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COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725***

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TRUSTEE	Lanny Kelly	K9OOP
TRUSTEE	Herman Smith	WB9SPY
TRUSTEE	Ewing Potts	K9RWO
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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

Richard Leo W9EEE 10-10

**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:***

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

## *From the President...*

Nothing Submitted.

## *The VP Edition*

Nothing Submitted.

# **Whitley County Amateur Radio Club**

## **General Meeting Minutes**

**August 14, 2008**

President Dan N9WNH called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Members present: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Richard Leo W9EEE, Becky Spencer N9RJB, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Lanny Kelly K9OOP, Homer Crowder N9HRC, Dave Keiser WB9UNL, Cathy Evilsizor WB8ORR, Don Evilsizor KA9QWC, Roger McEntarfer N9QCL & Ed Scott KC9NQU

Guests present: Bill Shull KB9MDR, Wayne VanNess N9CUB, Jeff VanNess N9HTX, Clarence Resler N9VSR, Ruth Resler N9ZTF, Justin Whaley KC9DCP & Julia Leo

Guest speaker: Brad Peterson N9MTF

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

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

Vice President Becky N9RJB gave no report.

Board Trustee Ewing K9RWO stated that the trustees still needed to meet and get started on inventory. He would also like to come up with a labeling system to make it easier.

Health & Welfare Committee: Dan N9WNH stated that he had talked with Junior WB9SPY and he had still been doing the same. The only change was that he was switching doctors.

Finance & Fundraising: The Flower Power fundraiser will be handed out during break. It was stated that the order forms needed to be turned in at the September meeting. This will help the bulbs arrive in time for fall planting season and before the ground freezes.

Historical Committee: Dan N9WNH stated that he had turned Lowel Kleinfelter information over to Roger N9QCL so it could be added to the SK page on the clubs website.

Friends of the Library: A thank you letter was sent to Dan N9WNH thanking the club members for all the help that has been provided for set up at the recent book fairs.

Tour de Loupes II: Tour de Loupes II will be held on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Club members are needed to work at sag spots. Tentatively at this time the sags are set for the 4-H Fair grounds, Darley's Barn in South Whitley, Collins Church, Wheeler's, Raber Road and a possible knobby tire trail at Morches Park. Lunch will be

delivered to the sags for the workers. At this time we have Ed, Becky, Desi, Dan, Melanie, Dave & Justin volunteering to help.

Club Towers: Club 30' tower: At this time the clubs 30' tower is 90% painted.

We now have one quote of \$45 from Whitley Manufacturing and Welding to repair the clubs 50' crank up tower. The man from Larwill never returned the call and Becky N9RJB suggested Ricky & Tina Brown in Columbia City.

The clubs 40' tower was sold to Don KA9QWC & Cathy WB8ORR for \$55.

Dave WB9UNL brought to the clubs attention that back in 2007 Kevin a non-ham friend of Dan's N9WNH provided Dan N9WNH and Melanie W9NNH transportation in his vehicle to and from Indianapolis to go pick up the clubs new antenna. This was do to the fact that no one from the club who had a vehicle large enough volunteered to drive to Indianapolis to pick the antenna up. Dan bought Kevin dinner that evening but Kevin was never reimbursed for the fuel that was used. Dave WB9UNL motioned that the board have the power to reimburse Kevin at the board meeting with Richard W9EEE seconding. Motion was approved.

Clubs G5RV: Ed KC9NQU picked up the clubs G5RV at the 4-H fair grounds as someone had taken it down and laid it on the ground. Dan N9WNH now has it at his home.

75 Om KTV Hardline: The club owns approximately 402' ½" 75 Om KTV Hardline. Dan N9WNH suggests we sell it to make money for the club. Don KA9QWC motioned that we sell the hardline with Lanny seconding. Dan will look into selling the hardline on qth.com

7/8" Andrew hardline: Richard W9EEE came across a section of Andrew 7/8" hardline. The board decided to purchase it. Dan contacted the club members via email and only heard from a select few. Only positive feedback was given. Dan N9WNH & Melanie W9NNH went and picked the hardline up along with two male connectors that were included in the deal. The membership approved the purchase with Ewing K9RWO motioning and Lanny K9OOP seconding.

Becky N9RJB then motioned to reimburse Dan N9WNH & Melanie W9NNH for their fuel costs with Ewing K9RWO seconding. Motion was approved.

