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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. 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...

The 2008 Field Day has come and gone but we are still tabulating the results as of this writing. It appears we have at least 500+ QSO's and at least 800 bonus points at first look. We were not able to fulfill the Educational or Youth Bonus criteria because of lack of participants. Nor were we able to get one of our promised elected officials to show up for those bonus points

It was a different and exciting type of Field Day for us from what has been done in recent years with lots of potential. We had difficulties because of lack of coordination with the Activities Committee and at times poor weather conditions along with competition with Old Settler's Days. All in all things worked out, we had a good turnout of some area hams and some folks that seemed to be interested in our hobby. We did experience a few mishaps this year also. The first being a supposed fender bender of sorts at the Library that was not witnessed by any of us that could have been construed as part of our fault. The second was the EMA/CERT Tent was damaged by winds in the afternoon. The last being possible damage to the club's Kenwood TS-850SAT which is still being investigated.

We might have to belly up and cover the cost of repairs to the Tent and the Kenwood TS-850SAT. It is now more important than ever for all of us to develop and help out in any fundraising activities we can during the rest of this year.

I can't begin to thank all those that made Field Day happen this year as I would run out of room here. Yes, we had difficulties but we can learn from those and try our best not to make the same mistakes again in the future. I hope that everyone has found all the things that they brought to Field Day and have everything stored again or back in operation. I know I have just put most of my station back on the air just this week. We should have some answers at the July meeting as far as results and what kind of costs we need to take care of.

Which brings me to a reminder don't forget to come to the July General Meeting and show our appreciation for Ron Gregory formerly of WOWO and now with WMYQ for providing our July after Field Day relaxation program!

73,

Dan N9WNH

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2008

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

Those members present were: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Homer Crowder N9HRC, Richard Leo W9EEE, Dave Keiser WB9UNL, Cathy Evilsizor WB8ORR, Don Evilsizor KA9QWC, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Roger McEntarfer N9QCL, Ed Scott KC9NQQU, Lee Simmonds KC9CDT, John Butcher KC9FBA & Associate Member Kristy Butcher

Guests present were: Alex Leo

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes of the April general meeting since they were suspended from the last meeting. The minutes were approved as read with Cathy WB8ORR motioning and John KC9FBA seconding.

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes of the May general meeting. The minutes were approved as read with John KC9FBA motioning and Cathy WB8ORR 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.

New club member Ed KC9NQQU was welcomed to the club and introductions were made.

Club Inventory: Dan N9WNH asked Ewing K9RWO if a date had been set to do club inventory. Ewing stated that no date had been set. Dan N9WNH stated that the last inventory was dated for 2006. Dan N9WNH asked if a deadline could be set for the July club meeting. Ewing requested that an inventory list be emailed to him. John KC9FBA then asked if we needed a picture of the tower he has. Dan stated that it would be nice so we could identify which one he has so it could be removed from the inventory list.

Health & Welfare Committee: Don KA9QWC had called Junior WB9SPY's QTH stating that he had talked with Juniors XYL Jan and she said that Junior had had an ablation and that one node was firing at the same time as another. Jan also stated that he was having some anxiety and he had pretty much shut himself in because he was so exhausted and did not feel good. Don also invited them to come to field day.

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 should be arriving in time for the board meeting.

Book Fair: Dan N9WNH stated that the book fair would be running June 27 and 28. Dan also asked for anyone that would be available to please come and volunteer their time to help set up before the book fair on Wednesday June 26.

Insurance: Dan N9WNH then stated that he had contacted Billie at Star and she told him that she needed the club to fill out a questionnaire to be seen by the underwriter to see if we would be covered for Field Day. Dan N9WNH stated that he and Richard W9EEE needed to look over the insurance plan and see if they could find anything stating that Field Day would not be covered.

Dan N9WNH stated that he had sent for a quote from ARRL and had not received a quote yet but that it would cover Field Day and any other function we would participate in.

