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TRUSTEE	Lanny Kelly	K9OOP
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Desiree Douglas	KB9YLL	1-10	Dennis Keyfauver	K3DCK	1-13
Cathy Evilsizor	WB8ORR	1-17	Don Madison	W7WYZ	1-23
Ewing Potts	K9RWO	2-5	Lanny Kelly	K9OOP	2-8
Becky Spencer	N9RJB	2-12	Melanie Dahms	KC9MJT	2-16

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:

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...

The application has been sent in and it appears that the Whitley County ARC is now the ARRL Official Emergency Station (OES) for Whitley County.

If you go to the INARRL website. <http://www.inarrl.org/oesappointments.gif> you will see WC9AR our club call typed in red within Whitley County.

This also helps us fulfill one of the many positions we as an ARRL Special Service Club (SSC) need to ensure activity in to continue that designation.

We have some requirements and some coordination to do with our County EC but I feel we can actually serve in this capacity as a club more easily than anyone individual could.

We already do most of the things required at some point in the year or on a regular basis. Now you as members need to step forward and assist in these issues on a regular basis as we all should as being amateur radio operators promoting emergency communications as one of our selling points.

Please take the time and review the job description of an OES and the requirements to get a better understanding of not only what we do now and what we need to do as a club but you yourself as a member of the group.

73,

Dan M. Dahms N9WNH
WCARC President

Official ARRL / Indiana Description
Official Emergency Station (OES)

Amateur operators may be appointed as an Official Emergency Station (OES) by their Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) or Section Manager (SM) at the recommendation of the EC, or DEC (if no EC) holding jurisdiction. The OES appointee must be an ARRL member and set high standards of emergency preparedness and operating. The OES appointee makes a deeper commitment to the ARES program in terms of functionality than does the rank-and-file ARES registrant.

The OES appointee is appointed to carry out specific functions and assignments designated by the appropriate EC or DEC. The OES appointee and the presiding EC or DEC, at the time of the OES appointment, will mutually develop a detailed, operational function/assignment and commitment for the new appointee. Together, they will develop a responsibility plan for the individual OES appointee that makes the best use of the individual's skills and abilities. During drills and actual emergency situations, the OES appointee will be expected to implement his/her function with professionalism and minimal supervision.

Functions assigned may include, but are not limited to, the following four major areas of responsibility:

OPERATIONS--Responsible for specific, pre-determined operational assignments during drills or actual emergency situations. Examples include: Net Control Station or Net Liaison for a specific ARES net; Manage operation of a specified ARES VHF or HF digital BBS or MBO, or point-to-point

link; Operate station at a specified emergency management office, Red Cross shelter or other served agency operations point.

ADMINISTRATION--Responsible for specific, pre-determined administrative tasks as assigned in the initial appointment commitment by the presiding ARES official. Examples include: Recruitment of ARES members; liaison with Public Information Officer to coordinate public information for the media; ARES registration data base management; victim/refugee data base management; equipment inventory; training; reporting; and post-event analysis.

LIAISON--Responsible for specific, pre-determined liaison responsibilities as assigned by the presiding EC or DEC. Examples include: Maintaining contact with assigned served agencies; Maintaining liaison with specified NTS nets; Maintaining liaison with ARES officials in adjacent jurisdictions; Liaison with mutual assistance or "jump" teams.

LOGISTICS--Responsible for specific, pre-determined logistical functions as assigned. Examples include: Transportation; Supplies management and procurement (food, fuel, water, etc.); Equipment maintenance and procurement--radios, computers, generators, batteries, antennas.

MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT --Responsible for serving as an assistant manager to the EC, DEC or SEC based on specific functional assignments or geographic areas of jurisdiction.

CONSULTING--Responsible for consulting to ARES officials in specific area of expertise.

OES appointees may be assigned to pre-disaster, post-disaster, and recovery functions. These functions must be specified in the OES's appointment commitment plan.

