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TRUSTEE	Herman Smith	WB9SPY
TRUSTEE	Ewing Potts	K9RWO
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Steve Berrier	KB9BGW	5-2	Donald Evilsizor	KA9QWC	5-3
Dan Dahms	N9WNH	6-12	Henry Mackey	N9HM	6-23
Roger McEntarfer	N9QCL	6-23			

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:

Indiana ARES District 3 Emergency Coordinator	Henry Mackey	N9HM
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

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2008

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Those members present were: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Becky Spencer N9RJB, Richard Leo W9EEE, Dave Keiser WB9UNL, Junior Smith WB9SPY, Cathy Evilsizor WB8ORR, Don Evilsizor KA9QWC, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Henry Mackey N9HM, Roger McEntarfer N9QCL, Lee Simmonds KC9CDT John Butcher KC9FBA, Dennis Keyfauver K3DCK

Guest Present were: Rick Miller AB9OK, Jack Smith WU9Z, Wayne Van Ness N9CUB, Jeff Van Ness N9HTX, Dave Potts, Julia Leo & Alex Leo

Guest Speaker Gary Stebbins KC9GGV

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes of the last general meeting. No additions or corrections were noted. The minutes were approved as read with Becky N9RJB motioning and Henry N9HM seconding.

Richard W9EEE gave the Treasurer's report. Richard stated that the utility bill had been paid for the month. Treasurer's report was approved pending audit.

Vice President Becky N9RJB stated that the activities committee had met at 6:30 pm before the general meeting to discuss possible field day sites and that they would be meeting on April 21st at Richards's restaurant at 5:30 pm to discuss what the activities committee had found out. Cathy WB8ORR stated that the EOC has a large tent that we may be able to borrow for field day. Dan N9WNH said we also need to be thinking about what class we want to be this year as we were a 2A at last years field day. Becky N9RJB stated that she would get a sign up sheet around for those who could help at this years field day. Becky also challenged those present to each bring 2 guests to field day in hopes to get other interested in amateur radio.

Becky also reminded everyone that the May program would be on CoCoRaHS by Sam Lashley from NWS. Dan N9WNH asked if we as a club need to RSVP and Becky was unsure. Becky also stated that she was working on programs for the rest of the year.

Health and Welfare Committee: Melanie W9NNH stated that Dave WB9UNL had contacted her to report that Mark Ellsworth's WA9SNV mother had passed away. Melanie had sent a sympathy card from the club to Mark and his family and Dave stated that he had gone to the viewing.

Melanie W9NNH stated that the H&W committee had met to discuss and come up with guidelines for the H & W committee to follow such as how much should be spent, who it should be spent on & what should be given in instances such as death, illness and surgeries. Melanie is working on typing these guidelines up to be presented.

Old Business:

Historical Committee: Dan N9WNH stated that he still had no new information from Chuck WB9DNE who told him at the February meeting in South Whitley that Paul Woods KB9DOH was a SK. Chuck had said he would check into it and get back with Dan so we could update our SK page on the website but figures he may have forgot and needed to get back with him again.

Membership Committee: Melanie W9NNH stated that she had sent out 12 cards for the month to amateurs in hopes to draw in new members for the club.

Alinco DR135 Radio: Dan N9WNH stated that the board voted to purchase a microphone for the clubs Alinco DR135 radio. Dan said the cheapest place he found to order the microphone from was Phil's Ham Radio Store in New Haven. The board decided that Dan should purchase the microphone. Dan stated that he had ordered the mic and talked with Phil from Phil's Ham radio Store and that the new microphone had not yet come in but, he thought it should arrive shortly.

Repeater Station Committee: Dan N9WNH has now been working with EMA, IDHS and ISP to see about getting us on a tower in the area. Dan has been in contact with Don West in regards to this. Don stated that to get thing rolling we first need to get a nod from the local EMA director.

Finance & Fundraising Committee: Melanie W9NNH stated that the Flower Power fundraiser orders were due tonight and that members needed to get with her at break time and turn them in. Melanie also said that if members did not have their order tonight they needed to get with Dan to set up a day and time to turn them in by Sunday as she needed time to get things organized and turned in on time before the order deadline.

Book Fair: Dan N9WNH stated that he had been in touch with Mike Hayes to let him know that we would not be available to help put books away like last time but we may be able to find members to help set up. This is due to the radio club participating in field day which is the same weekend as field day. The Friends of the Library would be setting up on June 25th and June 26th and would appreciate any help that could be given. At this time no start time is set up but when Dan finds out he will send out a group email so we would know.

