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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Dan Dahms	N9WNH	6-12	Henry Mackey	N9HM	6-23
Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL	6-23	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:

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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

Prez Report

We had a pretty good turn out for the CoCoRaHS program and training in May. We had twenty one attendees and two guest speakers. The last word from Sam Lashley of the National Weather Service Office at Northern Indiana is that we had nine attendees sign up to actively volunteer for CoCoRaHS Of the nine it included four couple teams. We now have four additional stations in Whitley County that are CoCoRaHS certified and are active (all of them hams of course!) Because of the WCARC co-hosting the training several other counties gained trained CoCoRaHS stations including Allen, Kosciusko and Huntington. We thank Sam Lashley and Laura Kanofsky KE5DZH.of the NWS for taking time out of their schedules and providing us with the information and training. If you missed out and are interested you can log on to <http://www.cocorahs.org> for more information or contact Sam Lashley at the NWS Northern Indiana Office at 574-834-1104.

The June WCARC General Meeting on Thursday June 12th will be our final discussion and preparations for Field Day. This is an essential meeting for anyone wanting to take part in Amateur Radio's most important operating event of the year. Especially for us this year as we are not only holding it at a public location but are promoting our hobby with the help of the Peabody Public Library. We will not only have possible great public exposure but are using this particular Field Day to promote Amateur Radio as a educational function to the youth of Whitley County. Anyone young and old will not only be able to observe us operate but also be able to make a contact themselves over the air. This not only educates and informs the visitors but provides us with bonus points! What a win-win situation! Please try to attend the meeting as we may need your equipment availability or ideas of what the club may not have.

Field Day weekend is June 28th and 29th. We will be setting up some items that we can on June 27th Friday night at 6:30 PM at the Peabody Library at 1160 E. SR 205 in Columbia City. If you can help for an hour or two on Friday night please do so.

Breakfast at Richard's Restaurant at 7 AM will start the next day's schedule. We will be hopefully arriving at 8 AM at the Library to begin setup. Help will be needed again of course and more importantly so than even Friday evening. We plan on being on the air for 24 hours starting at 2:00 PM Saturday afternoon. This is an opportunity for anyone to get some operating time. Even if you don't have a license we have control operators

so you can get on the air and we are planning a GOTA station. For those that have a license, it doesn't matter your license class, this is your opportunity to get some quality time on HF. We will have 2 HF stations on the air along with the GOTA HF and VHF/UHF there is always an opportunity to get some air time. And don't forget that we will have a carry- in supper at 6 PM also on Saturday. So bring a dish to share, table service and some lawn chairs. Drinks and the main course will be provided. Tear down will be after 2:00 PM on Sunday afternoon.

July's program will be our special guest speaker Ron Gregory W9RGM of Q101 FM formally of WOWO AM 1190. He will be talking about his past experiences in his career over the years along with playing some past recorded broadcast radio antics. Don't miss this well known good hearted funny man of the airwaves.

Hope to see you all soon,

Dan N9WNH
President

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2008

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Those members present were: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Lanny Kelly K9OOP, Homer Crowder N9HRC, Richard Leo W9EEE, Dave Keiser WB9UNL, Cathy Evilsizor WB8ORR, Don Evilsizor KA9QWC, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Henry Mackey N9HM, Roger McEntarfer N9QCL, John Butcher KC9FBA, Kristy Butcher –Associate Member

Guest Present were: Rick Miller AB9OK, Jeff Van Ness N9HTX, Gary Stebbins KC9GGV, Betsy Hopson KC9HYW, Greg Watson KA9DTZ, Vicky Luetzelschwab AE9YL, Jim Smelser, Alex Leo

Guest Speaker Sam Lashley from the National Weather Service and NWS intern Laura Kanofsky KE5DZH

Field Day Site: It was brought to the attention of the club members by Dan N9WNH that the Peabody Public Library would be willing to allow us to have field day on the library property. The club was also reminded that after last years request by the children's librarian to have a presentation on amateur radio for the kids group that this would also be a good time for us to put up a GOTA station and have a program for those in the kids group that would be interested. Dan also stated that with the book fair going on that weekend we would possibly be able to draw interest from those attending as well as those present using the library. It was then put to a vote with Lanny K9OOP motioning and Roger N9QCL seconding that we use the library for field day this year.

