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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Robin Berrier	KB9PCF	12-11	Herman Smith	WB9SPY	12-22
Homer Crowder	N9HRC	12-25	Desiree Douglas	KB9YLL	1-10
Cathy Evilsizor	WB8ORR	1-17	Donald Madison	W7WYZ	1-23

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...

Because of the recent change in the INARRL Section Manager from outgoing SM Jim Sellers K9ZBM to the incoming SM John Poindexter W3ML it has been noted from ARRL HQ that is normal procedure for the incoming SM to clear the slate of the former SM's appointees. Every two years all appointees shall be required to reapply for their current positions in all ARRL Field Appointments.

We need members of the WCARC to fill these positions if we really intend to keep our ARRL Special Service Club (SSC) designation that we have had since 1997. These appointments closely fit into the requirements of the Special Service Club designation. These are ARRL Field Official Appointments you will be representing the ARRL and of course WCARC. You maybe asked from time to time to be involved in out of county activities but in the area via phone, radio, email or in person.

If you have questions contact the specific INARRL manager for that area of interest. If you do have interest after you have read the job description and asked your questions, please contact me and let me know of your choice The Official Bulletin Station (OBS) position does not exist anymore within the ARRL Field Appointment list. So we do not have to fill that position any longer.

The following will need to be filled; we need at least one person for each:

Official Relay Station (ORS) (Don KA9QWC Current) - Undecided?
Official Observer (OO) (Current - Nobody at this time) Local Government Liaison (LGL)(Henry N9HM Current) - Wants someone to fill Public Information Officer(PIO) (Roger N9QCL Current) - Undecided?
Technical Specialists (TS) (Roger & Rod N9WNJ Current) - Undecided?
Official Emergency Station (OES) (Dave WB9UNL Current) - WCARC to take this

Do not be bashful just because some folks may be undecided or seem willing to reapply for their former positions it maybe because no one else appears to be stepping forward when in reality they may not want to hold these positions over the next two years. The more applicants the better, it gives others a chance and a choice along with an out for others seeking a break. Here is the links on the ARRL website to read the job descriptions.

Official Emergency Station	http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/oes.html
Official Relay Station	http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/ors.html
Technical Specialist	http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/ts.html
Public Information Officer	http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/pio.html
Local Government Liaison	http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/lgl.html
Official Observer	http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/oo.html

You must be a ARRL member and have a valid email address. You will be required to send monthly reports to your specific manager. If there is nothing to report then you would simply state that. In all truthfulness half of the positions will not normally have anything to report each month. But again you must send in a report nonetheless.

I wanted to make this shorter but I am trying to give enough information and answers as much as possible beforehand. Let me know if you are interested.

Dan M. Dahms N9WNH
2008 & 2009 President
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Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2008

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Members present: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Becky Spencer N9RJB, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Richard Leo W9EEE, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Lanny Kelly K9OOP, Ed Scott K9EJS, Homer Crowder N9HRC, Cathy Evilsizor WB8ORR, Don Evilsizor KA9QWC, Dave Keiser WB9UNL, Roger McEntarfer N9QCL, Greg Bateman W0GJB, Lee Simmonds KC9CDT and John Butcher KC9FBA

Guests present: Jeff VanNess N9HTX and Pat Murphy WX9PAT

Program: Pat Murphy WX9PAT from the National Weather Service in North Webster

Introductions were made.

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes for the general meeting with the following corrections. In the paragraph about the 2009 board nominations it should read: More nominations will be accepted at the November general meeting with elections following not the November board meeting. In the paragraph about the Packet Workshop Bradd's callsign is missing it is KA9LCF. In the last sentence the word program should only be written once. The minutes were approved as read with Becky N9RJB motioning & John KC9FBA seconding.

Richard W9EEE gave the Treasurer's report. Treasurer's report was approved pending audit. Dan N9WNH reminded Richard W9EEE that the 2008 utility bills needed to be turned into Cathy Broxon-Ball so she can turn them in for the 2008 fiscal year.

Vice President Becky N9RJB thanked all those that helped her out during the year.

Board Trustees: Ewing K9RWO has the copy of the inventory list.

