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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Kerry Shultz	N9STR	3-20	Kristy Butcher		4-5
Thomas Presley	KB9TTY	4-10	Gregory Bateman	W0GJB	4-13
Dan Spencer	K9VU	4-23	William Shull	KB9MDR	4-30

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 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:

OPEN

Historical Committee:

OPEN

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

Whitley County ARES Meeting.

Whitley County ARES Meeting

Monday March 23, 2009

Starts At 7pm Local

Peabody Public Library

Community Room B

1160 E. Hwy Road 205

Columbia City, Indiana 46725

Contact: Edward Scott WCARES EC At k9ejs@arrl.net

From the President...

It is official we are once again a ARRL Special Service Club (SSC). Our SSC designation is good until 03-03-2011.

What is the Special Service Club Program?

Your ARRL Board of Directors, recognizing that local problems are best solved at the local level. The local club is the best representative of Amateur Radio's interests at the local level, created the Special Service Club Program. To participate, a club must commit itself to establish a more effective local presence for Amateur Radio for a period of twelve months. In particular, it will establish meaningful programs in a number of areas as specified in the program guidelines. A truly effective SSC will also go beyond the basic requirements and seek to broaden the Amateur Radio experience and capabilities of its members; it will also encourage a spirit of beneficence and camaraderie among its members. In return, ARRL HQ will provide additional support and guidance to those clubs who commit themselves to a high level of performance.

What is the Goal of the SSC Program?

The goal of the SSC Program is to establish a more aggressive, more effective presence for Amateur Radio and the ARRL locally. The goal is also to ensure that necessary skills exist and local resources are organized for an effective response to any local situation where Amateur Radio can contribute as a public service, or can benefit from positive exposure. Encourage affiliated clubs in the section to become more active and, if the club is already healthy and effective, to apply as a Special Service Club (SSC).

Special Service Clubs (SSC) have gone through a process above and beyond the requirements for other affiliated clubs. These clubs have demonstrated proficiency in the following areas:

Training and supporting local Amateur Radio efforts in licensing, upgrading and continuing education or elmering.

Public Relations and improving the visibility of Amateur Radio, promoting it as a positive force within the community.

A willingness to become involved in any local emergency or drill.

Technical Advancement and encouraging members to become more familiar and knowledgeable in technical Amateur Radio aspects in the community.

Operating Activities in which a substantial program is conducted in an area of particular interest of the club; and,

Miscellaneous Activities in which ongoing programs or activities are in additional established areas (or suitable substitutes).

Because of the importance of close ties with the ARRL Field Organization, SSCs are encouraged to also have a representative from the club appointed to each of the following field positions:

Local Government Liaison: Henry Mackey N9HM Official Emergency Station: Whitley County ARC WC9AR
Official Observer: Pending Official Relay Station: Don Evilsizor KA9QWC Public Information Officer: Roger McEntarfer N9QCL
Technical Specialist: Roger McEntarfer N9QCL

Go to this link to see detailed descriptions for and requirements of the above ARRL Field Appointments.
<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/org/>

Truly special Amateur Radio clubs are well balanced in their programs for serving the community, developing club members' Amateur Radio skills and social activities, striving each year to build on their successes to improve their effectiveness. The objective of the ARRL's Special Service Club program is to help good clubs organize and focus their efforts on those things that really count. Being an SSC should mean that members have certain skills, that the club as a group has the ability to improve service inside and outside the Amateur Radio community, and that it does so when needed.

To be accepted under the ARRL SSC program, your club must be actively involved in each of the following areas. Please describe your planned programs and activities on the application form.

To be renewed as a Special Service Club, your club must continue to be actively involved in each of the following areas. Please describe your planned programs and activities on the renewal form.

New Ham Development and Training

Purpose: Develop an effective, coordinated program of public relations, recruiting, training and ongoing assistance targeted to prospective and newly licensed hams in your community.

Public Relations

Purpose: Establish an effective Amateur Radio presence in your community, including contact with local media and coverage of your activities; Public Information Officer appointment.

Emergency Communications

Purpose: Club members should become skilled in communicating effectively during communications emergencies and be prepared to assist when needed; Official Emergency Station appointment and participation in ARES.

Technical Advancement

Purpose: Continuing education in the technical aspects of Amateur Radio to ensure that your club members are technically competent, familiar and comfortable with modern radio-electronics technology; Technical Specialist appointment.

Operating Activities

Purpose: Active participation as a club in one or more major operating or operating support activities to ensure that your club maintains a high level of operating skill.

