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***WHITLEY COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB INC  
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COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725***

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Wayne VanNess	N9CUB	2-2	Ewing Potts	K9RWO	2-5
Lanny Kelly	K9OOP	2-8	Becky Spencer	N9RJB	2-12
Melanie Dahms	KC9MJT	2-16	Kerry Shultz	N9STR	3-20
Debra Smith	N8NNU	2-24			

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO ALL!!**

# ***INFORMATION PAGE***

## **Whitley County Amateur Radio Club Inc.**

### ***2009 Board of Directors***

President	Dan Dahms	N9WNH
Vice President	Melanie Dahms	W9NNH
Secretary	Ewing Potts	K9RWO
Treasurer	Richard Leo	W9EEE
1-Year Trustee	Herman Smith	WB9SPY
2-Year Trustee	Lanny Kelly	K9OOP
3-Year Trustee	Ed Scott	K9EJS

### ***2009 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

### ***2009 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

## ***2009 Standing Committee Appointments***

### ***Activities Committee:***

Melanie Dahms W9NNH Chairperson  
Ed Scott K9EJS Member  
Richard Leo W9EEE Member

### ***Audit Committee:***

Lee Simmonds KC9CDT Chairperson  
Richard Leo W9EEE Member  
Ed Scott K9EJS Member

### ***Communications Committee:***

Roger McEntarfer N9QCL Chairperson  
Dan Dahms N9WNH Member  
Ewing Potts K9RWO Member

### ***Education & Training Committee:***

John Butcher KC9FBA Chairperson

### ***Finance & Fundraising Committee:***

Ewing Potts K9RWO Chairperson  
John Butcher KC9FBA Member  
Dan Dahms N9WNH Member

### ***Health & Welfare Committee:***

OPEN

### ***Historical Committee:***

OPEN

### ***Membership Committee:***

Melanie Dahms W9NNH Chairperson

### ***Station & Repeater Committee:***

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

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# Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2009

President Dan N9WHN called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Introductions were made by members present.

Members present: Dan Dahms N9WHN, Homer Crowder N9HRC, Lanny Kelly K9OOP, Junior Smith WB9SPY, John Butcher KC9FBA, Edward Scott K9EJS, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Dave Keiser WB9UNL, Don Evilsizor KA9QUK, Cathy Evilsizor WB8ORR, Henry Mackey N9HM, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, and Richard Leo W9EEE.

Guests present: Wayne VanNess N9CUB, Jeff VanNess N9HTX, and William Shull KB9MOR

Secretary Ewing K9RWO read the minutes of the previous meeting. Corrections were made by members as follows: Add guests Owens Scott and Ken Maier KB9VGJ. Don KA9QWC moved to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Junior WB9SPY, then approved as corrected.

Treasurer Richard W9EEE presented a balance on hand for January 2009. Treasurer's report was approved, pending audit.

Vice President Melanie W9NNH asked for 2009 monthly program suggestions. Dan N9WNH stated he would like to see some educational programs included. Also he stated that the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the South Whitley Library. The program will be given by Cathy WB8ORR Whitley County RACES officer.

John KC9FBA stated the WCARC is being asked to provide a ham radio program for his son's Cub Scout Pack 3088 located in Churubusco. John is checking on details. Cathy WB8ORR stated SERT kids want a ham program as requested by Cathy Broxon Ball. Details pending.

President Dan N9WNH stated to the trustees (Junior WB9SPY, Kelly K9OOP, & Ed K9EJS) and Ewing K9RWO that they are to complete the club equipment inventory. Ewing will provide tags for each item. A meeting time is needed for travel to three locations.

Snacks: Discussion lead to a recommendation to start an expense register for the snacks so it will be easier for members to see funds available for food.

President Dan N9WNH said the 2009 audit committee with Lee KC9DT chairman, needs to set a date and time for the audit before the end of February. Those volunteering are Dave WB9UNL, Ed K9EJS, Lee KC9CDT with Treasurer Richard W9EEE.

A reminder from Cathy WB8ORR that January 17<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. the local net will be conduct a state-wide check-in on the 145.27 repeater. All are welcome to check in.

Recognition: Dan N9WNH was appointed by Dave WB9UNL to the position of ARRL Assistant EC for Whitley County with a certificate being awarded to Dan.

Events: National Weather Service has spotter training scheduled March 20<sup>th</sup>, at Crestview Jr. High School in Huntington, In. Training is for Whitley and Huntington Counties combined. Time is unknown, and the cost is free.

National Weather Service is hosting an all day training including lunch in Elkhart, IN for \$25.00. (See email for map and details)

Dan N9WNH said Bill KB9MDR offered to WCARC, three lengths of RG-8 equivalent coax with connectors as follows:

1-100 foot section of RG-8 for \$40.00

2- 50 foot sections of RG-8 for \$20.00 each

Henry N9HM made a motion to buy the coax, Dave WB9UNL seconded, members approved, motion carried.

Dave WB9UNL stated that we need to get the club's Kenwood 850 auto-tune repaired.

Dan N9WNH stated that Tom Buchan N9AL, of Warsaw, has donated coax hard-line to be used for the WCARC packet repeater tower. A discussion about giving a courtesy club membership followed. A motion was made by Don KA9QWC to issue Tom a one year membership card. If he wants to become active as a club member, the club will extend two more yearly memberships for a total of three years in appreciation for his donation. The motion was seconded by John KC9FBA. Members present approved.

