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Minutes

On the Calendar

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2009
EOC @ 7:00 PM.

Hamfest in Plano
June 12th & 13th.

May 12, 2009: Van, N5RZQ, opened the meeting at 7:15 PM and welcomed members and visitors.

Opening Prayer: Tommy opened the meeting with prayer.

Introduction of visitors: There were no new visitors tonight.

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

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

Attendance: There were 9 in attendance.

Under Old Business:

- a. Van thanked everyone who participated in the Garage/Bake Sale. We did not have very many who donated so we decided we would not have another garage sale. We will consider a bake sale but Tommy suggested having a sign-up sheet for workers and donations. It takes the whole club to keep it going. We made about \$283.00 from the garage sale.
- b. Van handed out a new preamble for net night. He went over it and explained how it worked so everyone would know what to do if they called the net.
- c. Van and Ray discussed heliax lengths. The club agreed this should be persued at the price of \$2.50 per foot.

Under New Business:

- a. We received the application for a booth for Christmas on the Square. It will be on Nov. 21st. We will need people to show interest and help. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at a couple of meetings prior to the event for volunteers to work. You will not have to work more than 3 hours. We will need at least 2 volunteers per shift. Van and Cindy will take the 1st shift and close in the evening. Ray made a motion and Bill seconded to check into the price on a 10 X 10 canopy for our fund raisers.
- b. We will be checking out a new place for our meetings until our regular room is available again.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Surprise drill!
Be ready

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Don't miss the June 9th, meeting at 7:00 PM.

Bring friends

This will be a refreshment meeting. Bring anything you want and The club will provide drinks, and all paper goods.

This is your club!!! Please make a great effort to attend.

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.

Program: There was a discussion about the Eastham Drill. Bill said there was a mock escape, explosion, heart attack and fire. They had to relay about 50 messages quickly. The warden said they all did good and everyone was satisfied. Gene felt like the HAMS should write the messages using their own words but was told ARES does not allow anyone to change the wording given to them.

Announcements:

- a. Next refreshment meeting will be June 9th. There will be a door prize.
- b. Field Day is June 27th & 28th. We will discuss it more at the May meeting.
- c. Hamfest in Plano on June 12th & 13th. Van, Randy and maybe Tommy plan to go.

Door Prize: There was no door prize tonight.

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

A note from Van:

Our internet is not working at this time. Hopefully we will be back online very soon. If you need to get in touch, try the old-fashioned way. I believe it's called the telephone. Ha Ha

Congratulations Michael Calvert KE5GIW

Micahel passed his Tech. Test last week. He is interested in joining our club and becoming a part of Sky Warn.

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!!! Try to make the meetings. Everyone works very hard to make these possible. We know it is not very pleasant having them in the old break room, but it will not be forever—(we hope). We'll do the best we can to make it more pleasant. We are looking for a better place for the meetings until the class is over in our regular meeting room.

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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!**

June Birthdays

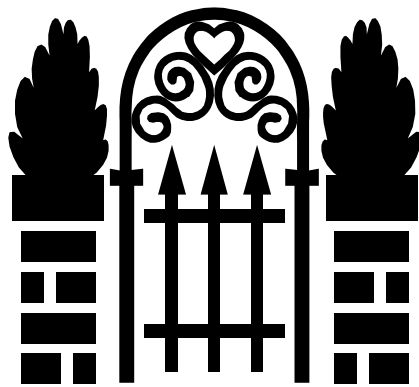
Bill Doyle – June 19th.

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.