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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO ALL!!

INFORMATION PAGE

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club Inc. 2008 Board of Directors

President	Dan Dahms	N9WNH
Vice President	Becky Spencer	N9RJB
Secretary	Melanie Dahms	W9NNH
Treasurer	Richard Leo	W9EEE
1-Year Trustee	Lanny Kelly	K9OOP
2-Year Trustee	Herman Smith	WB9SPY
3-Year Trustee	Ewing Potts	K9RWO

2008 Appointed Positions:

Newsletter Editor	Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL
Web page Coordinator	Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL
WC9AR Station & Repeater Trustee	Don Evilsizor	KA9QWC
Station Control Operator	Henry Mackey	N9HM
Station Control Operator	David Keiser	WB9UNL
Station Control Operator	Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL
Station Control Operator	Dan Dahms	N9WNH
WCARC Club Net Control Manager	Don Evilsizor	KA9QWC
WCARC Club Net Control Operator	Melanie Dahms	W9NNH
WCARC Club Net Control Operator	Cathy Evilsizor	WB8ORR
WCARC Club Net Control Operator	Henry Mackey	N9HM
WCARC Club Net Control Operator	Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL

2008 ARRL Special Service Club Appointments:

Public Information Officer (PIO)	Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL
Official Emergency Station (OES)	David Keiser	WB9UNL
Official Bulletin Station (OBS)	Don Evilsizor	KA9QWC
Local Government Liaison (LGL)	Henry Mackey	N9HM
Technical Specialist (TS)	Rodney Shull	N9WNJ
Technical Specialist (TS)	Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL
Official Relay Station (ORS)	Don Evilsizor	KA9QWC
Official Observer (OO)	OPEN	

Indiana Section ARRL Appointments:

Whitley County ARES Emergency Coordinator David Keiser WB9UNL

2008 Standing Committee Appointments

Activities Committee:

Becky Spencer	N9RJB	Chairperson
Melanie Dahms	W9NNH	Member
Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL	Member
David Keiser	WB9UNL	Member
Lanny Kelly	K9OOP	Member

Audit Committee:

Cathy Evilsizor	WB8ORR	Chairperson
Richard Leo	W9EEE	Member
Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL	Member

Communications Committee:

Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL	Chairperson
Melanie Dahms	W9NNH	Member
Dan Dahms	N9WNH	Member
Becky Spencer	N9RJB	Member

Education & Training Committee:

OPEN

Finance & Fundraising Committee:

Richard Leo	W9EEE	Chairperson
Dan Dahms	N9WNH	Member
Henry Mackey	N9HM	Member

Health & Welfare Committee:

Henry Mackey	N9HM	Chairperson
Melanie Dahms	W9NNH	Member
Cathy Evilsizor	WB8ORR	Member

Historical Committee:

Don Evilsizor	KA9QWC	Chairperson
Dan Dahms	N9WNH	Member
Henry Mackey	N9HM	Member

Membership Committee:

Melanie Dahms	W9NNH	Chairperson
Don Evilsizor	KA9QWC	Member
Dan Dahms	N9WNH	Member

Station & Repeater Committee:

Don Evilsizor	KA9QWC	Chairperson
Dan Dahms	N9WNH	Member
David Keiser	WB9UNL	Member
Rodney Shull	N9WNJ	Member
Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL	Member

From the President...

After reviewing our Field Day points, for final submittal to the ARRL I realized that I had made a mistake by 100 points. I had counted the GOTA station as another station we could count under emergency power. Even though it was under emergency power as well as the other two HF stations the rules forbid counting the GOTA station under that bonus point. So now I must retract the total point count of 1,996 and make that 1,896.

Many have asked me how we have done in the past, well I dug into the ARRL site and brought up our past numbers as far back as 2002. The ARRL website does not go back any further in contest results than 2002.

Year	Total Points	QSO Points
2002	1556	456
2003	1354	302
2004	786	166
2005	1042	206
2006	1340	371
2007	1242	426
2008	1896	513

We missed out on some bonus points that we did not have any control over, primarily the visit by an Elected Official (that never showed up as promised) and the short coming of not having the required number of youths there to receive the Youth and Educational bonuses. Maybe next year will be the year?

I really enjoyed Ron Gregory W9RGM's program in June and it was good to see him. Even though I do listen to WOWO still at times, though never as much as I use too. I never really got over the fact that Jay, Jack, Earl and a ton of others are now gone and now Bob is gone too. Chris and Ron and others live on but are scattered throughout the countryside. WOWO from what it was is gone. Thanks to the foresight of Chris Larko owner of WMYQ 101 FM and AM 1300 we can enjoy Ron still today and pretty locally as this station is the strongest for us down here in Whitko territory! Ron thanks for staying up for us that Thursday night and sorry I missed you as you sped out the door, hihi. You are always welcome here!

