me or Tommy. We will do our best to oblige.

By the time you get this the fish fry will be over. Hope you enjoyed it.

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

**If anyone has something they would like to have printed in “club talk” just let Cindy know. I will be glad to put it in. If you have something to buy, sell, trade, etc. This section is for such as this.**

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!**

**April Birthdays**

Roger Dickey – Apr. 22nd.  
Amanda Rollo – Apr. 3rd.

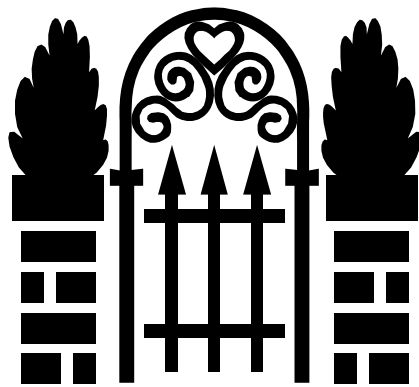


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