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### Houston Echo Society Meeting American Red Cross Building August 08, 2005

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K5NAV – Section Communications Manager

#### **Members and Visitors Present**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>ARRL Member?</b>
Mike Almaguer	KC5VHG	
Glen Baker	KB5DWJ	No
Richard Banks	WC5O	No
Howard Bingham	KE5APJ	YES
Marty Blaise	AG5T	YES
Jim Borrough	N5DTT	Yes
Mike Davidson	N5MT	YES
Lee Gaspard	WA5QXE	YES
Alan Isaachsen	KB2WF	Yes
Colin Jenkins	KU5B	Yes
John Moore	KK5NU	No
Mike Nault	W5OFT	YES
Paul Rubin	N8NOV	YES
Glenn Sparks	KI5GY	YES
Mark Tyler	K5GQ	YES
Michael Urich	KA5CVH	YES
	N6UNI	Yes
Steven Jenkins		
KayLynn Jenkins	KD5TUR	No
Stacey Jenkins	KD5TME	No
Patsy Jenkins		No
Cecil Jenkins	KB5PFU	No
Abigail Stimpson	KC6LWO	
Austin Jenkins		No
Rachel Keng		No

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The meeting was called to order approximately 7:30pm.

### Agenda

- Welcome
- Colin's trip to Belize
- Old Business
  - Announcements
  - Correspondence
  - Status of Repeaters
  - Web site and Newsletter
  - Treasurer's
  - Discussion of Field Day results
- New Business
  - Broadband over Power Line Trial (BPL)
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  - Other business
- Projects/ Demonstrations

Marty opened the meeting. All introduced themselves.

### Welcome

Everyone introduced himself or herself. There was a large crowd! Collins won the award of who could bring the most guest or relatives – his included uncles, aunts, grandparents, and cousins. Most of his relatives sported Amateur Radio licenses!

### Presentation

Collin Jenkins, KU5B, entertained the audience with a slide show and narrative about his recent vacation/ trip/ operating adventure to the country of Belize. Collin operated from Kelly's Place in the city of Placencia, a location in that country accessible via Maya Air. Collin applied for his Belize operating license approximately one month in advance of his visit. He received a reply in one day via email. The application required his birth certificate, amateur radio license, and twenty (\$20) dollars.

### Announcements:

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### **Old Business**

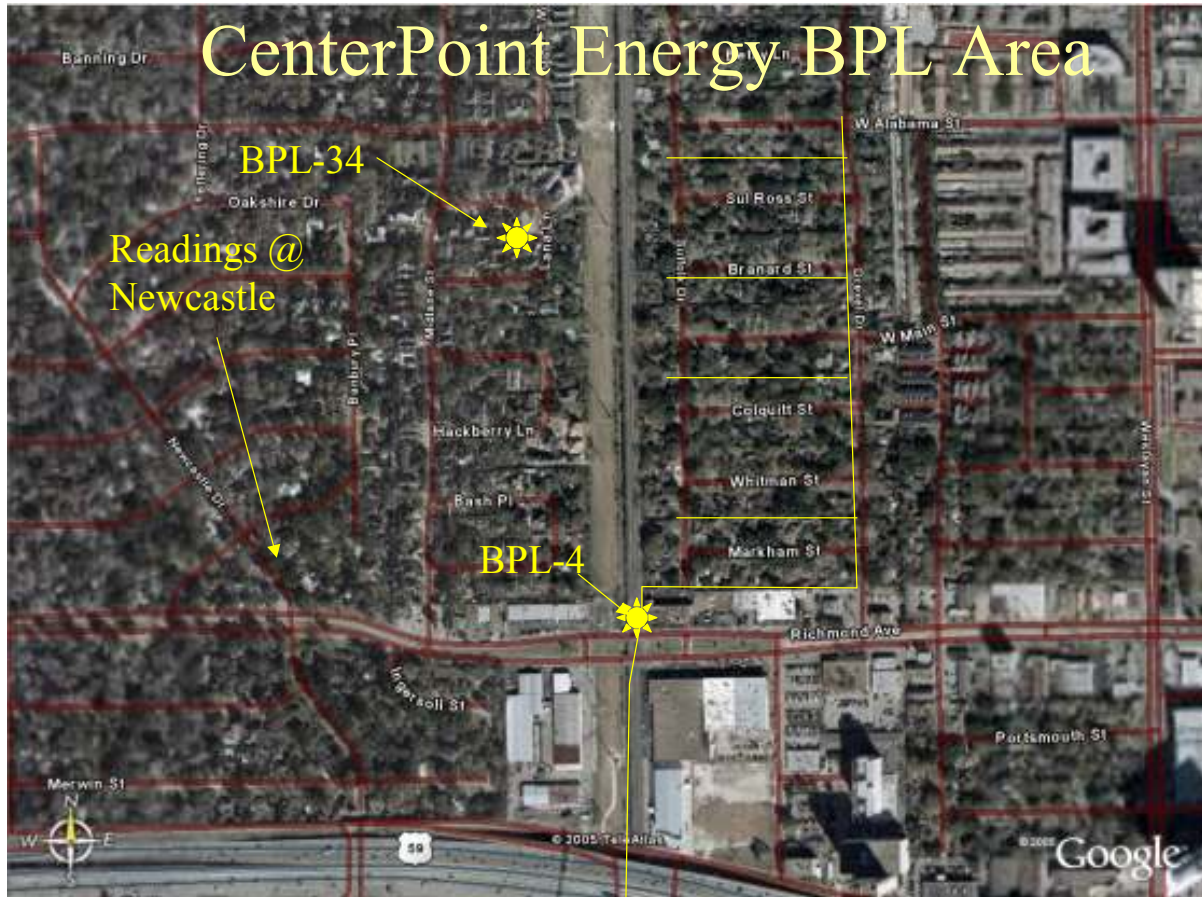
- Treasurer's report: \$2,812.86 in the bank as of July – not much has changed.
  - Richard Banks needs copies of our Corporate Tax Papers, IRS letter for C-7 status, Secretary of the State Registration, Corporate ID to initiate the movement of the bank account
- Repeaters Reports: 147.08 , 224.26, 147.32 all working
- Mike Davidson made a motion to accept the minutes and Mike Urich 2<sup>nd</sup> as read.

### **New Business**

- **BPL:**
  - Mike Davidson, N5MT and Lee Gaspard, WA5QXE, spoke about the BPL trial with CenterPoint.
  - Mike commented that Span Pro in Cincinnati, Ohio; Duke Energy; and Entergy have recently expressed interest in BPL
  - Lee spoke about trying to perform a load test on the system and needing some help. Mike Urich, KA5CVH, and Jim Burrough, N5DTT, are both able to assist with load testing from their laptops.
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- Mike and Lee sketched out a basic map of the area. A refined one is found below



- Information available at [www.txbpl.com](http://www.txbpl.com) per Kent Marshall

The meeting adjourned about 9:20 pm