Due to the length of the program Dan N9WNH requested that business be suspended. Roger N9QCL motioned and Richard W9EEE seconded that we suspend business.

The club meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm for the CoCoRaHS presentation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Dahms W9NNH
Secretary

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting

May 22, 2008

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

Board members present were: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Richard Leo W9EEE, Ewing Potts K9RWO & Becky Spencer N9RJB

Club members present were: Dave Keiser WB9UNL

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes of the last general meeting. The following corrections were noted. In the Activities Committee section Dan N9WNH call sign is not N9WNNH. In the General Meeting Programs section it should read field day not filed day. In the Alinco DR135 Microphone section it should read Dan N9WNH stated that he had also ordered the bracket that fits the Alinco radio along with the mic and that they had both come in. After discussion it was decided that the items Dan paid for would be reimbursed to him by the club with Melanie W9NNH motioning and Ewing K9RWO seconding. The minutes were approved with the following corrections with Becky N9RJB motioning and Ewing K9RWO seconding.

Richard W9EEE gave the Treasurer's report. Treasurer's report was approved pending audit.

Becky N9RJB reported that she has been very busy but that she was trying to find a program for the June meeting. Dan N9WNH stated that she did not need to look for a program for the June meeting as we do not have a program for that month because we will be getting ready for field day. Dan N9WNH then stated that the next program Becky N9RJB would have to set up would be for the month of August as Melanie W9NNH had already set up a program for the month of July with Ron Gregory W9RGM as guest speaker.

Becky stated that she would look into possibly getting Carol Burke WB9RUS to do a XYL program & Al Burke WB9SSE to do a program on ATV. It was then mentioned that Jim Pliett might be another person that could do an ATV program. Dan N9WNH then gave Becky N9RJB the following ideas for other programs. Bradd Davidson KC9LCF for Packet, Brad Peterson N9MTF for Echolink / IRLP, Emery McClendon Sr. KB9IBW for APRS, auctions or traffic handling. Becky N9RJB stated that she was interested in looking into a program on doing ham radio with out a tower. It was then brought to the board's attention that they had already had a program on that in the last few years.

Field Day: Field day will be held this year on June 28 & 29 on the grounds of Peabody Public Library. It was agreed upon by the group that we would again be a 2A station running on generator power with 2 HF club radios with auto tuners and a GOTA station. It was also decided that we would meet on Friday June 27 at 6:30pm to do some initial set up of antennas and other items. Saturday would then be left for setup of tents, towers and any final setup and unfinished set up from Friday night.

Dave WB9UNL then suggested that since we will need a separate call sign for the GOTA station we should use W9NNH with Melanie's permission. It was then stated that we may not be able to use that call since it is a general class call as we do not know if it must be a certain class of call or if we want it to be an extra license call so we can use the extra band privileges.

Dan N9WNH stated that he had ordered free field day literature and holders from ARRL and that we would only be charged for shipping and handling.

Peabody Library June Bookfair: Dan N9WNH stated that he had been in touch with Mike Hayes to let him know that we may have some club members that could help with setup on Wednesday June 25th. Mike said that their group would start setting up at noon on the 25th and that any help would be appreciated.

CoCoRaHS Program: Dan N9WNH stated that Sam Lashley was very appreciative to our group as we were able to give him nine new CoCoRaHS members including some husband and wife teams. Of the nine, four are from Whitley County and the other 5 are from Huntington, Allen and Kosciusko Counties.

Tour de Loops II: Dan N9WNH stated that he had seen that Tour de Loops II will be held on Sunday September 21st at 8am.

Finance & Fundraising Committee: Melanie W9NNH stated that the new flower power fundraiser order sheets would be available in June and that when they become available she will have them sent for a fall fundraiser for the club.

Health & Welfare: Melanie W9NNH stated that she had received an email from Lanny K9OOP that he had hurt his knee and calf and would be going to the doctor the day of this board meeting and would be unable to attend.

Melanie W9NNH read the rough draft she had typed up on the H & W guidelines. It was decided that it sounded pretty good so far but that we needed to add a time frame like 90 days to come up with a plan of action or accomplish the plan by said time. It was also stated that the H & W committee should be the initial contact persons before others get involved.

