

October Minutes- Starke County Amateur Radio Club

It seems like the month of October is the ISS month. Everyone is trying to contact the International Space Station. Keep trying and congrats to those who make a contact with them. Congrats to Hugh WOOP he made a contact with them.

We opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had 28 members at our meeting this month and 3 visitors. Welcome visitors. If visitors who want to enroll in our club in November or December of 2008, you will be getting next years (2009) membership also included. Visitors sign up at the next meeting and 2009 membership is free. Next years membership is \$5.00 a year. You can pay next meeting or in January.

Mike (WB9L) gave a satellite antenna demonstration to our club in the library's parking lot. He made 5 contacts with his portable antenna and radio. Thanks Mike.

Levi (WB9CAO) also gave demonstration of the use and the different types of batteries. He showed us how he carries his extra batteries when he hikes and travels. He stores his batteries in a lunch pack case and they are rechargeable ones.

Levi also told us about the special event at Radioville everyone who attended had a great time. They also made 26 contacts on their portable antennas and radios. Thanks for all who brought food and drinks too. See everyone at Radioville next year.

Rich K9CIV talked about his visit to the Dayton Hamfest and he passed out world maps, state maps QRZ DX newsletters and fliers and blinky stickers.

Our auction collected \$38.00. Nancy (KC9NEB) and James (KC9KTV) donated boxes of popcorn, Steve KB9GPW donated a book, and Dwight (KC9DHD) donated ham radio items for our auction. Thanks everyone.

New Business:

It was voted and ok'd by the club to send \$10.00 to the Indiana Radio Club Council for our 2009 membership. We mailed a check the next day.

December there will be no meeting. There will be December Celebration, our annual December dinner. Please check your email we are voting on where to have our dinner. Please let Tony (W9AL) know where you decide.

Russell (N9JU) is having Russell's Turkey Net anytime from 6a.m. to 11 p.m. any day of the week or weekends. Just like Lisa (N9LU) did. The frequency is 146.550 or 146.520 Simplex or Matt's repeater 145.410 or Tom's repeater 442.950. Listen and check in when you hear Russell calls- for Russell's Turkey Net.

Fort Wayne Hamfest is November 15 and 16, 2008. There will be all kinds of forums including the ARES at 2 p.m. eastern time; Tony will be involved with this one. Check it out.

Janet brought a Kitty Litter Cake and cupcakes for our dessert. Yum yum.

Mike (WB9L) will be demonstrating a Basic Antenna Building Class which is scheduled for Dec. 11, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Knox Library.

January 6, 2009 Tuesday night at the Knox Library -Rich (K9CIV) and John (W3ML) will be having a DX'ing class. It will be at 7p.m. See you there for anyone who wants to attend.

Nominations for Club Officers are being held so if you want to nominate someone contact Tony or let him know at the November meeting. Elections are held in January. So far we have these nominations:

President:

Randy KC9ISJ

Russell N9JU

Tony W9AL

Vice President:

Tony W9AL

John W3ML

Randy KC9ISJ

Secretary:

Janet KC9HUG

Treasurer:

Janet KC9HUG

PIO: Public Information Officer

David KC9MRS

We want to say Happy Birthday to Dan Cummins on November 1st and Tony Langer is November 24th.

Anyone else that has a birthday in November let Janet know.

See you in November, the next meeting is November 20th at the Knox Library.

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