Station Repeater Committee: Dan N9WNH request that Don KA9QWC needs to set up a station repeater committee meeting to discuss tower sites, locations and equipment issues

Chris Larko Q101: Chris Larko contacted Dan by email and stated after 16 years we are still welcome to locate on his tower free of charge. He just requests up keep and mowing

ERS tower: Dan N9WNH and Melanie W9NNH attended the BZA meeting and listened to ERS talk about the new tower that will be placed in Columbia City. Dan then spoke to ERS after the meeting and he seemed interested.

Coessee Tower: Dan N9WNH stated that he had been in touch with Don West again and Don said he still had not received a letter from the EMA director. This is needed to get thing rolling.

County Highway Tower: Cathy Broxen Ball is investigating to see if we can place some radio equipment on the tower

The club meeting was adjourned. Snacks were enjoyed along with an Echolink program put on by Brad N9MTF

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melanie Dahms W9NNH  
Secretary

# *Whitley County Amateur Radio Club*

## *Board Meeting*

August 28, 2008

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

Board members present were: Dan Dahms N9WNH, Melanie Dahms W9NNH, Ewing Potts K9RWO, Lanny Kelly K9OOP, Richard Leo W9EEE & Becky Spencer N9RJB

Club members present were: Dave Keiser WB9UNL, Homer Crowder N9HRC, Roger McEntarfer N9QCL

Secretary Melanie W9NNH read the minutes of the last general meeting. The minutes were approved as read with motioning and seconding.

Richard W9EEE gave the treasurers report. Treasures report was approved pending audit.

Becky N9RJB motioned to reimburse Dan N9WNH for the bills for field day and tower expenses with Ewing K9RWO seconding.

Activities Committee / Club Program: Becky N9RJB stated that she had tried to get a hold of Al and Cathy Burke to do a program for the club. Becky left a message but had not heard back from them. Becky also requested with the current situation that someone else contact any Raytheon employees to do programs as she didn't think it would be a good idea for her. Becky says she will contact Vicki Luetzelschwab to see if she would be available to do a YL program at the September meeting.

Roger N9QCL stated that he had talked with Ted Temesian had offered to do a program in October or November. Dan also suggested Jim Pliet for ATV.

Melanie N9WNH suggested Timothy Bontrager for a possible program for the Christmas banquet. Timothy wrote a book on the Palm Sunday Tornados. It was then agreed upon that Melanie should contact Timothy to see if he would be willing to do a program.

Book Fair: Dan N9WNH stated that the book fair would be running at least until noon but he had seen something that it might run until 2pm on Saturday June 28. Dan also thanked Ewing K9RWO, Don KA9QWC & Dave WB9UNL as they along with himself had helped out setting up at the book fair on Wednesday June 26.

Health & Welfare Committee: We received the sad news that Mariam Shull KB9RGJ is now a silent key. Dan N9WNH, Melanie W9NNH, Don KA9QWC & Cathy WB8ORR went to the viewing to support Bill KB9MDR in the passing of his mother. She will be missed.

Finance & Fundraising Committee: The Flower Power fundraiser was handed out at the August general meeting. It was stated that the order forms needed to be turned in at the September meeting. This will help the bulbs arrive in time for fall planting season and before the ground freezes

Lanny K9OOP asked about the Papa Johns fundraiser and it was stated that the fundraiser would start after the Flower Power orders were turned in.

Club Tower: We now have one quote of \$45 from Whitley Manufacturing and Welding to repair the clubs 50' crank up tower. The man from Larwill never returned the call. Becky N9RJB asked if anyone had gotten a hold of Ricky & Tina Brown in Columbia City. Dan N9WNH said he would contact them next.

Tour de Loupes II: Tour de Loupes II will be held on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 8am. Club members are needed to work at sag spots. Tentatively at this time the sags are set for the 4-H Fair grounds, Darley's Barn in South Whitley, Collins Church, Wheeler's, Raber Road and a possible knobby tire trail at Morches Park. Lunch

will be delivered to the sags for the workers. At the time of the August general meeting we had Ed KC9NQU, Becky N9RJB, Dan N9WNH, Melanie W9NNH, Dave WB9UNL & Justin KC9DCP volunteering to help.

Chris Larko Q101: Chris Larko contacted Dan by email and stated after 16 years we are still welcome to locate on his tower free of charge. He just requests up keep and mowing. Dan stated years ago a piece of hardline was not being used and was at the site.

ERS tower: Dan N9WNH and Melanie W9NNH attended the BZA meeting and listened to ERS talk about the new tower that will be placed in Columbia City. Dan then spoke to ERS after the meeting and he seemed interested. Dan then emailed ERS to let them know what we are looking for.

