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TRUSTEE	Ewing Potts	K9RWO
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Robin Berrier	KB9PCF	12-11	Herman Smith	WB9SPY	12-22
Homer Crowder	N9HRC	12-25			

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

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2008

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Richard Leo W9EEE, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Lanny Kelly K9OOP, Ed Scott K9EJS, Homer Crowder N9HRC, Junior Smith WB9SPY, Cathy Evilsizor WB8ORR, Don Evilsizor KA9QWC, Dave Keiser WB9UNL, Roger McEntarfer N9QCL & John Butcher KC9FBA

Guests present: Jeff VanNess N9HTX

Guest speaker: Jim Pliett K9OMA & Al Burke WB9SSE

Introductions were made.

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes for the general meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

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

No Vice President report was given as Vice President Becky N9RJB was not in attendance.

Board Trustee: Dan N9WNH asked Ewing K9RWO if he had emailed Ewing the inventory list. Ewing stated that Dan had not sent it. Dan said he would send the inventory list to the trustee's. Ewing asked if the inventory should be finished before the Ham fest. Dan said it would be advisable to get it done before then incase there was something we wanted to sell at the Ft Wayne Ham Fest. It was decided to set a tentative date of October 25th for the trustees to meet and update the inventory. Dan also stated that a new and better loan policy and inventory policy needed to be set up and presented to the club members to be voted on.

Health & Welfare Committee: Melanie W9NNH stated that Dan N9WNH son Steven had his cast removed from his knee surgery that was due to a football injury. He is now in a knee brace, walking on crutches and starting physical therapy.

Melanie W9NNH stated that John KC9FBA and Christie's baby was born on September 27. They named him Samuel Everett. He was born early and had to stay in the hospital for a week before joining Josh and Christian and parents at home.

Finance & Fundraising: The Flower Power fundraiser ended with only two orders turned in for a total of \$24. 50% of the profits will be given to the club while the other 50% goes to Flower Power.

Dan N9WNH talked with Tim the owner of the South Whitley Subway. Tim stated to Dan that at this time Subway does not have a fundraiser going on. Tim said we could go to corporate and jump the hoops to get a fundraiser going. He also said that the local little league in Bourbon where he has another Subway went around to several businesses in the area and had a discount card made from multiple businesses to sell for a fundraiser.

Activities Committee: At this time no November or December program is lined up. Dan N9WNH will contact Becky. Dan asked Roger N9QCL to contact Ted W9WT to see if he would be willing to do the November program. Dave WB9UNL also suggested Joseph K9RFZ for an RF program.

WCARC Christmas Banquet: After discussion it was voted upon with Roger N9QCL motioning and John KC9FBA seconding that this years banquet again be held at Golden Corral in Warsaw. We will try to set up for us to meet at 6:30 p.m. on December 11th for dinner with a program to follow after.

S.E.T.: ARES EC Dave WB9UNL stated that he had sent out an email to all those who had signed up to participate in this years Simulated Emergency Test. ARRL radio grams will be used to pass traffic during the exercise. Amateur radio operators will be paired with CERT team members along with a staffed E.O.C.. Noble County will also be joining us during this exercise so they can see how S.E.T. is done. Start time will be at 9:00 a.m. but all staff must be in place by 8:30 a.m. to receive instructions for this years exercise. Dan N9WNH encourages all those who will not be participating in S.E.T. to check into the net that will be coinciding with the exercise. This will help S.E.T. increase their point amounts.

W5YI test session: Roger N9QCL stated that a W5YI test session will be held on Saturday October 25th at in the lower level of the Peabody Public Library.

Station Repeater Committee: Dan N9WNH stated that Don KA9QWC at this time had not set up a station repeater committee meeting. This needs to be done as soon as possible if we want to try get onto the new ERS tower.

Chris Larko Q101: Dan N9WNH and Melanie W9NNH went to the Q101 towers and tested portable from the site to Dave WB9UNL and Ed K9EJS located at their QTH's in Columbia City. It was full quieting on an HT on 440. This site may be used in the future for a packet site or a remote receive site.