The month of August brings us Brad Petersen N9MTF of Wolf Lake owner of the 147.270 N9MTF Repeater and Echolink node. Brad will tell us about his system and answer some questions about Echolink itself. It is also our club anniversary month so come out to the meeting and celebrate another great year for the WCARC!

Hope to see you all soon,

Dan N9WNH
President

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2008

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Those members present were: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Homer Crowder N9HRC, Richard Leo W9EEE, Lanny Kelly K9OOP, Cathy Evilsizor WB8ORR, Don Evilsizor KA9QWC, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Roger McEntarfer N9QCL, Ed Scott KC9NQU, Lee Simmonds KC9CDT, John Butcher KC9FBA & Dave Keiser WB9UNL

Guests present were: Justin Whaley KC9DCP, Jeff VanNess N9HTX, Wayne VanNess N9CUB

Guest Speaker: Ron Gregory W9RGM

Introductions were made.

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes of the June general meeting. The minutes were approved as read with John KC9FBA motioning and Ed KC9NQU seconding.

Richard W9EEE gave the treasurer's report. Treasurer's report was approved pending audit.

No Vice Presidents report was given since Becky N9RJB was not present.

Health & Welfare Committee: Dave WB9UNL then stated that he had talked with Charlie Callahan W9MBK before Field Day and he had invited him to Field Day. Charlie stated that he had no transportation to get to Field Day. Dave then stated that Charlie sounded very feeble and that he could not remember his address when asked.

Dan N9WNH stated that he needed to get into contact with Howard N9ICA as he has not been on the air after Dan had fixed his radio equipment.

Book Fair: Dan thanked Ewing K9RWO, Don KA9QWC & Dave WB9UNL as they along with himself had helped out setting up at the book fair on Wednesday June 26.

Finance & Fundraising: Dan N9WNH stated that the funds from the Flower Power Fundraiser covered the liability insurance premium. Dan then stated that Melanie W9NNH had ordered the new Flower Power Fundraiser order form and that they had arrived. A verbal poll among the members was taken. After the poll was taken it was decided that the flower power fundraiser would be handed out at the August club meeting.

Melanie W9NNH then stated that Papa Johns has fundraisers that we could also take part in and asked the members if they would like to look into this for future fundraising. It was decided that it should be looked into.

Insurance: Dan N9WNH then stated that he had contacted Billie at Star and she told him they had not received his fax of the questionnaire. She then stated that she had also never heard from the underwriter but, John Lefever had said that we are covered with no extra charges.

Dan N9WNH stated that he had sent for a quote from ARRL. The quote of \$320 was received.

Club Inventory: Dan N9WNH brought to the clubs attention about maybe selling the clubs 40' tower that belonged to Glenn N9KXL. The members discussed this and decided that selling it would be a good idea and a price between \$50 - \$100 dollars would be a good asking price. Dan then stated that Melanie W9NNH's sister and brother-in-law were looking for a tower to put a tv antenna on and had asked back in March if the club

would be open to helping them find one. Dan then asked if the club would be willing to sell the tower to them. Don KA9QWC then stated that he was interested in buying it. Roger N9QCL motioned that it be sold to Don. It was then discussed what price it should be sold for and it was decided that the price would be \$55. Again Roger N9QCL motioned that the tower be sold to Don for \$55 with John KC9FBA Seconding. Melanie then stated that she did not want this to end here since her sister had specifically asked for help from the club in finding a tower. And that the reason she came to us was to help the club out. John stated that he may be interested in selling his tower but that it was a couple hours from here. Dan then stated that he would take this under advisement but did not know if they would be willing to drive that far to haul it back to Larwill. Then John stated that he thought Junior WB9SPY may have some tower pieces he would want to get rid of. Dan then said that he would also pass this information on and possibly get a hold of Junior.

EMA/Cert Tent: Due to the damage of the cert tent at Field Day Cathy WB8ORR ordered parts to repair the tent. Cathy did not know the total off hand but stated that it was under \$20. It was then motioned by Roger N9QCL and seconded by Dave WB9UNL to have the club reimburse Cathy for the cost of the parts.

TS850: Dan stated that he had tested out the TS850 with the clubs meter and said that it still is not functioning and that we need to think about getting it fixed as soon as possible.

Ringo Ranger: Dan N9WNH stated that he had work on the clubs Ringo Ranger and had refurbished it.

Field Day: At this time we have 1,896 points. 1,026 of which are claimed QSO points and 870 which are bonus points.

Dan N9WNH then brought up to the club about the accident in the Peabody Public Library parking lot. Lee KC9CDT stated that he saw this accident happen. He stated that the woman that was involved in the accident was not watching what she was doing when she backed up to park. Dan then asked Lee if he would write down what he saw in case we would need it in the future.

