

# HARC NEWS

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## On the Calendar

### Monthly Meeting

Tuesday Oct. 13, 2009  
At the Parish Hall at the  
Catholic Church  
@ 7:00 PM.

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Please bring money  
And ticket stubs sold  
For raffle and cook-  
books.  
Elections coming up  
In Dec.

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## **Mi nu**

### Oct. 13, 2009:

**Opening Prayer:** Van opened the meeting at 7:10 PM.

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

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

**Attendance:** There were 12 in attendance.

### **Under Old Business:**

- a. Pass out a sign-up sheet for volunteers to work the Peanut Festival. Tommy bought a 10' X10' awning for the club to use for functions. Thanks Tommy!
- b. Ted said he would get the word out on the internet sight that tickets now for sale for the rifle raffle.
- c. The .31 machine is down and Gene said he would try to get over there Wed. To try to fix it.

### **Under New Business:**

- a. I have included nomination ballots in this newsletter. Please, fill them out and bring to the meeting. We will collect them until Oct. and Nov. Our elections will be at the Dec. meeting. Everyone needs to nominate and vote.
- b. We will meet at the at the Parish Hall for the Oct. meeting and will return to the EOC for our Nov. meeting, hopefully.
- c. If you sold any tickets or cook-books, please bring the money and saved portion of the tickets to the meeting. We will collect any money and put into the account. In the past we have done very well with the raffle.
- d. Van said we need more storm spotters. Gene is in charge of this. He called folks about a drill but go no response. PLEASE!
- 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 November 10th, meeting at 7:00 PM.  
at the EOC.**

**New net time is now 7:00 PM. Please try to check in**  
Net time will change back to 7:00 due to Daylight Savings Time.

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.

called folks but did not get much response about a drill. Storm spotters can also spot from home.

- 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.

**Program:** There was no program tonight due to pictures being taken before the meeting. We had refreshments and boy, were they great. Thanks to everyone for the wonderful food.

**Announcements:**

- a. Next refreshment meeting will be Dec. 8th. This will be our annual Christmas Party and White-Elephant Auction. It's great fun and raises money for the club. Please plan to come. The club provides the meat, drinks, cups, etc. We will decide what we want and everyone can bring what they want.
- b. No test session scheduled at this time.
- c. We will meet at the Catholic Church Parish Hall one last time. Thanks again Ralph.

**Door Prize:** Dennis McKeon won the Door Prize tonight. Congratulations Dennis!

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

**A NOTE FROM VAN**

Thank you all for your prayers for me during my surgery and recovery. I am doing very well and hopefully will see you all at the Oct. meeting

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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!!!** 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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**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!  
Daylight Savings begins Sun.,  
Nov. 1st.

**October Birthdays**

Gene Grimes – Nov. 30th.  
Ted Harding – Nov. 30th.

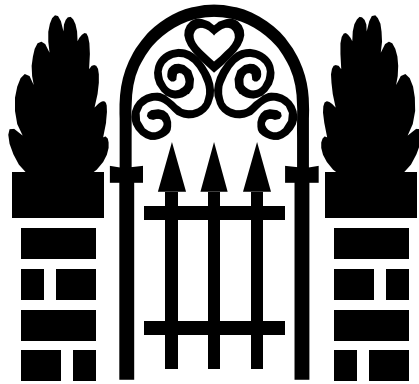


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