A GE Delta mobile (estimated value of \$30.00) was donated by Brad Pyrgh K9BP for a WCARC packet repeater tower. After a short discussion, Dave WB9UNL made a motion to issue a one year club membership card to Brad for his generous donation, with the motion seconded by John KC9FBA, all members present approved the motion.

Dan W9WNH stated the latest copy of the WCARC By-Laws, Constitution, and policy must be reviewed based on the club's anticipated up-grade to an Indiana 501-C (3) corporation. Review volunteers are Dave WB9UNL and Henry N9HM.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Henry N9HM, seconded by Ed K9EJS at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ewing Potts K9RWO  
Secretary

# *Whitley County Amateur Radio Club*

## *Board Meeting*

January 22, 2009

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Board members present: Dan Dahms N9WHN, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Richard Leo W9EEE  
Club members present: Junior Smith W9SPY, and Dave Keiser WB9UNL

Secretary Ewing K9RWO read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were accepted.

Dan N9WHN stated that the February 12<sup>th</sup> General Meeting will be at the South Whitley Library and the program will be on the Whitley County RACES by officer Cathy WB8ORR.

Vice President Melanie W9NNH stated she is looking for 2009 program ideas! Also, a location is needed or the 2009 field day event.

Dave W9UNL stated that Kosciusko County Hospital has installed a VHF/UHF antenna with helix. The same coax lines are to be installed in the new Whitley County Hospital for emergency communications.

Vice President Melanie W9NNH said that the club's contact person, Judy, at Star Financial Bank has all the necessary paperwork for the 2009 WCARC checking account.

Dan N9WNH discussed the UHF repeater being donated to the club. The GE Master II 100 watt UHF repeater is a couple of generations removed (vintage 1986) from the present units, but is of interest to the club. Dan is to contact Bob Bashir at Performance PC.

Dan N9WNH discussed getting the signed letter tomorrow for the club to proceed with the WCARC mounting a 440 MHz antenna. The antenna will be mounted on the new ERS tower to be erected on site, weather pending. Dan will get the signed letter.

Richard W9EEE made a motion to spend up to \$150.00 for a side mount for installing the antenna on the ERS tower. Motion seconded by Melanie W9NNH. Motion carried.

Dan N9WNH discussed the fact that 50 ohm coax is being made available to the club for free. Melanie W9NNH made a motion to obtain the yellow jacket 50 ohm coax, available at no charge. The motion was seconded by Junior WB9SPY. Motion carried.

Audit Committee: The committee discussed a plan for Lee KC9CDT, Dave WB9UNL, and Ed K9EJS to meet with Treasurer Richard W9EEE at the Peabody Library or at Richard's home to audit the WCARC books.

Dan N9WNH discussed starting a Yahoo web site that would combine a web site for several organizations.

There was discussion about the WCARC members becoming more active on the simplex frequency 146.55 MHz.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ewing Potts K9RWO  
Secretary

## ***WCARC W5YI TEST RESULTS***

The Whitley County Amateur Radio Club W5YI Team held their quarterly test session on Saturday, January 31, 2009.

The W5YI Team members present were Don Evilsizor / KA9QWC, Cathy Evilsizor / WB8ORR, Henry Mackey / N9HM, Dave Keiser / WB9UNL, John Barchak / W9PI, Gary Stebbins / KC9GGV, Greg Watson / KA9DTZ and Roger McEntarfer / N9QCL.

Five people showed up for the January test session and all left smiling with an upgrade to an existing license.

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

New hams are as follows:

Forest D. Musselman – (New Call Sign AB9SY) - Technician Class – Fort Wayne, IN

Upgrading hams are as follows:

Jerrold C. Nash / KB9VMN - General Class – Fort Wayne, IN

Edward J. Caylor III / KC9HIY - Extra Class – Fort Wayne, IN

James J. Holich / KC9ORW - Extra Class – Fort Wayne, IN

The next W5YI Test session will be held on Saturday April 25, 2009 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](http://www.wcarc.org)

Or contact Roger McEntarfer / N9QCL via email at [n9qcl@arrl.net](mailto:n9qcl@arrl.net)

Roger McEntarfer / N9QCL

Whitley County W5YI CVE

# February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>WCARC Sunday nite net - 7:45 PM 444.550 ea Sunday night</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Siren test 12 PM 21 ARC Mtg. 7 PM</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>WC ARES NET 7:15 PM 145.270 ea Wed night</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Hoosier Lake RC Mtg. 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>HCARC ARES Net 8 PM - 146.685 ea Sat night</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:00 PM Races Net 3.920 kHz</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7:00 Races</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Warsaw Emergency Service net 7:00 PM ea Wed Night</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>WCARC General Mtg. 7:00 PM Wells Co ARC Mtg. 7 PM</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Valentine's Day</p>
<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Siren test 12 PM</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>21 Rptr Net 7:30 PM ea Wed night</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9 AM RACES NET</p>
<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>HCARC Mtg. 7 PM</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>WCARC Board Mtg. 7:00 PM</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>

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# March

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