ERS tower: At this time we have a positive nod from Steve Woody regarding the tower. The only stipulation at this time is that we need a letter written by Jeff Walker, Mayor Jim Fleck or Terry Weary stating that the city will relinquish its spot on the tower to us. We will be allowed to locate with free towers space on a side mounted at 150'. We do need to have some questions answered about if we will have free shack space to store the repeater and if electricity will also be covered. Steve Woody stated that if we want to be on the tower he wants us to have everything ready to be attached on the tower while it is on the ground. Dan then asked Ed K9EJS to get a hold of his brother about climbing the tower the 440 is currently on.

Parkview Hospital: We are still waiting for a name of a contact person from Jim KB9WWM.

Coesse Tower: At this time we now have a positive nod from the state. Dan N9WNH has also sent a letter to Major Doug Biggs.

County Highway Tower: At this time we still have not heard from Cathy Broxon Ball who was suppose to be investigating to see if we can place some radio equipment on the county highway tower.

Ham Fest Table: WCARC has signed up for a club table for the 2008 Ft Wayne ham fest. K9OOP also has rented a table beside us again this year. We have the following volunteers to help watch the tables: Dan N9WNH, Melanie W9NNH, Lanny K9OOP, Ed K9EJS, Dave WB9UNL (Saturday afternoon), Ewing K9RWO, Roger (Saturday) and possibly Junior WB9SPY.

Mosley HF Tri-Bands: Dan N9WNH, Richard W9EEE, Lee KC9CDT and Don KA9QWC met on September 20th and put the two HF antennas together located at Don KA9QWC and Cathy WB8ORR QTH. It was figured out that we have a TA 33 that is mostly complete and only needs a few hardware pieces while the TA 34 is missing approximately \$100.00 worth of parts. The club also needs to double check to see if the antenna located in Roger N9QCL barn is a 33 also.

Club Tower: Dan N9WNH stated that he had contacted Rick Brown. Rick stated that he has a portable welder and he is willing to come out to Roger N9QCL's QTH to give a free quote if we want one. Rick says he thinks he can fix the tower for between \$40 & \$50. Ed K9EJS is willing to pick up the scrap piece of aluminum to be welded onto the tower in Fort Wayne north on 3/Lima road.

2009 Board Nominations: The following nominations during the October General Club meeting for the 2009 board are as follows:

President: Dan N9WNH

Vice President: Melanie W9NNH

Secretary: Melanie W9NNH - decline, Becky N9RJB, Cathy WB8ORR - declined

Treasurer: Richard W9EEE

3rd year Trustee: Ed K9EJS

More nominations will be accepted at the November board meeting with elections following.

Packet Workshop: On October 18th with a start time of 9:00 a.m. a packet workshop will be held in the lower level of the Peabody Public Library. Guest speaker for the workshop will be Bradd.

The club meeting was adjourned with John KC9FBA motioning and Dave WB9UNL seconding. Snacks were enjoyed along with a program program on foxhunting put on by Jim K9OMA and Al WB9SSE

Respectfully Submitted,
Melanie Dahms W9NNH
Secretary

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting

October 23, 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 & Richard Leo W9EEE

Club members present were: Dave Keiser WB9UNL & Ed Scott K9EJS

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes of the last board meeting. The minutes were approved as read with Lanny K9OOP motioning and Ewing K9RWO seconding.

Dan N9WNH asked Melanie W9NNH to have the By-laws and Constitution ready to be posted to the web.

No vice president report was given as Becky N9RJB was not present.

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

Trustee's: Ewing K9RWO will email the trustees and set up a time to meet to do the clubs inventory.

Fort Wayne Ham Fest: The Fort Wayne Ham Fest will be held the weekend of November 15th & 16th with set up starting on the 14th. Lanny K9OOP stated that he had received the information packet for his table.