Dave WB9UNL then asked the club members present to come out to the 4-H Fairgrounds next Thursday at 5 pm to help set up the EMA tent for the ARES/WCARC display.

Dan N9WNH stated that the 2 meter repeater will have been located at the temporary site for sometime now. He then stated that we needed to relocate it. Roger also stated that it was to be a temporary site to begin with. It was then brought to the attention of the group that Don KA9QWC and Cathy WB8ORR had offered a temporary spot. Richard W9EEE than brought up his friend Tim N9EDE's tower and stated that it is still available. There was some concern about this as this would move the repeater even further north making it just that much harder for the southern end of the county to get into the repeater. It was then stated that the repeater station committee should meet to discuss things further.

The club meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm. A brake was given with snacks provided by Dan N9WNH and Melanie W9NNH and enjoyed by the club members. The Club then enjoyed a wonderful program put on by Ron Gregory W9RGM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Dahms W9NNH
Secretary

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting

July 24, 2008

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Board members present were: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Lanny Kelly K9OOP & Richard Leo W9EEE

Club members present were: Ed Scott KC9NQU, Homer Crowder N9HRC & Dave Keiser WB9UNL,

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes of the last general meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Richard W9EEE gave the Treasurer's report for June as he was not at the June board meeting. Treasurer's report for June was approved pending audit.

Richard W9EEE gave the Treasurer's report for July. Treasurer's report for July was approved pending audit.

Becky N9RJB was not present so no vice president report was given.

August General Club meeting: Dan stated that he had emailed Brad N9MTF in Wolf Lake about giving a program on Echolink.

Dan N9WNH stated that the club Anniversary was also in the month of August and that he would be bringing the leftover hotdogs and bratwursts from Field Day.

Finance & Fundraising: It was decided at the last club meeting that the flower power fundraiser would be handed out at the August club meeting.

Club Inventory: Dan N9WNH stated that he had been talking with Ewing K9RWO about working on the clubs inventory and that Dan would volunteer to help if needed.

Dan N9WNH stated that he and Melanie W9NNH had stopped at Whitley Manufacturing and Welding south of South Whitley earlier today. They ended up getting a quote of \$45 for welding a piece of stock back on the clubs crank up tower. While the clubs tower was being stored at N9QCL's home a piece of the tower had been broken off when Roger's trailer tipped down onto it. Dan then stated that he had also contacted a welding place located in Larwill to get a quote also but was only able to leave a message on the answering machine.

Dan N9WNH stated that he had tested out the TS850 with the clubs meter and said that it still is not functioning and that we need to think about getting it fixed as soon as possible.

Dan N9WNH also stated that he had refurbished the clubs Ringo Ranger after Field Day.

Field Day: At this time we have 1,896 points. 1,026 of which are the claimed QSO score and 870 which are bonus points.

Due to the damage of the EMA/CERT tent at Field Day Cathy WB8ORR ordered parts to repair the tent. At the July General club meeting it was motioned by Roger N9QCL and seconded by Dave WB9UNL to have the club reimburse Cathy WB8ORR for the cost of the parts. Cathy WB8ORR had contacted Cathy Broxon-Ball Whitley County EMA Director by email when the damage occurred to report the damage she said the county would reimburse Cathy WB8ORR for the damage.

Star Insurance: Richard W9EEE asked Dan N9WNH about what was found out about the clubs insurance. Dan then stated that he had contacted Billie at Star and she told him they had not received his fax of the

questionnaire. She then stated that she had also never heard from the underwriter but, John Lefever had said that we are covered with no extra charges for Field Day and for the Tour de Loops II in September.

Health & Welfare Committee: Dan N9WNH stated that Homer N9HRC had run into Junior WB9SPY at the convenience store. Homer stated that Junior was not looking well and that they had switched his medication again and they thought he might have some kind of pancreatic problem.

4-H Fair Tent: Dave WB9UNL stated that the WCARES/WCARC display and tent was set up on Friday at 5pm and everything was taken down on Sunday at 9pm except for the clubs G5RV. Dave stated that club members that came to the tent were able to check into nets and that they made a contact to Lithuania for their Independence Day celebration.

Tour de Loops II: Dan N9WNH stated that he & Melanie W9NNH had seen Eric Blank at the 4-H fair grounds but never got to speak with him. Dan stated that we needed to contact him soon to see what kind of help we could offer for Tour de Loops II. Dan said that he did see that their website is still up. Dan stated that he thinks Tour de Loops II is on Sunday September 21st but, he was not sure since he did not have a calendar in front of him.

