

# HARC NEWS

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### On the Calendar

#### Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009  
At the Parish Hall at the  
Catholic Church  
@ 7:00 PM.

**Net time is 8:00 PM**  
**Please check in!!!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Pictures will be taken of club members at next meeting for the newspaper. Please make every effort to attend and wear your vest if you have one.

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**August 11, 2009:** Van, N5RZQ, opened the meeting at 7:05 PM and welcomed members and visitors.

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

**Introduction of visitors:** No visitors tonight.

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

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

**Attendance:** There were 11 in attendance.

#### Under Old Business:

- a. We need a work day at the repeater site. Randy's tractor is now available to weeds and Van will spray.
- b. Van said we need another antenna on the tower for more range.

#### Under New Business:

- a. Tommy found out that there will be a peanut festival and who to send our money to. I sent the money and hopefully we will still have booth #2. We will now order the rifle.
- b. We will meet at the at the Parish Hall for the Sept. and Oct. meetings and will return to the EOC for our Nov. meeting, hopefully.
- c. We voted on our two new applicants, Lou Everett and Jack Coleman. A motion was made to accept both and the motion carried.
- d. Tommy asked how everyone liked the new net call in. It was suggested that we call members who typically check in and then call for anyone else who would like to check in. He feels like it would take less time.
- e. Gene said "we really need to try to get new folks to take a test. It has been a while since a test has been given."

**Don't miss the September 8th, meeting at 7:00 PM.**  
**at the Parish Hall at the Catholic Church Bring goodies and friends**

**New net time is 8:00 PM. Please try to check in**

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.

- f. Gene is taking care of putting our scrapbook together and would like pictures of everyone's ham shack and any other pictures you have that pertain to club functions.
- g. Ted talked about needing the Salt-Grass on battery. Van said the new tower will have a generator.
- h. I mistakenly said our next meeting would be Sept. 15th. In fact it will be Sept. 8th. Sorry!

**Program:** No program tonight.

**Announcements:**

- a. Next refreshment meeting will be Sept. 8th. The club will provide drinks, plates, etc. You may bring anything you want, sandwiches, chips, dips, desserts, etc...
- b. No test session scheduled at this time.
- c. We will meet at the Catholic Church Parish Hall.

**Door Prize:** No door prize tonight.

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

**A NOTE FROM VAN**

**There will be someone at the Sept. 8 meeting taking a picture of our club members. This picture will be in the newspaper so please wear your vest if you have one. Van will explain more at the meeting. Please!!! Try to be there!**

We have really been missing many of our members. We pray that all is well and hope to see you at the next meeting.

**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. Thanks to Ralph we are meeting in the Parrish Hall behind the Catholic Church. We will go back to meeting at the EOC for our Nov. meeting.

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**Catholic Church Parish Hall**  
**On N. 4th. Street**  
**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 8 PM.** Please check in!  
We will keep this net time until  
Daylight savings time changes

**September Birthdays**

Mike Ellis – Sept. 13th.  
David Hash - Sept. 15th.  
Cindy Sims – Sept. 16th.

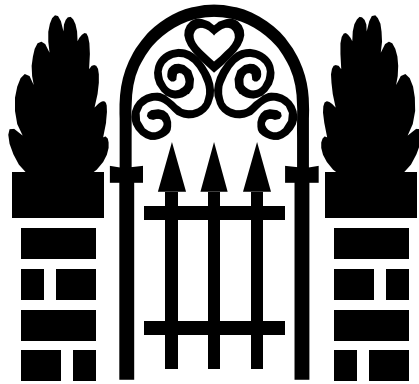


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