Miscellaneous Activities

Purpose: Every active club has its special interests and activities that make it unique, that give it special personality. List three of these activities. See the Active Club Online Primer for ideas under the sections on Special Service Clubs.

I want to thank those that have stepped forward to help the club once again achieve this designation. We have held it consistently since 1997 and it should be noted that we are one of only four in the State of Indiana and the only SSC from a line north of Indianapolis and east of Valparaiso!

Dan M. Dahms N9WNH
WCARC President

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2009

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. at the South Whitley Library. Introductions were made by members present.

Eighteen members present-see attached sheet

Two guests-Nancy Bollinger WD9DBM, Charles Bollinger WB9DNE.

Secretary Ewing K9RWO, read the minutes of the previous meeting. Corrections were made as follows: Don Evilsizor KA9QWC, Wayne VanNess N9CUB, William Shull KB9MDR, Lanny K9OOP, Spotter training Feb 19th, all day training in Goshen, GE Delta mobile was made available. The minutes were accepted with the corrections.

Treasurer's report by Richard W9EEE accepted pending audit.

Vice-President Melanie W9NNH, stated the program tonight will be on ARES by Cathy WB8ORR. Dan W9WNH will present a packet program for the March meeting. April meeting program by Ted W9WT will be on vertical HF antennas, June meeting time is set for preparation of field day, July program by Joseph Larson, K9RFZ. Melanie said a site is still needed for field day and a few more program ideas for the monthly meetings.

Audit Committee-Dan stated we still need an audit report.

Spotter training-1 week from today-7:00p.m. February 19th (free) Crestview Jr. High, Huntington, IN.

Advanced spotter training-March 28th, Goshen, Skywarn (about 8 hours), \$25.00/person after February 15th, then it will be \$30.00.

March-Special Service Club (SSC) with ARRL. Dan requests WCARC club members to full-fill various jobs.

April 25th-W5YI License Testing at Peabody Library, Columbia City, IN.

Dan talked about starting a general web site (free) with Yahoo Group files, links, photos, calendar, alerts, etc.

Meeting ended at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ewing Potts K9RWO

Secretary

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2009

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Board members present were: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Richard Leo W9EEE, and Ed Scott K9EJS.

Club members present were: Dave Keiser WB9UNL.

Secretary Ewing K9RWO read the minutes of the previous meeting. Minutes were accepted with the following corrections: Junior Smith WB9SPY, Dave WB9UNL, we would like the same coax lines to be installed....., repeater being made available.

Treasurer report by Richard W9EEE, were accepted pending audit.

Vice-President Melanie W9NNH reviewed the monthly meeting programs scheduled:

March—Dan W9WNH on packet
April---Ted W9WT on Vertical HF antennas
May-----ask Don KA9QWC to do traffic grams
June-----Meeting time will be used for preparation of field day
July-----Joseph K9RFZ on RF line interference
August-Open
Sept.----Ed K9EJS on ARES activity
Oct.-----Open
Nov.----Elections
Dec.----Christmas Dinner Meeting

Discussion of possible programs: August or October—Jim K9OMA or Al Berk on amateur TV.

Discussion topics:

- Possibility of accepting offer to use Josh Church K9KOP's location for Field Day.
- Anyone interested in doing an amateur radio parade float for just September?

Trustee: Ed K9EJS—nothing to report

Audit Committee: Audit report for the year 2008 is now complete. Waiting report from Lee KC9CDT.

President Dan N9WNH offered the following information:

- The forms required for Field Day are now available on the Yahoo Group web site.
- Discussion as to whether our club should approach the W5YI group members to join the ARRL through our WCARC club, so we could get the monetary credit for each ARRL annual membership.
- Our club is again recognized as a Special Service Club (SSC) for ARRL with only four (4) such clubs in the state of Indiana. The others are Valparaiso, Terre Haute, and Greenfield.
- Our club members need to develop a radio presentation for the Cub Scouts and the SERT kids with adults.
- We need to encourage the use of the 2 meter simplex frequency in the county on 146.55 MHz.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ewing Potts K9RWO Secretary

March

<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 Daylight Savings Time starts</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>Packet Workshop III 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM IPFW Campus</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Siren test 12 PM</p>	<p>17</p> <p>St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>21 Rptr Net 7:30 PM ea Wed night</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9 AM RACES NET</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>ARES Meeting 7:00 PM Peabody Library</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>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>HCARC Mtg. 7 PM</p>	<p>31</p>				

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April

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26	27 HCARC Mtg. 7 PM	28	29	30		

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