G5RV: Ed KC9NQU stated that while he was at the 4-H Fairgrounds he happened to park close to where the tent was located and when he checked on the clubs G5RV it was laying in a pile beside a tree. Ed stated that he picked it up and placed it in his vehicle as he was afraid it would come up missing. It is located in his vehicle at this time and Dan will get it after the meeting.

Club Antenna Rope: Dan N9WNH stated that when Roger set up the clubs G5RV he used his string. Dan stated that the club needed to look into getting their own rope to use and that it could be put into the clubs radio boxes. Richard W9EEE suggested that we buy Dacron rope.

7/8" heliax coax: Richard stated that he had been on www.govliquidation.com and seen that they had 7/8" heliax coax. Richard stated that www.govliquidation.com had it up for auction and that if we wanted to look into it he was already signed up with an account so we would not have to sign up for one.

Dan N9WNH reminded those present that Saturday from 9am - 11am was the W5YI VE testing session.

Dan N9WNH reminded those present that Saturday from 9am - 10am was the State RACES Semi Annual test. A local net would be called up on 145.27 and all those present were requested to support the net by checking in.

Dan N9WNH reminded those present that a packet net is now being held on 145.010 at 8pm every Wednesday evening. Anyone with a packet station is encouraged to participate and anyone that is interested in starting up a packet station could contact him with questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm with Lanny K9OOP motioning and Richard W9EEE seconding.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Dahms W9NNH
Secretary

WCARC W5YI TEST RESULTS

The Whitley County Amateur Radio Club W5YI Team held their quarterly test session on Saturday, July 26, 2008.

The W5YI Team members present were Don Evilsizor / KA9QWC, Cathy Evilsizor / WB8ORR, Dave Keiser / WB9UNL, Gary Stebbins / KC9GGV, and Roger McEntarfer / N9QCL.

Two people showed up for the July test session and both left smiling with a new license.

Only those signing the waiver allowing us to print their results will be listed.

New hams are as follows:

Richard L. Debolt – Technician Class – Auburn, IN – New Call – KC9OAW

Nikolas A. Moering – Technician Class – Fort Wayne, IN – New Call – KC9OAX

The next W5YI Test session will be held on Saturday October 25, 2008 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, In Community Room A of the Peabody Library located at 1160 East State Road 205 - Columbia City, Indiana.

For further information on upcoming test sessions or other Whitley County Amateur Radio Club, Inc. activities check out our web site at www.wcarc.org

Or contact Roger McEntarfer / N9QCL via email at n9qcl@arrl.net

Roger McEntarfer / N9QCL

Whitley County W5YI CVE

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2 HCARC ARES Net 8 PM - 146.685 ea Sat night
3 WCARC Sunday nite net - 7:45 PM 444.550 ea Sunday night	4 Siren test 12 PM 21 ARC Mtg. 7 PM	5	6 WC ARES NET 7:15 PM 145.270 ea Wed night	7 Hoosier Lake RC Mtg. 7:30 PM	8	9
10	11 RACES MTG 7:00 PM Wabash 2-mtr net 8 PM 147.030 ea Mon night	12	13 Warsaw Emergency Service net 7:00 PM ea Wed Night	14 WCARC General Mtg. 7:00 PM Wells Co ARC Mtg. 7 PM	15	16
17 TARA Hamfest Lafayette, IN	18 Siren test 12 PM	19 ACARTS Mtg. 7:30 PM.	20 21 ARC net 9 PM 147.150 ea Wed night	21	22	23
24	25 HCARC Mtg. 7 PM	26	27	28 WCARC Board Mtg. 7:00 PM	29	30
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2008

September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 Siren test 12 PM 21 ARC Mtg. 7 PM	2	3 WC ARES NET 7:15 PM 145.270 ea Wed night	4 Hoosier Lake RC Mtg. 7:30 PM	5	6 GRA Hamfest 2008 Lowell, MI
7 WCARC Sunday nite net - 7:45 PM 444.550 ea Sunday night	8 RACES MTG 7:00 PM Wabash 2-mtr net 8 PM 147.030 ea Mon night	9	10 Warsaw Emergency Service net 7:00 PM ea Wed Night	11 WCARC General Mtg. 7:00 PM Wells Co ARC Mtg. 7 PM	12	13 HCARC ARES Net 8 PM - 146.685 ea Sat night
14 Adrain ARC Hamfest Adrian, MI	15 Siren test 12 PM	16 ACARTS Mtg. 7:30 PM.	17 21 ARC net 9 PM 147.150 ea Wed night	18	19	20 Peoria Super Fest Peoria, IL Sept 20&21
21 Tour-de-Loops Bike-a-thon GCARA Hamfest Cincinnati, OH	22 HCARC Mtg. 7 PM	23	24	25 WCARC Board Mtg. 7:00 PM	26	27
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