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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Mark Ellsworth	WA9SNV	7-3	Betty Watson	KC9HYW	7-22
Thomas Buchan	N9AL	8-20			

**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)	WCARC	WC9AR
Local Government Liaison (LGL)	Henry Mackey	N9HM
Technical Specialist (TS)	Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL
Official Relay Station (ORS)	Don Evilsizor	KA9QWC
Official Observer (OO)	Greg Watson	KA9DTZ

## ***Indiana Section ARRL Appointments:***

Whitley County ARES Emergency Coordinator Ed Scott K9EJS

## ***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:***

Dan Dahms N9WNH Chairperson

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

Dan Dahms N9WNH Chairperson

### ***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

## *From the President...*

First I want to thank all that helped with the work before Field Day and at Field Day with setup, operating, logging, the evening meal and finally the teardown.

This was the first time in many years that we have held this event at the Fairgrounds. I want to thank the Whitley County 4-H Fair Board for allowing us to setup there and especially the help of Tom Zeisig who made sure we had what we needed at the Fairgrounds from their end.

Josh K9KOP, Ken KB9VGJ and Lyle N1LL who not only delivered the trailer we utilized but also installed air conditioning earlier that day on the trailer.

Lee KC9CDT and Richard W9EEE brought some of their antennas. Lee KC9CDT, Bill KB9MDR, Melanie W9NNH, Don KA9QWC and Cathy WB8ORR helped transport the club antennas.

Roger N9QCL, Don KA9QWC, Junior WB9SPY along with Josh K9KOP provided generators for the site and without them where we would be?

Without Amie N9OXO, Sara and Amie's kids we would have not had a 6 meter station which gave us quite a few contacts and the first time we have had a 6 meter station in years.

Roger N9QCL brought out his rig along with Richard W9EEE and that helped us with our 2nd station as well as for Digital and CW contacts.

Thanks goes to Roger N9QCL who picked up around nine ARRL Field Day posters at the Dayton Hamvention for us to utilize for promotion. To Melanie who did all the writing and printing up of those and some additional posters along with Justin KC9DCP and Ed K9EJS who helped us in placing them around the County.

Most of the club members and spouses brought and helped with something but for me to remember everyone and everything I'm afraid I will miss someone so I will stop here. But I want to point out and thank you for the effort and the time to provide a meal for all of us to enjoy.

I would also like to thank Ron Gregory W9RGM of Q101.1 FM who not only announced our Field Day activities on the air from the Sidney and Huntington stations but also came out and helped us with setup and visited with all the folks that were helping. I want to thank the Columbia City Post and Mail, South Whitley Tribune, Churubusco News, Talk of the Town - Whitley County, Busco Voice, WJHS 91.5 FM, Indiana News Center and WANE TV for the coverage or announcement of our event.

Thanks also goes to all the local businesses that let us place our posters at their locations;

Noble "C" Store - Merriam  
Churubusco Public Library - Churubusco  
Valero - Churubusco  
Truck Plaza - CR 800E & US 30  
Crossroads Inn - SR 9 SR 14  
Meyers Deli - South Whitley  
South Whitley - Cleveland Twp. Library - South Whitley  
Hyerley's Market - South Whitley  
Larwill Deli - Larwill  
Pizza Hut - Columbia City  
Teghtmeyer Ace Hardware - Columbia City  
Peabody Public Library - Columbia City  
Richard's Restaurant - Columbia City  
Tri Lakes Qwik Mart - Tri-Lakes  
Whitley County 4-H Fairgrounds

Thanks goes to Rick Brown also for repairing one of our towers and building a base for the other.

I appreciate Rosie Coyle Columbia City Clerk-Treasurer and Tom LaRue Columbia City Fire Chief for coming out and visited our site.

We had quite a few visitors at our site this time, more than I can ever remember from previous Field Days'. Some were hams from out of the area, some were people interested in gaining an amateur radio license or just plane curious folks.