Health & Welfare:

There are no Health & Welfare needs or information at this time. The H & W guidelines that were written by the present Committee were approved as read by the membership.

Finance & Fundraising:

Flower Power Fundraiser: The fundraiser ended with only two orders turned in for a total of \$24. \$12 of which will be going to the club while the other 50% went to Flower Power. Orders have arrived and have been delivered.

Club Dues: Richard W9EEE suggested raising membership dues from the current amount of \$12. After some discussion amongst the club members it was suggested by Roger N9QCL that maybe we need to focus on bringing in more amateurs to the club

Activities:

Ham Fest Table: WCARC has signed up for a club table for the 2008 Ft Wayne ham fest. K9OOP also has rented a table beside us again this year.

After the tower was climbed Dan N9WNH, Melanie W9NNH, Ed K9EJS and Kris went to Pizza Hut. While we were there Ed asked the manager about Pizza Hut's fundraiser. The cards run \$10 and have multiple discounts.

The 2009 board will look into this at the beginning of the year.

WCARC Christmas Banquet: Melanie W9NNH contacted the Golden Corral in Warsaw and set the banquet up for 6:30 pm on Thursday December 11th at this time a program has not been scheduled.

Station/Repeater:

Mosley HF Tri-Band Antennas: It was decided to sell the WCARC's TA33 at the Ft Wayne Hamfest for \$130 as it was determined to be surplus to the club's needs with John KC9FBA motioning and Lee KC9CDT seconding. After further discussion it was decided to part out the TA34 and sell the parts to Richard W9EEE, Lee KC9CDT and Ewing K9RWO as it was also decided to be surplus to the club's needs. The dipole section of the TA-34 will be sold for \$65 and \$20 for the remaining parts totaling \$85. Becky N9RJB motioned and Roger seconded.

Interim Repeater Relocation: At the October Board Meeting it was decided to accelerate the interim Repeater relocation because of weather, time and logistics. It was decided to move the 5.27 Repeater back to the original location. Ed K9EJS contacted his brother-in-law Kris to climb the tower. Dan N9WNH, Melanie W9NNH, Ed K9EJS, Dave WB9UNL and Kris met at the site. Kris climbed the tower removed the Comet GP-9N and the old jumper from the 100' mount. Dan N9WNH donated a 1/2" heliax jumper and attached it to the club's Diamond X50N Dualband utility antenna and waterproofed it. The new Andrew DB224 will not be used as of yet because it was decided to not mount it at the interim location so that it would be available immediately when it is time to move the Repeater to the new site. A future date will need to set up to move the Repeater to the interim location.

1/2 " Heliac Donation: Tom Buchan N9AL of Warsaw donated a large amount of used 1/2 " heliax to the WCARC and other area Counties for the established use for the Packet Network. The needed amount for Whitley County ARC Packet Node/Digi will be set aside while the remaining amounts will go to other Counties as needed for Digi/Node use. The heliax will be used in conjunction with the donation from Brad Pyrah K9BP of a VHF GE Delta radio also for the Digi/Node.

ARES:

ARES EC Dave WB9UNL thanked all those that participated in this year's Simulated Emergency Test. Dave mentioned that the CERT team said that it was nice to have radio amateur operators to communicate. Dan N9WNH also stated that he had talked with Roxanne Reiff about organizing an amateur radio class for the CERT team.

A break was taken with snacks provided by Ewing K9RWO.

After break Pat Murphy WX9PAT then spoke about the upcoming National Weather Service Skywarn Recognition Day. WCARC and the Hoosier Lakes Radio Club will be co sponsoring the event this year so that Goshen ARC can take a well deserved break. The NWS Skywarn Recognition Day will take place on December 5th and 6th from 7pm -7pm local time. Set up will start between 5:00 pm and 5:30 pm. The following modes will be operated HF bands 80, 40, 10, 15, 20, PSK31, CW, 2M and 440. WCARC will provide its Kenwood TS-450SAT along with accessory items. Hoosier Lakes will provide the other HF rig. NWS will provide the VHF/UHF gear by utilizing the Quad radios within the Operations Room. The General bands will be followed using the WX9IWX call sign. At this time we have the following volunteers: Dan N9WNH, Melanie W9NNH, Richard W9EEE, Lanny K9OOP, Ed K9EJS, Cathy WB8ORR, Don KA9QWC, Dave WB9UNL, Roger N9QCL, Greg W0GJB & Lee KC9CDT.