Trustee Inventory List: Dan N9WNH reminded the Trustee's that they need to be setting up a time to get together to make a new inventory list.

New Business:

Skywarn Weather Training: Dave WB9UNL the ARES EC wanted to thank those who were able to make it to the Skywarn Weather Training in March.

RACES: Cathy WB8ORR asked those present if there are any present that are interested in joining RACES to contact her. She also reminded RACES members present that there would be a training session on Saturday April 12th to train RACES members on how to use the radio console. Cathy also reminded RACES members that there would be a RACES staff meeting on Monday April 14th.

Test Session: Roger N9QCL reminded those present that the W5YI testing team would be having a test on April 26th.

North Central Indiana Hamfest: Dan N9WNH reminded those present that the North Central Indiana Hamfest would take place on Sunday April 20th from 7am – 2pm at the Miami County Fairgrounds in Peru.

Indiana QSO: Don KA9QWC reminded those present that the Indiana QSO would take place on May 3rd and that more information could be found on the Indiana Section Page.

Library Key for Board Meeting: It was noted that a key would need to be picked up for the April Board Meeting as the Library will be closed for a Librarian's Conference.

Henry N9HM then motioned to close the meeting John KC9FBA seconded. The club meeting was adjourned at 7:43p.m.

The group then took a break to enjoy snacks before the program began provided by Junior WB9SPY & Ewing K9RWO. The program for the evening was presented by Gary Stebbins KC9GGV on PSK31.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Dahms W9NNH
Secretary

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting

April 24, 2008

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Board members present were: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Richard Leo W9EEE, Ewing K9RWO and Lanny K9OOP

Club members present were: Homer Crowder N9HRC & Dave Keiser WB9UNL

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes of the last general meeting. One correction was noted. In the H & W section about WB9SPY It should have read Don talked on the phone not Dan. The minutes were approved with the correction with Ewing K9RWO motioning and Lanny K9OOP seconding.

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

Activities Committee: Dan N9WNH stated that the field day committee had met at Richards on April 21st to discuss sites that we could use for field day. Dave WB9UNL stated that he had checked out Churubusco Park, Thorncreek Twp. Fire Department & Blue Lake Community Building then gave a detailed explanation on his findings. Melanie W9NNH stated that she and Dan N9WNNH had checked out the 4-H Grounds, the Etna Troy Community Building, Camp Whitley then gave a detailed explanation on their findings. The board and members present at the board meeting decided to check out the Library grounds together after the meeting to see if they might be able to be used for field day. It was discussed that this may be a way to combine field day with the children's program that the Library would like us to put on.

Peabody Library June Bookfair: Dan N9WNH stated that he had been in touch with Mike Hayes to let him know that we would not be available to help put books away like last time but we may be able to find members to help set up. This is due to the radio club participating in field day which is the same weekend as field day. The Friends of the Library would be setting up on June 25th and June 26th and would appreciate any help that could be given. At this time no start time is set up but when Dan finds out he will send out a group email so we would know.

CoCoRaHS Program: Dan N9WNH stated since finding out that the CoCoRaHS program / training will be up to 90 minutes in length the business portion would be shortened with only emergency measures and announcements. It was discussed and decided that only ice water would be provided for the meeting as we do not know how many people would attend since the meeting would be open to the public. It was then discussed that we needed to come up with a card to hand out at the meeting with the club information on it. Everyone was also asked to let Dan N9WNH know if they planned to attend this meeting as we need to give Sam Lashley a head count so he knows how many rain gauges to bring.

General Meeting Programs: May meeting will be CoCoRaHS by Sam Lashley from the NWS. It was decided that we did not need a program for the June meeting as we would be getting last minute details ready for field day. Melanie W9NNH has set up the July meeting as she has been in contact with Ron Gregory and he has decided to pick July as the month he would like to put on his program.

By-Laws & Constitution: Secretary Melanie W9NNH has taken the time to type the WCARC By-Laws & Constitution in digital format. Ewing K9RWO wanted to know if this was the current By-Laws and Constitution. N9WNH stated this was but there had been items added to policy sheets and that they all needed to be checked, updated and may or could be combined.

