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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Sara Wager	K9ITC	11-12	Dave Keiser	WB9UNL	12-3
Herman Smith	WB9SPY	12-22	Homer Crowder	N9HRC	12-25
Joshua Church	K9KOP	12-28			

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...

From the President:

The month of November is upon us and it has been a busy year, but there is quite a bit to do yet. The past month of October was filled with our By-Laws and Constitution revision and updates. Since that took most of the available time we were unable to have the normal additional nomination period for the 2010 Officers and a Director-at-Large that we have historically done in the past years. The WCARC Annual Meeting and Election of Officers and a Director-at-Large is held each November. This will be your opportunity to nominate or to be nominated, vote to elect or be elected for the 2010 year.

You also will be asked to vote for a membership dues amount for the 2010 year at the November meeting. As you may remember we removed the specific amount from the By-Laws when we rewrote and updated them. There were two reasons for this removal:

1. So the membership and the Board did not have to go through the amendment process each time it wants to raise or lower dues. In the past this was a two month minimum process.
2. The WCARC Board also realized that we needed to make a change, as we have been actually running in the red for almost a decade if not longer. If it was not without the generous donations from our members, estate sales, surplus club equipment sales, fundraisers and of course holding our spending back each year so that half of our annual balance was encumbered to the next year we would have not been able to survive. We realized we cannot continue operating in this way.

We have come up with several options of which three of those are recommended by the Board. Again we will need to set a dues amount for at least this year, it could go up or down for 2011. But I also want the membership to realize that more than likely your dues will not remain the same as they have since the inception of the WCARC back in 1990.

That's right the membership dues have been the same since for 19 years!

Are we changing just to change or stay in competition with all of our neighbors? Absolutely not! When your normal minimum fixed expenses exceed your income by 50% or more then you need to change something! Do you realize that a Full Membership in the WCARC costs less than a bottle of pop? If you are a Associate, Student or Additional Family Member it costs less than a candy bar per month. That's right \$1 or \$.50 a month.

If the WCARC had existed as long, had the membership numbers or even had \$6K in our bank accounts as other surrounding clubs have then maybe we would not have to consider raising dues during the economic situation the country is in. But we don't have a choice if we want to survive and continue on. Where else can you spend less than \$2 a month and help support the kind of group we have, making it better each day? Please consider the options we will be presenting, look at the minimal expenses and vote for an annual option for the year 2010. The business of our corporation however boring it maybe to some, must continue to be realigned and addressed as time allows. You are a member of this corporation and we are asking you to bear with us, give your input and vote for what will help the WCARC Inc. the most.

73,

Dan M. Dahms N9WNH
WCARC Inc. President

Vice President Report....

No Report Provided

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2009

President Dan N9WNH, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. at the Peabody Library. Introductions were made by members present. There were 17 members present—see attached list. There was one guest—Emanuel Turnpaugh.

Secretary Ewing K9RWO, read the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made by Don KA9QWC, to accept the minutes, seconded by Ed K9EJS. Motion approved.

Treasurer Richard W9EEE, presented the treasurer's report. There were no bills to report. The treasurer's report was approved pending audit.

Vice-President Melanie W9NNH, lead a discussion about holding the December Christmas banquet at American Table in Warsaw on the regular club meeting night, Thursday December 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. A discussion about the time was settled with a motion by Ed K9EJS, seconded by Junior WB9SPY, for a dinner start time of 6:30 p.m. Motion accepted. Then Justin KC9DCP, made a motion to accept the date and time for the Christmas banquet as December 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Dave Jackson WB9LAF. Motion accepted.

Dan N9WNH, said there is a blind person interested in attending club meetings, by the name of Chris Harper. Dan will call him and tell Chris about the club. Also, Dan stated that Martin D. Smith in Fort Wayne has his deceased father's ham equipment for sale near Blue Lake in Whitley County. Martin is asking our club to determine prices for disposal of the equipment. A club committee of Lee KC9CDT, Dave Jackson WB9LAF, Justin KC9DCP, and Dan N9WNH will review the list to get prices for Martin.

Ed K9EJS, stated an ARES activity called Simulated Emergency Test (SET), will be held Saturday November 7, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. with the main focus being in Churubusco..

Dan N9WNH, said the WCARC Constitution has now been revised. Greg KA9DTZ, made a motion to accept the CURRENT REVISED club constitution, seconded by Ed K9EJS. Motion accepted. Then, a motion by Roger N9QCL, was made to change the WCARC By-Laws, Article XI, Amendments, Sec I b, line two from "Constitution" to "By-Laws", seconded by Greg KA9DTZ. Motion accepted.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. was made by Ed K9EJS, seconded by Don KA9QWC. Motion accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

Ewing K9RWO
Secretary

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting

October 22, 2009

President Dan N9WNH, called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

Board members present were Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Junior Smith WB9SPY, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Lanny Kelly K9OOP, and Ed Scott K9EJS.

Club members present were Betty Watson KC9HYW, Greg Watson KA9DTZ, and Dave Keiser WB9UNL.

Secretary Ewing K9RWO, read the minutes of the September 24, 2009 meeting with an addition to the motion about dues to include "as a recommendation to the General Membership." A motion was made by Melanie W9NNH, seconded by Junior WB9SPY, to accept the corrected minutes. Motion accepted.