The club meeting was adjourned with Don KA9QWC motioning and Lanny K9OOP seconding.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Dahms W9NNH
Secretary

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting

November 20, 2008

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

Board members present were: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Ewing Potts K9RWO, & Junior Smith WB9SPY

Club members present were: Dave Keiser WB9UNL

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes of the last board meeting. The minutes were approved as read with Ewing K9RWO motioning and Junior WB9SPY seconding.

No Vice President report was given as Becky N9RJB was not present.

No Treasurer's report was given as Richard W9EEE was not present. Dan N9WNH stated that Richard had turned in the August, September & October utility bills to Cathy Broxon-Ball for reimbursement.

Trustee's: Ewing K9RWO had not set up a time to meet to do the club's inventory. Dan N9WNH asked that the trustees meet before the end of the year.

December Board Meeting: All board members for the 2008 and 2009 board should attend the December 18th board meeting as this will be the transition meeting between the 2008 board and the 2009 board.

Star Bank Account: When the 2009 Board takes over they will have to meet up at Star to change the names on the bank account.

WCARC Christmas Banquet: Melanie W9NNH contacted the Golden Corral in Warsaw and set the banquet up for 6:30 pm on Thursday December 11th at this time a program has not been scheduled.

Mosley HF Tri-Bands: Lee KC9CDT contacted Don KA9QWC and Dan N9WNH as he had decided to purchase the TA 33 for \$100. The TA 34 will be sold to Richard W9EEE, Lee KC9CDT and Ewing K9RWO. The dipole will be sold for \$65 and \$20 for the rest totaling \$85

Repeater Cabinet: An indoor repeater cabinet was purchased for the club at the Ft Wayne Hamfest for \$40 to house the 440 repeater at a new tower site.

Dan N9WNH, Melanie W9NNH, Ed K9EJS, Dave WB9UNL and Kris met at the current site. Kris climbed the tower and removed the Comet GP-9N and replaced it with the club's Diamond X50N utility antenna for iterim purposes. Dan N9WNH provided a newer 1/2" heliax jumper between the antenna and the 1/2' heliax feedline. The GP-9N was found to be intact as far as the fiberglass section although getting thin. The inner top section was quickly inspected and found to be oxidized and corroded. It is unknown at that time if the bottom sections were the same shape or if the capacititors on the coil tap were blown or not. The antenna was in used condition when given to the club by Charlie WB9FZO and has been inservice for us for almost twelve years. The antenna was not waterproofed at all anymore. Dave WB9UNL photographing the event. A time will need to be set up to move the repeater to the tower.

Melanie W9NNH contacted the Golden Corral and set up the Christmas banquet for Thursday, December 11th starting at 6:30 pm. A program for the evening banquet still needs to be scheduled.

Whitley County Community Foundation Grant: Dan N9WNH will work on the WCCF grant and try to get it turned in if he has the time for the December 1st deadline. He asked that since we have a Finance Committee that they need to assist with these types of issues because one person does not always have the time to accomplish these tasks and that these issues are too important to the club for us not to make the effort.

Northeast Indiana Packet Workshop II: Northeast Indiana Packet Workshop II sponsored by WCARC was held at the Peabody Public Library with 20 in attendance.

2009 meetings: At this time all meetings for the year have been scheduled up until November 2009. Dan will schedule the February meeting at the South Whitley Library as the book fair will be going on again at the Peabody Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Dahms W9NNH
Secretary

December

<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 HCARC ARES Net 8 PM - 146.685 ea Sat night
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 Dinner Mtg. 6:30 PM Wells Co ARC Mtg. 7 PM	12	13
14	15 Siren test 12 PM	16 ACARTS Mtg. 7:30 PM.	17 21 ARC net 9 PM 147.150 ea Wed night	18 WCARC Board Mtg. 7:00 PM	19	20
21	22 HCARC Mtg. 7 PM	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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