Finance & Fundraising Committee: Melanie stated that she and Dan had worked together and got the Flower Power Fundraising orders and money turned in. Melanie had received an email stating that the order had been received and that it should arrive with in 7 to 10 business days. Lanny K9OOP had paid for the flowers he ordered and donated his change of \$2.50 he was to receive to the trustee's fund for snack purchases.

Whitley County Community Foundation Grant: The grant deadline is May 1st. Richard W9EEE submitted the 2007 financial information to Dan N9WNH so he could get the paper work filled out and turned in.

Health & Welfare: Melanie W9NNH stated that Dave WB9UNL had contacted her to report that Mark Ellsworth's WA9SNV mother had passed away. Melanie had sent a sympathy card from the club to Mark and his family and Dave stated that he had gone to the viewing.

Melanie W9NNH stated that the H&W committee had met to discuss and come up with guidelines for the H & W committee to follow such as how much should be spent, who it should be spent on & what should be given in instances such as death, illness & surgeries. Melanie is working on typing these guidelines up to be presented to the board.

Alinco DR135 Microphone: 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 after discussion it was decided that the items Dan had paid for would be reimbursed to him by the club with Melanie W9NNH motioning and Ewing seconding.

Star Liability Insurance Premium: The club had received the Liability Insurance Premium from Star Insurance it was again the same rate as last year (\$250) and since the due date was on May 1, 2008, it was motioned by Melanie W9NNH and seconded by Richard W9EEE to pay the bill. Dan N9WNH stated that the Board has only a \$150 allotment without the general membership's approval but at this time we need to cover ourselves between May 1 and the May 8th meeting. At this point the Board is overstepping its bounds because of the hindrance of the allowed amount to be spent by the Board without the general membership approval. But we have no other choice at this point. It was also brought to the attention of the Board that we should contact Star to have a short lived binder policy wrote up to cover us during field day.

Lanny K9OOP motioned that the meeting be adjourned with Richard W9EEE seconding. The club meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Dahms W9NNH
Secretary

WCARC W5YI TEST RESULTS

The Whitley County Amateur Radio Club W5YI Team held their quarterly test session on Saturday, April 26, 2008.

The W5YI Team members present were Don Evilsizor / KA9QWC, Cathy Evilsizor / WB8ORR, Dave Keiser / WB9UNL, Henry Mackey / N9HM, Jim Smith / N9FGN, Gary Stebbins / KC9GGV, Greg Watson / KA9DTZ and Roger McEntarfer / N9QCL.

Five people showed up for the April test session and four left smiling with a new license or an upgrade to an existing license.

Only those signing the waiver allowing us to print their results will be listed.

New hams are as follows:

Richard R. Byers – Technician Class – Fort Wayne, IN
Jonathan W. Decker – Technician Class – Auburn, IN
Ancil E. Schilling– Technician Class – Fort Wayne, IN

Upgrading hams are as follows:

Donald F. Snow / KB9ZHE - General Class – Geneva, IN

The next W5YI Test session will be held on Saturday July 26, 2008 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, In Community Room A of the Peabody Library located at 1160 East State Road 205 - Columbia City, Indiana.

For further information on upcoming test sessions or other Whitley County Amateur Radio Club, Inc. activities check out our web site at www.wcarc.org

Or contact Roger McEntarfer / N9QCL via email at n9qcl@arrl.net

Roger McEntarfer / N9QCL
Whitley County W5YI CVE

May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Hoosier Lake RC Mtg. 7:30 PM	2	3 HCARC ARES Net 8 PM - 146.685 ea Sat night
4 WCARC Sunday nite net - 7:45 PM 444.550 ea Sunday night	5 Siren test 12 PM 21 ARC Mtg. 7 PM	6	7 WC ARES NET 7:15 PM 145.270 ea Wed night	8 WCARC General Mtg. 7:00 PM Wells Co ARC Mtg. 7 PM	9	10
11	12 RACES MTG 7:00 PM Wabash 2-mtr net 8 PM 147.030 ea Mon night	13	14 Warsaw Emergency Service net 7:00 PM ea Wed Night	15	16 Dayton Hamvention	17 Dayton Hamvention
18 Dayton Hamvention	19 Siren test 12 PM	20 ACARTS Mtg. 7:30 PM.	21 21 ARC net 9 PM 147.150 ea Wed night	22 WCARC Board Mtg. 7:00 PM	23	24
25	26 HCARC Mtg. 7 PM	27	28	29	30	31

2008

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