Field Day: Field day will be held this year on June 28 & 29 on the grounds of Peabody Public Library. We will be a 2A station running on generator power with 2 HF club radios with auto tuners and a GOTA station. It was decided that we would meet on Friday June 27 at 6:30pm to do basic set up for the evening. We would meet for breakfast at 7:00 am at Richards Restaurant then go to the library and set up to try and be on the air by 2:00 pm. It was also decided to set up a packet station for the educational activities bonus.

The club meeting was adjourned at 10:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Dahms W9NNH
Secretary

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting

June 26, 2008

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

Board members present were: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Lanny Kelly K9OOP & Becky Spencer N9RJB

Club members present were: Dave Keiser WB9UNL, Homer Crowder N9HRC, Don Evilsizor KA9QWC, Cathy Evilsizor WB8ORR

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes of the last general meeting. The minutes were approved as read with Becky N9RJB motioning and Ewing K9RWO seconding.

Richard W9EEE was not present so no treasurer's report was given.

Becky N9RJB asked for help in finding a program for the month of August as she does not know when she will be able to since she has moved and can not find anything. Melanie W9NNH had already set up a program for the month of July with Ron Gregory W9RGM as guest speaker.

Peggy McCarthy Peabody Children's Librarian came down and talked with the group about the upcoming Field Day this weekend. She offered to make some copies for us of paperwork we needed for operating.

Book Fair: Dan N9WNH stated that the book fair would be running at least until noon but he had seen something that it might run until 2pm on Saturday June 28. Dan also 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.

Health & Welfare Committee: Don KA9QWC had emailed Dan N9WNH about Junior WB9SPY stating that he had talked with Juniors XYL Jan and there had been little change in Junior's health. Jan then had Junior talk with Don and they only talked for a couple minutes before he got off of the phone.

Dave WB9UNL then stated that he had talked with Charlie Callahan W9MBK and 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 Dave asked.

It was then decided that we should table the written Health & Welfare duties.

Historical Committee: Dan talked with Lowell Klinefelter KA9IPB's XYL to invite him to field day. In talking with her he found out that he became a SK in 2005. Dan then asked for permission to add Lowell to our SK page on our website.

Finance & Fundraising Committee: Melanie W9NNH brought in a new fundraiser from Gordon's Food Service for those present to look over. It was turned down but others suggested fundraisers from Papa Johns, Papa Murphy's and the Entertainment coupon book.

The new Flower Power order forms came in and were also looked over by the group. It was decided to bring it to the next meeting for everyone to look over.

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Dan N9WNH stated that he had sent for a quote from ARRL and had received a quote of \$320.00 and that covers Field Day and any other function we would participate in.

Field Day: Field day will be held this year on June 28 & 29 on the grounds of Peabody Public Library. We will be a 2A station running on generator power with 2 HF club radios with auto tuners and a GOTA station. It was decided that we would not meet on Friday June 27 at 6:30pm because we did not want to leave anything unattended at the library grounds and bad weather was possible for the evening. We still would meet for breakfast at 7:00 am at Richards Restaurant then go to the library and set up to try and be on the air by 2:00 pm.

Becky N9RJB motioned that the meeting be adjourned with Ewing K9RWO seconding.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Dahms W9NNH
Secretary

July

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		1	2 WC ARES NET 7:15 PM 145.270 ea Wed night	3 Hoosier Lake RC Mtg. 7:30 PM	4	5 HCARC ARES Net 8 PM - 146.685 ea Sat night
6 WCARC Sunday nite net - 7:45 PM 444.550 ea Sunday night	7 Siren test 12 PM 21 ARC Mtg. 7 PM	8	9 Warsaw Emergency Service net 7:00 PM ea Wed Night	10 WCARC General Mtg. 7:00 PM Wells Co ARC Mtg. 7 PM	11	12 Indianapolis Hamfest
13	14 RACES MTG 7:00 PM Wabash 2-mtr net 8 PM 147.030 ea Mon night	15 ACARTS Mtg. 7:30 PM.	16 21 ARC net 9 PM 147.150 ea Wed night	17	18	19
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27	28 HCARC Mtg. 7 PM	29	30	31		

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