Vice-President Melanie W9NNH, stated the following:

- Tami Pence AA9IH had foot surgery.
- Nancy Bollinger WD9DBM is coming to the Christmas banquet
- Chris Harper KB9YOW is interested in joining the club, but will need transportation to the meetings as he is blind.
- The December Christmas Banquet will be Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the American Table restaurant in Warsaw, In.

The Fort Wayne Hamfest will be November 14th and 15th at the War Memorial Coliseum. The WCARC has reserved table #R015 for both days. Club members available to work need to schedule a work time with Dan N9WNH.

Dan N9WNH, stated that the Raytheon donated items for sale will have pictures and written descriptions at the club table. These items will be of limited interest and difficult to transport to the Hamfest.

A motion was made by Richard W9EEE, to adopt a policy authorizing the board to spend up to \$300.00 for essential corporate purposes. This is in accordance with the By-Laws Article III, Section 1. The motion was seconded by Ed K9EJS, and accepted by the board.

An estate sale of equipment—committee members Dave Jackson WB9LAF, Justin KC9DCP, Lee KC9CDT, Dan N9WNH, with club members Ed K9EJS, and Melanie W9NNH, present as observers; reviewed an estate sale list. The conclusion was a revised equipment list is needed, along with pictures, and some minor testing. Items will first be made available to WCARC members.

Treasurer Richard W9EEE, made the following statement: The club due's structure has been removed from the club's constitution, by-laws, and policy list. Therefore, it is important to first clarify:

1. The club must have a dues structure before next year.
2. The club has been running in the red for several years. This cannot continue.

The second clarification—Dan N9WNH, presented a list of dues proposals for the 2010 year, based on the club having 27 full members and 7 associate members. See the attached sheet showing Options A through G, the old dues structure for 2009, and an updated 2010 budget. Following the discussion by the board, a motion was made by Richard W9EEE, to present Option A, C, or E to the general membership for the 2010 dues structure determination, seconded by Lanny K9OOP. Motion accepted.

Dan N9WNH, stated that the Peabody Library lower level will be remodeled next year, resulting in our meeting rooms not being available throughout the year. Dan has reserved the Parkview Whitley County Hospital's Auditorium C for the club's General Meeting and Board Meetings for the 2010 year. A motion was made by Lanny K9OOP, seconded by Ed K9EJS, to reserve the auditorium room for the year 2010. Motion accepted.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. was made by Melanie W9NNH, seconded by Ed K9EJS.

Respectfully,

Ewing K9RWO
Secretary

WCARC W5YI TEST RESULTS

The Whitley County Amateur Radio Club W5YI Team held their quarterly test session on Saturday, October 31, 2009.

The W5YI Team members present were Cathy Evilsizor / WB8ORR Don Evilsizor / KA9QWC, Dave Keiser / WB9UNL, Henry Mackey / N9HM

Betty Hopson / KC9HYW, Gary Stebbins / KC9GGV, Greg Watson / KA9DTZ, John Barchak / W9PI and Roger McEntarfer / N9QCL.

Nine 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:

Daniel L. Cummins – Technician Class – Woodburn, IN

Dennis J. Gering – Technician Class – Churubusco, IN

Linda Ann Nardin – Technician Class – Fort Wayne, IN

Paul R. Queitsch – Extra Class – Churubusco, IN

Randall J. Simpson – Technician Class – Sharpsville, IN

Upgrading hams are as follows:

Joseph D. Doyle / N9RYM - General Class – Columbia City, IN

Michael S. Lyons / KC9QHL - General Class – Fort Wayne, IN

Diane J. Sparling / K9DJS - General Class – Fort Wayne, IN

Daniel L. Zimmerman / KC9QGE - General Class – Huntington, IN

The next W5YI Test session will be held on Saturday January 30, 2010 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>
<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 8:00 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</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>FW Hamfest</p>
<p>15</p> <p>FW Hamfest</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Siren test 12 PM</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>WC ARES Simplex NET following regular net on 146.55 MHz Every 3rd Wed night</p>	<p>19</p> <p>WCARC Board Mtg. 7:00 PM</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9 AM RACES NET</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Packet Net ea Sunday nite @ 9:00 PM on 145.530</p>	<p>23</p> <p>HCARC Mtg. 7 PM</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>					

2009

December

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2 WC ARES NET 8:00 PM 145.270 ea Wed night	3 Whitley County ARES Quarterly Meeting 7 PM Hoosier Lake RC Mtg. 7:30 PM	4	5 HCARC ARES Net 8 PM - 146.685 ea Sat night
6 WCARC Sunday nite net - 7:45 PM 444.550 ea Sunday night	7 Siren test 12 PM 21 ARC Mtg. 7 PM	8	9 Warsaw Emergency Service net 7:00 PM ea Wed Night	10 WCARC Dimmer Mtg. 6:30 PM Wells Co ARC Mtg. 7 PM	11	12
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20 Packet Net ea Sunday nite @ 9:00 PM on 145.530	21 Siren test 12 PM	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28 HCARC Mtg. 7 PM	29	30	31		

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