

Starke County Amateur Radio Club May 2009 Minutes

May 2009's meeting was held Thursday May 21st at the Henry Schricker Public Library in Knox Indiana. Members in attendance were Bill WC2O, KC9KPG Mike, John W3ML, Gary KB9OLZ, Ken KC9MQD, Bob KC9ISI, Randy KC9ISJ, Hugh WO0P, Paul N9QYK, Tony W9AL, David KC9MRS, Joseph KC9NFD, Mike WB9L, Duce N9PCR, Joe M. KB9KE, Levi WB9CAO, Janet KC9HUG

May's meeting started around 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance being recited. Everyone introduced themselves with their call signs and we greeted our visitor Miss Jolene Brown. We have a new member his name is Dwight Brown KC9DHD. Welcome Dwight.

PIO News:

Field Day News;

David (KC9MRS) told the members that Janet (KC9HUG) and himself went to Knox Mayor's office and Mayor Rick Chambers signed a proclamation stating the week of June 22–28 2009 will be ham radio week in our area. A picture was taken with David, Janet and Mayor Chambers and we will be sending it to the newspapers along with an article about ham radio and our field day event.



David told us that Mr. Mark Bailey of Bailey's Discount Center gave us a 10% discount on the purchase of a 200 foot rope for our Field Day Event. Hick Gas has donated 2 free filled cylinders of propane for our barbeque grill. The Specialty Shop in the Knox Mall has donated a tee shirt and hat.

Vice President's Report:

Randy (KC9ISJ) said he had a list of items that needed to be brought for Field Day, contact him to see if you can volunteer anything that we may need to make our event a success.

Treasurer's Report: Janet Reported;	
Checking account:	Starting balance + \$499.79
U.S. Post Office (stamps)	- \$8.40
Ending Balance	\$491.39
Cash on hand to be deposited:	
Selling of Technician's books	\$60.00
Dues money (Dwight)	\$5.00
Total money reported	\$566.39

Gary (KB9OLZ) reported that the Technician class is doing very well; their testing will be very soon, time, and date to be announced at a later date.

RACES Report:

John, W3ML provided the following RACES report:

Some of the equipment has started to come in, very slowly. The EMA Director Randy Abbey ordered the equipment from The Ham Station and that is all. What is in is the dual band 2/440, 2 meter and 220 meters, along with the ICOM 718. Also, John picked up the 220 antenna and the dual band antenna, a couple of power supplies, and an HF tuner.

John said he can't believe he didn't talk to me before he ordered this stuff as he paid \$200 for a filter for the ICOM that we could have done without. John is still after him to get the rest on order. John even offered to help order it.

John said, "In other news, being Section Manager, I applied for a grant for emergency radio equipment. I received one to put up an emergency repeater in the county seat, which is specifically stated in the grant. We know the county seat is Knox."

When the repeater is not in use by RACES or ARES it will be an open repeater for all to use. It should be ready in a month or two. It will have seven cans, three on receive and three on transmit, along with a Pass band cavity between the receive cans and the pre-amp.

John is politicking for a space on the new communications tower or at least on the one at the sheriff department when they move to the new one.

The builder says that we should have handheld range of 12 miles, but that it debatable. If so, we would have range from Highway 6 to north, Culver to the east, Tippecanoe Park to the south and just west of English Lake to west. The frequency will be 147.315 and the call sign is being processed. The repeater will have encode and decode tone of 131.8. John said, since there is no RACES license anymore we asked for a vanity club call of KN9OX under the name of KN9OX repeater association. John is the trustee and the repeater upkeep will be his responsibility. He said that he hopes to receive other grants for whatever may be needed for the repeater.

Later a motion was made by John, W3ML to deposit the grant money, which is specifically for the repeater into a separate checking account so that there can be no Club funds used in the purchase or support of the repeater. A checking account in the name of the KN9OX repeater association will keep the money separate.

The motion was voted on and passed with all in favor.

President's news:

May's Fox Hunt was held on Sunday May 17th Tony (W9AL) was the fox. We had a team of three members who found him first; they were Randy (N9CPX), Joe V, (KB9GQS) and Randy (KC9ISJ). (Mike (WB9L) and Ken (KC9MQD) came in next, and then Gary (KB9OLZ) and Jerry, Hugh (WO0P) and Chester followed. John (W3ML) and his lovely wife Paula showed up and next in line were Jack (WD9BHR) and his lovely sister.

