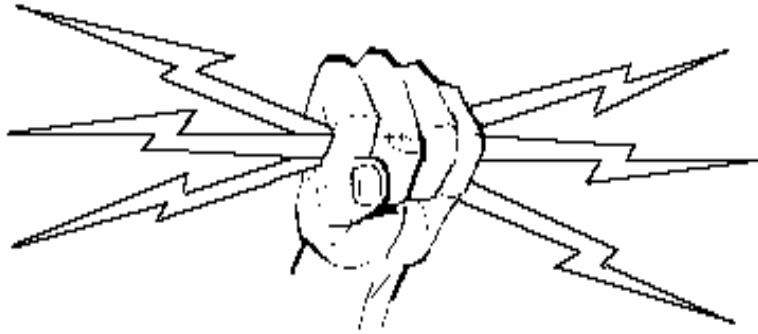


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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Mark Ellsworth WA9SNV 7-3 Rodney Shull N9WNJ 7-27

**MANY HAPPY RETURNS TO ALL!!**

# ***INFORMATION PAGE***

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

### ***2007 Board of Directors***

President	Dave Keiser	WB9UNL
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### ***2007 Appointed Positions:***

Newsletter Editor	Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL
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WC9AR Station Trustee	Don Evilsizor	KA9QWC
145.270 Repeater Trustee	David Keiser	WB9UNL
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144.950 PBBS Sysop	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	Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL
WCARC Club Net Control Operator	Cathy Evilsizor	WB8ORR

### ***2007 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 ARRL State Appointment:***

Indiana Bulletin Manager	(IBM)	Brian Murrey	KB9BVN
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## ***2007 Standing Committee Appointments***

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

Henry Mackey    N9HM  
Don Evilsizor    KA9QWC  
Melanie Dahms

### ***Repeater Committee:***

David Keiser        WB9UNL  
Rodney Shull        N9WNJ  
Roger McEntarfer    N9QCL  
Kerry Schultz        N9STR  
Mark Ellsworth      WA9SNV  
Dan Dahms            N9WNH

### ***Audit Committee 2007:***

Dan Dahms        N9WNH  
Herman Smith      WB9SPY

ARC board meetings. This will give me time to put everything together and have it ready before the next general meetings. I encourage all members to participate in submitting articles.

## *From The President...*

The Board of our club has selected an October date for our amateur radio entry class. We are anticipating an all-in-one weekend class. There are several types of these class curriculums available. We will be setting up a committee to select the exact curriculum, the exact schedule, and lining up instructors. It is expected that testing would immediately follow the class.

This was originally scheduled to be a test run to test a curriculum. However, considering the schedule now takes us after summer and fall activities, a full scale promotion might see in order. Some may question the expenditure of all of these efforts to increase our ranks of amateur radio operators. They may question all of this effort that may gain us only 2, 3, or 4 people. But, any one at any time can make all the difference in the world. Those who were at Field Day saw how this was true. So, this is how important it is for us to promote amateur radio and our entry class at any opportunity whether it be at the 4-H Fair, Tour-De-Loops, or any other event.

Dave Keiser WB9UNL

## *Whitley County 4-H Fair A Chance to Show Off Amateur Radio*

We will be there this year – just like usual. We will have our display just outside the screen tent that Whitley County Amateur Radio Club and Whitley County ARES share with Homeland Security and CERT. We will have our operating station and be available Friday night Saturday and Sunday July 20-22, to answer any questions the public might have on becoming an amateur radio operator. Stop by at the tent just up the steps from the concession stand and sit awhile or operate. Two year's ago, George, KC9BSA worked South America from our 4-H Fair.

# Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Keiser WB9UNL at 7:12 PM. The following club members present were Dave Keiser WB9UNL, Dan Dahms N9WNH, John Butcher KC9FBA, Roger McEntarfer N9QCL, Junior Smith WB9SPY, Lanny Kelly K9OOP, Henry Mackey N9HM, Homer Crowder KC9GZC, Don Evilsizor KA9QWC, Cathy Evilsizor WB8ORR, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Rod Shull N9WNJ, George Glaser KC9BSA. Also two associate members Melanie Dahms and Kristy Butcher. Our two guests were Jim Smith N9FGN and his son who was recently licensed Josh Smith KC9LNF. Introductions were made by name, call sign and township location.

### Secretary's Report:

The minutes were read by Secretary Dan N9WNH and were approved with no corrections noted.

### Treasury Report:

John KC9FBA read the Treasurer's Report and it was approved pending audit. Dan N9WNH submitted a bill for the new Andrew DB224E antenna of \$200. Henry N9HM made a motion to reimburse and Lanny K9OOP seconded, motion carried.

### Health & Welfare Committee Report:

Henry N9HM stated that he had visited Glenn N9KX1 one week ago at Hospice Home on Homestead Rd. He is in Room 5 and visitors are welcome. Glenn has improved some and maybe able to go home for visits soon.

