

June 2009 Meeting

Starke County Amateur Radio club held its June meeting at the Henry Schricker Public Library on June 18, 2009. Our meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance. 20 members were in attendance. Bob KC9ISI, Hugh WO0P, John W3ML, Mike WB9L, Tony W9AL, David KC9MRS, Randy KC9ISJ, Randy N9CPX, Gary KB9OLZ, Janet KC9HUG, Paul N9QYK, Joe, KC9NFD, Ken KC9MQD, Ken W9MTE, Joe KB9KE, Mike KC9KPG, Bryan KE9ML, Joe KB9GQS, Dwight KC9DHD, Bill WC2O, and Pam KC9QAP. Pam KC9QAP is a new ham and a new member of our club. Welcome Pam. Jolene Brown also visited us this month.

News: PIO

KC9MRS, David told us he sent WNDU Channel 16, WSBT Channel 22, WSJV Fox 28, WNIT Channel 34 TV stations, WKVI radio station, South Bend Tribune, Plymouth Pilot, Culver Citizen newspaper and the Leader Newspaper a news release and invitation to addend our annual Field Day Event. He also stated he sent a statement about the Summer Food Drive for the Community Services of Starke County to the TV, radio stations and newspapers. He also invited the Sheriff, Commissioners, and BZA.

Janet also invited Rep. Nancy Dembowski to attend Field Day and sent a news release to the Pulaski Journal.

Field Day: donations as of June 18, we have received from:

Advance Auto- 2 quarts of oil

Alco - 2 cases of water

Bailey's Discount Center-10% off 1 roll of rope

Hickgas -2 free cylinders of Propane

B&K Drive Inn- 2 gallons of Root Beer

Pizza Hut-2 pizzas for Saturday night and 2 for Sunday lunch

Specialty Shoppe -a gift certificate.

Janet has 2 cases of water donated from Coca Cola Company with more donations to follow. In the Newshawk Newspaper Terry Turner put the picture of Mayor Rick Chambers, David KC9MRS and Janet KC9HUG in his paper along with the article Janet sent to him about Mayor Chambers signing the proclamation of June 22- 28th being Amateur Radio Week in the City of Knox. The Newshawk newspaper also had an article of the Summer Food Drive. Randy KC9ISJ also has a photographer coming to take pictures at Field Day. Don't forget to wear your Field Day T shirts or your club t-shirts, and Smile pretty.

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES of STARKE COUNTY, INC. is off to a great start. Janet, Randy, David, and Joe M. put flyers in Knox, North Judson, and Koontz Lake to let the public know about the Food Drive. The following businesses have agreed to put our Food Drive boxes in their place of businesses. In Knox, Five Star Foods, Kankakee Valley Ford, in North Judson Ray's Super Foods and in Koontz Lake, The Koontz Lake Market. Boxes will be there from June 19- 26, 2009. Thanks everyone who made this food drive be a success. Janet collected \$65.00 from members and will purchase food items to be given to the Community Services of Starke County, Inc. We will have a box set up at Field Day for those who want to donate food items at Field Day.

Treasurer/ Secretary Report

Checking account balance is \$501.42

FIELD DAY:

Janet will purchase the food for Field Day. She has relish, ketchup, mustard, pickles, coffee, sugar, creamer, milk, hot dogs, aluminum foil, baggies, and pre-made hamburgers will be purchased.

Gary will provide the plates, forks, spoons cooler, and a water cooler.

Randy has powder drink that we will mix at field day.

Hugh will provide the buns.

Everyone is to bring:

A dish to share with the group, please bring serving spoons to go with the dish, the club has 4 large serving spoons. We will make sure you get the spoons back, I promise (Janet).

Comfortable chairs to sit in.

Drinks of your preference

We have water to drink.

Saturday June 27 at 7:30 – 8 am we are meeting for breakfast at the County Garden Restaurant in Knox, the reservation is under Janet's name, in the back room. See you there.

When we are finished with breakfast, we will be setting up at the Knox Wythogan Park pavilion number 4 for Field Day.

We are having 3 radios and pc's to log with, a satellite station and a GOTA station along with antennas. Fun will be had by all who attend.

VE Testing at field day will be held at noon on Saturday June 27, 2009.

If you know of anyone who is interested in upgrading let them know.

News at June's Meeting:

Tony mentioned that his antenna will be worked on Monday June 22 or Tuesday June 23, and if you want to help or just come over contact him.

John reported about the KN9OX repeater, Randy KC9ISJ, Tony W9AL and John W3ML dug the hole for the tower, cement was poured, and in a couple of weeks the tower will be up. Then the repeater will running and stationed in Knox.

Gary had a presentation about Severe Weather and talked about how and when to call a Skywarn Net; and how to describe what you see and when to take cover.
Thanks Gary.

David told us that the Lutheran Church in Knox told him that we could use their church for 4 hours Friday night or Saturday to hold Technician classes.

Our members discussed it; David will notify the church that we are interested in using their premises in August or September for classes. Our group also discussed having general and extra classes in the fall and winter time.

It was mentioned to have an Electronics/Ham Radio Swap Meet somewhere in Starke County. We need a place to hold it. John, W3ML will find out the details

and requirements about having a swap meet. Tony will be looking for a place to have it. If you know of anywhere let John or Tony know.

Next meeting is July 16. Our next fox hunt is July 19th and Mike WB9L is the fox. The starting place is at Shady Acres Park, south of Knox VFW at 1:30 p.m.

73 see you at breakfast and at Field Day.

Have a great week.