Our score that was tabulated by Melanie W9NNH and myself for 2009 is 1912 with 531 contacts. This is the highest score to date so far from 1997-2009. You will also note that the scores for 1997 and 2008 are very close to what we did this year. I'm still trying to research our scores from our very first Field Day in the 90's up to 1996 yet.

#### Whitley County ARC Field Day Results 1997-2009

Year	Category	Total Points	Contacts
1997	2A	1902	496
1998	2A	1260	249
1999	2A	1768	425
2000	2A	866	257
2001	2A	1710	344
2002	2A	1556	456
2003	2A	1354	302
2004	2A	786	166
2005	2A	1042	206
2006	2A	1340	371
2007	2A	1242	426
2008	2A	1896	510
2009	2A	1912	531

Results for 1991-1996 are unavailable at this time. 1997-2009 results were researched through the ARRL Website.

We have some things to work on for in the future and we can always improve or make things easier for the next time but all in all I think we all had a good time.

Again thank you all!

Dan M. Dahms N9WNH  
WCARC President

# Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

## General Meeting Minutes

### June 11, 2009

President Dan N9WNH, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. at the Peabody Library. Introductions were made by members present. Thirteen members present—see attached sheet. No guests present.

Secretary Ewing K9RWO read the minutes of the previous meeting. There were two corrections—Dan **N9WNH**, and it was **the club tower** that needed repairing. Greg KA9DTZ made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected and it was seconded **by** Roger N9QCL. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer Richard W9EEE, presented the treasurer's report. The report was accepted pending audit.

Secretary Ewing K9RWO, stated that progress is being made towards the WCARC Club obtaining a 501C3 tax status for a non-profit organization. Dan N9WNH, got the IRS to re-activate our previous tax #35-1917506.

Vice-President Melanie W9NNH, said that Lee KC9CDT, will check with Hall's Factory next week for possible December meeting location. We still have time for other members to check other restaurants. Here is a recap of the upcoming programs:

July—Joseph Lawrence K9RFZ, will talk on RF line interference

August—Greg KA9DTZ, will talk on building a portable generator with 12Volt alternator output

September—Ed K9EJS, will talk on ARES activity

October—Open

November—Elections

December—Open

Also, on June 24<sup>th</sup>, the library needs our help at 1 pm to set up the for the book sale.

Health and Welfare—Charles Bollinger WB9DNE, and his wife Nancy WD9DBM, were visited by Dan N9WNH and Melanie W9NNH. Charles has pancreatic cancer and is in declining health. Cathy WB8OOR had surgery with tests coming back negative.

Dan N9WNH, took the club's crank up tower to Rick to be welded. The 35 foot tower had welding done to the base for an improved, safer set-up. In the future, a base will be made for the 50 foot tower to keep it from twisting.

Repair of the Kenwood 850 is still pending with Phil promising to have it repaired before Field Day or he will loan us another radio for Field Day. A motion was made by Betty KC9HYW, to pick up the Kenwood 850 from Phil's to end this attempted repair activity. Junior WB9SPY, seconded the motion. Motion passed. This radio will not be repaired in time for Field Day.

Henry N9HM, Dan N9WNH, and Dave WB9UNL spent about 6 hours in review of the club's constitution and by-laws.

A motion was made by Melanie W9NNH and seconded by Lanny K9OOP, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ewing K9RWO  
Secretary

# July

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<b>5</b> WCARC Sunday nite net - 7:45 PM 444.550 ea Sunday night	<b>6</b> Siren test 12 PM 21 ARC Mtg. 7 PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Warsaw Emergency Service net 7:00 PM ea Wed Night	<b>9</b> WCARC General Mtg. 7:00 PM Wells Co ARC Mtg. 7 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>19</b> Packet Net ea Sunday nite @ 9:00 PM on 145.530	<b>20</b> Siren test 12 PM	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> WCARC Board Mtg. 7:00 PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> W5YI Test Session 9:00 AM
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> HCARC Mtg. 7 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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