It was also discussed that we should dog ear a part of the treasury book for keeping track of H & W funds. This would then make it easier in future situations such as applying to become a 501C3 club or for grant application purposes.

Star Liability Insurance: It was discussed that the clubs liability insurance from Star Insurance does not cover field day. Dan N9WNH stated that he had talked to Star in the past and that they had wrote up a short term binder policy to cover field day at no extra cost. When Dan N9WNH talked with Star this year he was told that it may cost the club extra to have a binder policy wrote up. It was then discussed that we may want to look into other liability insurance such as ARRL's because they do cover field day and other radio club events.

501(C3) Dan N9WNH stated that he wants us to start looking into the pro's and con's of becoming a 501(C3) group. Dan N9WNH has found that to apply for many of the grants available we need to have 501(C3) status because the groups handing out the grants want the ability to write them off on their taxes.

Richard W9EEE motioned that the meeting be adjourned with Melanie W9NNH seconding. The club meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Dahms W9NNH
Secretary

Indiana Section Manager

In the event some of our readers may not be aware is the fact that our Indiana Section Manager will not be seeking re-election at the end of this term June 30, 2008. This article then pertains to some of the background and details in part that was sent via other channels with KA9QWC editing and is repeated here with my editing for your information.

Our current Section Manager, Jim Sellers K9ZBM, will not be seeking re-election at the end of his term on June 30th. The ARRL published a request for nominations in the January and February QST and received none. So according to Steve Ewald WV1X at the ARRL, Jim will likely remain as the SM until they can find a new SM.

The ARRL will be re-soliciting for nominations for the Indiana Section Manager's position in the July QST -- and once again in the August QST. The "Happenings" column will have an article that reports the upcoming Section Manager election cycle.

For a little background in the re-solicitation, the notice that nominations were open for the next term of Indiana Section Manager (beginning July 1) was announced in January and February QSTs.

The receipt deadline of early March came and went without any nominations for Indiana Section Manager. We expect Jim, K9ZBM, will be staying on as SM until a new Section Manager is properly named through nomination or election.

The protocol indicates that ARRL needs to re-solicit for nominations for the Indiana SM position. The re-solicited term of office will be for 18 months (starting in January 2009) instead of the normal 24 months (2 years) beginning in July 2008.

Essentially, nominations are already open. The nomination period will be announced in the July and August QST. The nomination period ends on September 5, 2008.

If there is more than one valid nominee for the Indiana Section Manager position, then an election would be held in the Fall. The winner would then take office on January 1, 2009. If just one valid nomination arrives by the deadline, that person would be considered elected and his or her term of office would begin on January 1, 2009.

More information on the SM nomination/election process and procedures are found at this link:

<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/smterms.html>

So, if you are interested, now is the time to make your interest known. Jim has been a great SM and has given a lot of years to Indiana Amateur Radio wearing numerous hats. I will be getting this info into bulletin format and will try to get it to as many of the Indiana nets that I can. If you want a copy of the bulletin to read on your net, you can get it from this list as I will publish it here as well.

73 de KB9BVN
Brian Murrey

Band Chart

I realize that some of our club members may possibly not have a good reference chart for use on our amateur radio ham bands. We who use the internet often forward numerous items of interest that may or may not appeal to readers at times. I thought that this item gave a fair amount of information and is reference to the common prefixes of countries, band plan frequency assignments and a color chart of the amateur radio band plan. Naturally you will readily see credit is posted for ICOM and published by the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club (MARC) Franklin, Indiana. So final credit will go to another Hoosier ham radio club for this article.

You can find their interesting web page at <http://www.midstatehams.org/> and for the charts you can simply go to the URL listed below.

http://www.midstatehams.org/files/ICOM_Bandchart.pdf

June

<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>9</p> <p>RACES MTG 7:00 PM Wabash 2-mtr net 8 PM 147.030 ea Mon night</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>Midland Hamfest Midland, MI</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Siren test 12 PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>ACARTS Mtg. 7:30 PM.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>21 ARC net 9 PM 147.150 ea Wed night</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</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> <p>WCARC Field Day</p>
<p>29</p> <p>WCARC Field Day</p>	<p>30</p>					

2008

July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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27	28 HCARC Mtg. 7 PM	29	30	31		

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