Coessee Tower: Dan N9WNH stated that he had been in touch with Don West again and Don said he still had not received a letter from the EMA director. This is needed to get thing rolling. A letter will also need to be sent to Major Doug Biggs in the future.

County Highway Tower: Cathy Broxen Ball is investigating to see if we can place some radio equipment on the tower. She stated that she would have to talk to the commissioners.

Station Repeater Committee: Dan N9WNH requests that Don KA9QWC needs to set up a station repeater committee meeting to discuss tower sites, locations and equipment issues. At this time Dan has not had a response.

75 Om KTV Hardline: It was voted upon at the August general meeting to sell the clubs ½” 75 Om KTV Hardline for \$100. Dan N9WNH will get it set up for sale on qth.com with local pickup.

Parkview Hospital: It was brought to the board attention that we should look into what will be happening to the tower at the current Parkview hospital when the new hospital is built. It was stated that maybe we should look into getting something on the tower. Dan N9WNH stated that he had contacted Jim KB9WWM by email and asked who we could contact to see if we could also get an antenna on the new hospital when it is finished.

Second Year Trustee: It was discussed amongst the board that we someone should contact Junior WB9SPY to see if he still wants to be trustee next year due to health problems since elections will be coming up in the month of November. It was suggested by Richard W9EEE that a letter be sent. Melanie W9NNH suggested that maybe a visit or phone call might be more appropriate.

Trustees: Dan stated that he would like to see an expense account set up for the money pool for snacks. It was also suggested that due to the rise in the prices of food and beverage items that snacks should not be a full meal and that they should be cut back. After discussion Becky N9RJB motioned that light snacks should be provided and that diabetic choices should be offered with Lanny seconding. The motion was defeated. In place of a motion a resolution was put into place due to certain circumstances as to not limit all instances.

Club Tri-band Beams: At this time the club owns three tri-band beams one Mosley, one Hi-Gain and one unknown. It was discussed that we should look into possibly sell 2 out of the 3 tri-band beams that are located at Don KA9QWC & Cathy WB8ORR home.

Becky N9RJB motioned that the meeting be adjourned with Ewing K9RWO seconding.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Melanie Dahms W9NNH  
Secretary

# September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> Siren test 12 PM 21 ARC Mtg. 7 PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> WC ARES NET 7:15 PM 145.270 ea Wed night	<b>4</b> Hoosier Lake RC Mtg. 7:30 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> GRA Hamfest 2008 Lowell, MI
<b>7</b> WCARC Sunday nite net - 7:45 PM 444.550 ea Sunday night	<b>8</b> RACES MTG 7:00 PM Wabash 2-mtr net 8 PM 147.030 ea Mon night	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Warsaw Emergency Service net 7:00 PM ea Wed Night	<b>11</b> WCARC General Mtg. 7:00 PM Wells Co ARC Mtg. 7 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> HCARC ARES Net 8 PM - 146.685 ea Sat night
<b>14</b> Adrain ARC Hamfest Adrian, MI	<b>15</b> Siren test 12 PM	<b>16</b> ACARTS Mtg. 7:30 PM.	<b>17</b> 21 ARC net 9 PM 147.150 ea Wed night	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Peoria Super Fest Peoria, IL Sept 20&21
<b>21</b> Tour-de-Loops Bike-a-thon GCARA Hamfest Cincinnati, OH	<b>22</b> HCARC Mtg. 7 PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> WCARC Board Mtg. 7:00 PM	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				

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# October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> WC ARES NET 7:15 PM 145.270 ea Wed night	<b>2</b> Hoosier Lake RC Mtg. 7:30 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> HCARC ARES Net 8 PM - 146.685 ea Sat night
<b>5</b> WCARC Sunday nite net - 7:45 PM 444.550 ea Sunday night	<b>6</b> Siren test 12 PM 21 ARC Mtg. 7 PM	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Warsaw Emergency Service net 7:00 PM ea Wed Night	<b>9</b> WCARC General Mtg. 7:00 PM Wells Co ARC Mtg. 7 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Lake County ARC Hamfest Crown Point, IN
<b>12</b> Kalamazoo Hamfest Kalamazoo, MI	<b>13</b> RACES MTG 7:00 PM Wabash 2-mtr net 8 PM 147.030 ea Mon night	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 21 ARC net 9 PM 147.150 ea Wed night	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Siren test 12 PM	<b>21</b> ACARTS Mtg. 7:30 PM.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> WCARC Board Mtg. 7:00 PM	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> W5YI Test Session 9:00 AM
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> HCARC Mtg. 7 PM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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