Dan N9WNH asked for volunteers to help out by watching the club table that will be located next to Lanny K9OOP table. At this time we have the following volunteers Ewing K9RWO, Lanny K9OOP, Dave WB9UNL, Ed K9EJS, Dan N9WNH, Melanie W9NNH & Greg W0GJB. W0GJB has some Drake radios that he would like to put on the clubs table to sell.

Mosley HF Tri-Bands: Two out of the three HF Tri-Bands are located at Don KA9QWC & Cathy WB8ORR while the other one is located at Roger N9QCL home. The TA 33 located at Don & Cathy's home is complete except for the hardware. It was suggested that the TA33 be sold for \$130.00 at the Fort Wayne Ham Fest but it should be offered for purchase to the club members first with Ewing K9RWO motioning and Lanny K9OOP seconding. The TA 34 located at Don & Cathy's home missing many parts including saddle clamps and the center plate. It was suggested that this one be parted out and sold with the club keeping one of the reflectors.

Activities Committee / Club Program: Roger N9QCL was to contact Ted W9WT to put on a program for the November club meeting. Since Roger is going on vacation Dan N9WNH will contact Ted.

Melanie W9NNH contacted the Golden Corral and set up the Christmas banquet for Thursday, December 11th starting at 6:30 pm. A program for the evenings banquet still needs to be scheduled.

Northeast Indiana Packet Radio Workshop II: A second packet workshop sponsored by WCARC was held on Saturday, October 18th at 9am at The Peabody Public Library with 20 people attending. Guest speaker for the workshop was Bradd KA9LCF. It has been requested that Northeast Indiana Packet group speak at a forum at the Fort Wayne Ham Fest in hopes to get others interested in packet or to bring other stations back on the air.

Northeast Indiana Packet Net: The Northeast Indiana Packet Net is held every Wednesday on 145.53 at 8pm. It was rather exciting on last nights packet net as we had Brad K9BP check in on a mobile station from his car while in the Huntington area. We also want to thank Brad K9BP for donating a 110 watt Delta radio for a club packet station. More packet information can be obtained on the IN_PACKET yahoo group.

Health & Welfare Committee: A card was sent to the Butcher family to congratulate them on their baby.

Finance & Fundraising Committee: Dan N9WNH stated that the club made \$12.00 from the Flower Power fundraiser for the fall season.

501C3: The 2009 board needs to work on getting the club to a 501C3 status.

Chris Larko Q101: At this time we have heard nothing further.

Clubs 50' tower: Ed K9EJS picked up the scrap piece of aluminum to be welded on to the clubs crank up tower. Dan N9WNH will contact Rick Brown to set up a time for him to come out to Roger N9QCL home to give an estimate on fixing the 50' tower and to give us ideas and estimates for bases for the 50' tower and the 35' tower

Station Repeater Committee: The station repeater committee met on Thursday October 16th at the home of Don KA9QWC & Cathy WB8ORR home.

ERS tower: Dan N9WNH stated that he had talked with Steve Woody and that he said if we are interested in getting on the new tower that we need to contact the city and get a letter to relinquish their spot. Dan contacted Terry Wherry at the city since Mayor Jim Fleck and Rosie Coyle did not contact Dan after he emailed them. Dan explained to Terry about the situation with ERS. Dan requested that a letter be sent to Steve saying that the city will relinquish their spot to the club

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm

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, October 25, 2008.

The W5YI Team members present were Dave Keiser / WB9UNL, Gary Stebbins / KC9GGV, John Barchak / W9PI, Henry Mackey / N9HM, Greg Watson / KA9DTZ, and Roger McEntarfer / N9QCL. Three people showed up for the October test session and all 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:

Kevin E. Buinowski – Technician Class – New Haven, IN

Upgrading hams are as follows:

Steven K. Shannon / KB9OZP - General Class – Fort Wayne, IN

Clint A. Wilson / KC9OKN - General Class – North Manchester, IN

The next W5YI Test session will be held on Saturday January 31, 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

November

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

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

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