Dan N9WNH and Melanie have taken down a 2 meter homebrew yagi , Antenna Specialists UHF yagi and Al N9DOQ's SK tower. The UHF yagi has been cleaned up and analyzed and will be kept for club use. The 2 meter yagi s has been cleaned up and needs slight repair at the tap point it is available tonight for a club member to claim for their own if they wish, as the club already owns two commercially made 2 meter yagis. It was decided by the club tonight to give it to whomever wants it. John KC9FBA is in need and claimed his prize.

### Old Business:

#### Tour De Loops:

Dave WB9UNL reminded everyone of the Whitley County Tour De Loops on September 23, 2007. We will need members to help staff locations with radios. This is an all day event but if you can only cover a couple of hours or so that is fine. More information is forth coming.

#### Entry Level Theory Classes:

The Board has some programs in mind, but has not come up with a date or all the details as of yet.

#### N9DOQ Estate:

Don KA9QWC said he and Cathy attended the auction and purchased several items including 4 sections of tower and several military tower kit pieces.

#### New Business:

Peabody Library Amateur Radio Program:

Melanie Dahms said that Peggy McCarthy Head Children's Librarian requests an amateur radio program a couple times this year or next. Whenever we can get together and meet to discuss what she wants and what we can offer, in accordance with time schedules.

Jim Smith N9FGN License Question:

Jim Smith N9FGN recently upgraded and was inquiring as to how long it should take to get a return of his new license. He stated that the FCC requires that an FRN number be assigned to the amateur

Cathy Evilsizor WB8ORR ARRL VEC Question:

Cathy asked about what it took and how to go about getting a VEC certificate for ARRL.

Henry Mackey N9HM County EMA 2 Meter Repeater Purchase Question:

Henry wanted to know how the club felt if the County EMA Department were to purchase a new 2 meter repeater for us, that the county would purchase, own and maintain in the future? .He stated that he asked another club in another county about what would they recommend and the person stated he would suggest a 100 watt transmitter minimum . Henry wants us to give him any information, concerns or feedback as to this situation. There were some concerns brought up and at this time there are quite a few questions yet to be answered as far as certain details of accessibility, site and equipment control and location, longevity, system coverage, technical understanding of our operation by the county and contracted services, FCC Rules and Regulations etc.

Being no further business, the business portion of the meeting was adjourned. The group then enjoyed a refreshment break provided by our Board Trustees. The program was a discussion on final plans for Field Day and then a hands on operation of some of the club owned HF rigs.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Dahms N9WNH  
Secretary

***Whitley County Amateur Radio Club***  
***Board Meeting***  
***June 28, 2007***

President Dave Keiser WB9UNL started the meeting at 7:33 PM . Those present were Dave WB9UNL, John KC9FBA, Dan N9WNH, Roger N9QCL, Homer KC9GZC, Melanie Dahms and a little late Richard W9EEE.

**Secretary's Report:**

Dan N9WNH Secretary read the minutes of the last Board Meeting. Corrections to the May 24, 2007 Board Meeting minutes were noted , wrong date on the report, the meeting was held on May 24th not the 31st. Also Secretary Dahms found that the 4th club owned HF rig was a Kenwood TS-430 not a Yeasu that was sold to George KC9BSA a while ago. With no further corrections noted the minutes were approved as read.

**Treasury Report:**

John KC9FBA gave an updated financial report for the club and it was approved pending audit. There no bills available to present at this time. John also inquired about purchasing printer cartridges for printing out bank statements. The Board advised him to look into the number of pages being printed out and the model and cost of the cartridges before any consideration could be made.

**Health & Welfare Committee Report:**

Melanie reported that she had not seen Glenn lately but Henry had gone to see him. Rod N9WNJ had given what of Glenn's equipment to Dan N9WNH and Melanie and Dan had wiped down, labeled, took digital photos and checked out or fixed minor issues on Glenn's equipment. Dan stated that he does not have all of Glenn's gear for clarification. Don KA9QWC has a Butternut HF Vertical (in need of repair) a 440 beam and a couple of small towers or pieces thereof. Dave WB9UNL has his MFJ HF antenna analyzer. And it is assumed that Glenn has his two H.T.'s as of yet. The H&W Committee members need to gather the remaining equipment for inventory, photographing and pricing soon. Also Dan said he has started to log down market prices for the equipment to have that information. Glenn still needs to be consulted after all this information has been gathered to get his approval. The items that the club itself was not interested in would be first available to club members at a future meeting and then any remaining items would be advertised on other club websites or ebay.

**Station/Repeater Committee Report:**

Dave WB9UNL asked if anyone had any updates or information to pass on. Dan asked if we could get together and assemble the new Andrew DB224 antenna for test purposes to make sure everything is ok with it. He also mentioned that one of the club's 2 meter yagi's the Rutland needs repair done at the tap point this was found during Field Day. It was decided that we would try for July 7th or 8th at N9QCL's QTH for the work party. More information to follow.