Mike (KC9KPG) gave Randy, Randy and Joe vintage collectable cars from his collection of model cars for being the winners of May's fox hunt. Thanks Mike.

June's Fox Hunt will be held on Sunday June 21st. at 1:30 p.m. Randy (N9CPX) will be the fox. July's Fox Hunt will be held on July 19th Mike (WB9L) will be the Fox.

The Henry Schricker Public Library told Tony and Janet that we can display our Ham Radio items from June 5- July 3rd this year. In honor of Ham Radio Month 2009, any one wishing to display items for the window display contact Tony or Janet.

May's QSO party was held at Hugh's house, it was a success except the logs needed times and dates. There were 235 contacts in 11 hours. Tony worked with the contesters and got the paper logs accepted. Hugh (WO0P) said he would love to have the May QSO 2010 party next year.

May's raffle brought in \$22.00 for our club, which was deposited on May 22, 2009.

NEW NEWS;

Randy (KC9ISJ) suggested a few months ago that we could have a food pantry drive for the Community Services of Starke County. Janet talked to the Community Services of Starke County about our club having a food pantry drive during our Field Day Event. The C.S.O.S.C. said that would be great. Tony suggested that each member donate money for the food drive and we could then go buy cases of food instead of bringing in small bags of food. Food Drive items are as follows:

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ITEMS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY DRIVE:

ANY KIND OF THE FOLLOWING:

PEANUT BUTTER

JELLY

FRUIT JUICES/JUICE BOXES(CHILDREN'S SIZES)

KOOL-AID MIXES

WYLER'S DRINK MIXES

INSTANT TEAS/ TEA BAGS

KOOL-AID JUICE (BOTTLES)

CAPRI SUN- HI-C- GATORADE JUICES etc.

FRUIT SNACKS/CHIPS/PRETZELS etc.

POPCORN

TUNA

CANNED PASTAS:

CHEF BOY AR DEE/ DINTY MOORE/ CAMPBELL'S etc.

PASTA/ SPAGHETTI SAUCES

RICE/PASTA/NOODLES/HAMBURGER/TUNA HELPER

DRY SOUPS/MARUCHAN SOUPS

CANNED SOUPS

CRACKERS/COOKIES

CANNED VEGETABLES

CEREALS

INSTANT POTATOES

PUDDINGS/BAKING GOODS

ANYTHING ELSE YOU CAN THINK OF THEY ALSO

HAVE A REFRIGERATOR IF YOU WANT TO DONATE

COLD ITEMS. (we will not have anything to keep items cold

at field day. You can donate cold items yourself to the council

of aging building during office hours.)

Similar item

JUST WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR:

FIELD DAY NEWS

BREAKFAST

Saturday June 27, 2009

Around 7:30-8 a.m. to start

BREAKFAST AT:

COUNTY GARDEN RESTAURANT
1704 S. Heaton Street
Knox, Indiana
South of Knox's Mc Donald's and VFW Building
East side of the road

AFTER BREAKFAST:
SETTING UP FIELD DAY
AT WYTHOGAN PARK
301 WYTHOGAN PARK
KNOX, IN.
PAVILLON NUMBER 4

WHAT TO BRING:
SUNSHINE...NICE WEATHER... A FOOD DISH TO SHARE
WITH EVERYONE
ANY DONATIONS YOU WERE ABLE TO COLLECT.
ALL DAY AND ALL NIGHT SATURDAY
MAKE LOTS OF CONTACTS
BRING WARM CLOTHING IT GETS COOLER AT NIGHT
IF YOU SPEND THE NIGHT.

SUNDAY; BREAKFAST IN THE PARK A.M.
MAKE A LOT MORE CONTACTS.
BRING SOMETHING TO EAT TO SHARE
WITH EVERYONE
BRING COMFORTABLE CHAIRS TO SIT ON.

If you want more information about Field Day contact Randy (KC9ISJ)

May's presentation:
Levi (WB9CAO) gave a presentation of Hints and Kinks Trivia
Check out his picture REMEMBER A PICTURE IS WORTH A
THOUSAND WORDS. LOL (Laugh Out Loud.) Thanks, Levi
Levi's presentation Part 2 will be at June's meeting.



June's meeting is June 21st. 2009 7p.m. at the Knox Library. If you have anything of interest to share with the club bring it to the meeting. May's meeting ended around 9:07 pm.
73's KC9HUG