The OES appointee is expected to participate in planning meetings, and post-event evaluations. Following each drill or actual event, the EC/DEC and the OES appointee should review and update the OES assignment as required. The OES appointee must keep a detailed log of events during drills and actual events in his/her sphere of responsibility to facilitate this review.

Continuation of the appointment is at the discretion of the appointing official, based upon the OES appointee's fulfillment of the tasks he/she has agreed to perform.

Official Emergency Stations are encouraged to earn certification in Level 1 of the ARRL Emergency Communications Course. < <http://www.arrl.org/cce/> > Recruitment of new hams and League members is an integral part of the job of every League appointee. Appointees should take advantage of every opportunity to recruit a new ham or member to foster growth of Field Organization programs, and our abilities to serve the public.

For Indiana Section Appointees, the following provides additional detail and clarification to the appointment requirements and qualifications:

A Station/Club applying for the position of OES shall be capable of operations without a commercial power source for a period of 8 hours. (Applicants will need a verifiable alternative power source whether it is batteries or a generator or other form of alternative power.)

Appointees shall be capable of transmitting and receiving on applicable bands in line with their function assignment and respective license class. As a minimum, phone operation is required, CW and Digital forms of communications being highly desirable and have a valid Email address.

Appointees shall file monthly SAR (Station Activity Reports) or a FSD - 212 reports with the SEC and the local EC.

Participate yearly in an Indiana SET.

Participate yearly in at least 2 Public Service Events

Appointees must sign up for News and information from your Division Director and Section Manager (in the member's data page).

Appointees shall maintain a normal liaison with one of the recognized NTS Traffic Nets or ARES Nets in Indiana (Defined as participation in one net monthly and be reflected in your monthly report.)

The requirements and qualifications for the position include the following: Full ARRL membership; regular participation in the local ARES organization including drills and tests; participation in emergency nets and actual emergency situations; regular reporting of activities by sending the SEC and EC monthly FSD -212 Reports or SAR (Station Activity Reports).

Appointees shall send one NTS radiogram per year to the SEC Indicating that you are still interested in retaining your appointment. This does not have to be on the air, it can be through e-mail or Digital form (psk 31, Olivia, etc.), but it must be in NTS format.

Appointees are encouraged to complete the FEMA free courses: IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Warsaw by President Dan Dahms N9WNH. This was the annual Christmas Dinner Meeting with most business being suspended.

Those members present were: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Richard Leo W9EEE, Herman Smith Jr. WB9SPY, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Roger McEntarfer N9QCL, Ed Scott K9EJS , Homer Crowder N9HRC, Cathy Evilsizor WB8ORR, Don Evilsizor KA9QWC, Robin Berrier KB9PCF, Steve Berrier KB9BGW, Dave Keiser WB9UNL, Lee Simmonds KC9CDT, Gregory Bateman W0GJB.

Guests present were: Laura McEntarfer, Gladys Wysong, Betsy Potts, Joann Simmonds, Pam Bateman, Tom Buchan N9AL, Jeff VanNess N9HTX, Josh Church K9KOP and family our Guest Speaker Danni Tippman

President Dan N9WNH recognized all the members of the 2008 Board and Club Appointees for their hard work this past year and encouraged the club members to support the incoming Board and Appointees for next year. We have projects to finish and new ones to start.

Presentation of the WCARC Amateur of the Year Award for 2008 was done by President Dan N9WNH to Roger McEntarfer N9QCL. Dan thanked Roger for his assistance to the club on various projects during the year. Roger N9QCL thanked everyone for the award.