**Old Business;**

**2007 Field Day:**

Discussion about this year's Field Day was centered around several good issues. First of all the weather was comfortable except for a some very light showers/sprinkles on Saturday. One of the very few Field Days that most can remember that it wasn't hot and humid. While we did not have a large turnout of operators were we able to setup two tents, two HF stations and three military towers along

with a generator, battery backup power and our feast of tasty food. Don KA9QWC even decided to setup a 2 meter SSB station towards the end just check things out and play around. John KC9FBA got to try out his new acquired homebrew 2 meter beam that was given to him from the club from the N9DOQ estate. He did make a FM contact with a Field Day aeronautical station! . We had two pre-licensed operators that made many contacts for the club and it looks as if the ham bug has bitten both of them. We even had one gentleman stop by ask about the getting into the hobby and Don KA9QWC took the time to answer his questions and get him pointed in the right direction. Improvements noted for next year are possible laptops and software for logging and duping, more advertisement and operator recruitment, more CW contacts, a 2 meter or 6 meter station and a possible digital station. Also someone to act as a coordinator for the event.

#### Club Equipment & Supplies at the Jail:

Last month the Board voted to gather up what supplies were stored at the Jail yet in order for us to account for what we have, use what we need at Field Day and either move or dispose of other things stored there. Dave WB9UNL brought all the refreshment supplies to Don KA9QWC's QTH for Field Day. Remaining at the Jail is a sturdy steel shelving unit for us to store club equipment on. A small amount of ½" hardline and at least one 19" rack indoor cabinet. Dan N9WNH cleaned up, repackaged and condensed the refreshment items left over from Field Day and has these to turn over to the Board Trustees that are in charge of refreshments at the meetings, but neither one came to the meeting tonight. Dan has typed a inventory list and will send this to the Board via email. The remaining items need to be picked up with a truck or trailer.

#### Entry Level Theory Classes:

Much discussion again about scheduling of said classes took up sometime during the meeting, it was decided that October 19 & 20th 2007 would be the soonest weekend we could plan having the classes. Some concerns arose about if some of the free power point presentations were the best option now. That if we charge a fee for the classes which would pay for the DVD series instead might be a better way to not only teach the class but make the students commit by having to pay a fee for the course to cover the cost of materials and testing. A committee needs to be formed to look into all the possibilities and the board is looking towards the members to step forward and become a member of the fact finding committee or become a unit instructor etc. More discussion of this will be forth coming at the next club meeting.

#### Tour De Loops:

Dave WB9UNL stated he has not heard anything further about this and we need to be finding out the finalized plans so we can prepare ourselves for the amount of staffing we need to assist in this public service event. As a reminder in the past the event has raised some needed funds for the club and provided the club some positive exposure to the community.

#### Whitley County 4-H Fair Event Station:

Dave reminded the Board that the Whitley County 4-H Fair will start Friday July 20th. We will be operating from Friday till Sunday evening. We will be setting up an HF station using the club Kenwood TS-450SAT and the Club's G5RV. We will also have a VHF/UHF station setup also. Please help setup, operate or tear down if possible. If you are at the Fair stop by and set down for a few minutes and give the other operator a break. This is a joint ARES, RACES, SKYWARN, WCARC and WCEMA effort to promote preparedness and public exposure to these groups. More information will be given out at the meetings and on the nets.

#### New Business:

Northwest Ohio ARC Hamfest:

Information was passed around concerning the NWOARC Hamfest on August 11th 2007 in Lima, Ohio. Talk- in Frequency 146.670 - (No PL)

July WCARC General Meeting Program:

Richard W9EEE stated that the program for July will be on DX Expeditions.

N9KXL's Kenwood TS-850S:

Dan N9WNH had mentioned to Dave WB9UNL about the idea of the club purchasing Glenn's Kenwood TS-850S HF rig as an upgrade to the Club HF rig inventory. The idea was to sell the Kenwood TS-140S, the ICOM 730 and the MFJ Manual Tuner to raise the funds needed to purchase Glenn's radio. Both the Kenwood TS-140s and the ICOM 730 do not have automatic tuners. Both are working and seem to be in good condition but the TS-850S is newer and has not been used that much. We then would have two HF rigs that have automatic antenna tuners and of course we would not need the MFJ manual tuner anymore either. We would be having less chance of problems with someone operating these rigs just a couple of times a year then with the older manual tuned rigs. We also would have fewer items to keep track of by only having two HF rigs instead three and a tuner to store also. The Board agreed this would be a good idea if we can purchase the rig for a fair price to Glenn and the club getting a fair price for the other three items. We do have to sell Glenn's rig anyway so why not the club be the one to purchase it? Dan has been getting market prices logged down for all the equipment and once all the information has been gathered, the Health & Welfare committee and Glenn has met it will be up to the club membership to decide if this okay for the Board to proceed.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Dave Keiser WB9UNL

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Dahms N9WNH  
Secretary

# July

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<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>RACES MTG 7:00 PM Wabash 2-mtr net 8 PM 147.030 ea Mon night</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 Meeting 7:00 PM Wells Co ARC Mtg. 7 PM</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
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<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. 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>W5YI Test Session 9:00 – 11:00 AM</p>
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