President Dan N9WNH then turned the meeting over to Danni Tippman who presented a program on the history of Whitley County and her Miami Indiana heritage. We were glad she was able to share a meal, her knowledge and time with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie M. Dahms
Secretary

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club
Board Meeting
December 18, 2008

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

Club members present were: Ed Scott K9EJS

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

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes of the last board meeting. The following corrections were made. The paragraph about the WCARC Christmas Banquette was in the minutes twice and in the paragraph about Kris climbing the club tower it should read ½” not ½’. The minutes were approved as read Junior WB9SPY motioning and Ewing K9RWO 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 the reimbursement check was received for the August, September and October utility bills. The November utility bill was given to Richard at the December Christmas Banquet.

Health & Welfare: Lanny K9OOP is still having trouble with his knee. Lanny had tests ran on his knee but had not received the results back as of yet.

Club Dues: The 2009 club dues are now due. It was also discussed about raising the dues starting in 2010.

Clubs 850 SAT: After the 2008 Field Day there was a problem with the clubs 850 SAT. Dan N9WNH looked on line for part prices. Dan found tuners for \$70 and Finals for \$75 - \$85

Trustee’s: The club's 2008 inventory still has not been completed at this time.

ARRL Membership: WCARC has been a ARRL Affiliated Club since 1992. For the club to retain this status 51% of our current membership must be ARRL members. Please remember to join through the club when renewing your ARRL membership as the club will receive \$15 for all new members or anyone who has not been a member for the last 2 years. The club will also receive \$2 for all renewing members. For the club to receive this benefit you must rejoin through the club.

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.

Mosley HF Tri-Bands: Lee KC9CDT purchased the TA 33 for \$100 from the club. Lee paid Richard W9EEE. 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. The antennas need to be picked up at Don KA9QWC & Cathy WB8ORR home.

Interim Repeater Relocation: The WCARC 2 meter repeater needs to be moved from its current location to its interim location at the request of Roger N9QCL.

GE Repeater: The club was contacted by Bob Bashir at Performance PC. They ended up with a GE Master II 100 watt UHF repeater when they purchased a tower from Leo Distributors. They wondered if we might be interested in the repeater. Dan N9WNH is in contact with him concerning this.

GE Delta: Brad K9BP in Wabash County donated a GE Delta to the club to use for packet. At this time the radio is programmed but needs to be tuned. It was discussed that we should give a club membership to Brad for his generosity.

1/2" heliax Donation: Tom Buchan N9AL of Warsaw donated a large amount of used 1/2 " heliax to the WCARC for the established use for the Packet Network. It was discussed that we should give a club membership to Tom for his generosity.

NWS Skywarn Recognition Day: WCARC and the Hoosier Lakes Radio Club cosponsored this years NWS Skywarn Recognition Day this year so that Goshen ARC could take a well deserved break. WCARC had 8 members show up to assist with the event. While that showed up we did appreciate their help but, more help from the membership would have made things easier.

2009 Audit Committee: An audit committee needs to be formed to audit the 2008 records. At this time we have Ed K9EJS to help. We need two others to help with the audit.

OES: The club has decided to apply as the ARRL Official Emergency Station for Whitley County.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm Ewing K9RWO motioning and Junior WB9SPY seconding.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Dahms W9NNH
Secretary

January

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 New Years Day Hoosier Lake RC Mtg. 7:30 PM	2	3 HCARC ARES Net 8 PM - 146.685 ea Sat night
4 WCARC Sunday nite net - 7:45 PM 444.550 ea Sunday night	5 Siren test 12 PM 21 ARC Mtg. 7 PM	6	7 WC ARES NET 7:15 PM 145.270 ea Wed night	8 WCARC General Mtg. 7:00 PM Wells Co ARC Mtg. 7 PM	9	10
11 6:00 PM Races Net 3.920 kHz	12 7:00 Races	13	14 Warsaw Emergency Service net 7:00 PM ea Wed Night	15	16	17 9 AM RACES NET
18	19 Siren test 12 PM	20	21	22 WCARC Board Mtg. 7:00 PM	23	24
25	26 HCARC Mtg. 7 PM	27	28	29	30	31 W5YI Test Session 9:00 AM

2009

February

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

2009