

Hello,

On Thursday, February 21, 2008 our monthly meeting was held at the Knox Library. The meeting started around 7:05 p.m. and we had 24 members in attendance and we had 4 visitors. In attendance was:

WC2O, KC9GKZ, KC9MRS, KB9OLZ, N9LU, N9JU, KC9ISJ, N9CPX, KC9JRX, KB9GPW, N9QYR, N9LV, WO0P, AA9YQ, WA9KRT, KC9HUB, KC9HUD, KC9HUG, W3ML, W9AL, KC9ISI, KC9GKZ, WB9CAO, WB9L. On our visitor's list is Shelly Fretz, Joseph Oliver, Ken Norberg, and Dan Cummins.

Old Business:

Tony mentioned that dues of \$5.00 was now due, and to pay Dawn (KC9HUD). Dawn gave us a treasurer's report that our club has \$242.98 in our bank account

Gary gave an ARES report from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security.

Tony told us that the RACES meeting will be held on Tuesday March 11, 2008 at the Langer's house, weather permitting

Matt (N9LV) in is need of video's or pictures of your ham shacks or other pictures pertaining to Amateur Radio, like putting up antennas or someone using Morse Code or even something from field days. He wants the video to be 30-45 minutes long. If you have any questions contact Matt, N9LV.

Matt said he would contact people about different festivals around the area to see if our club could participate in their events. He will let us know what he finds out at the next meeting. We discussed being in our areas festival parades and having an information booth to promote our club .

The April meeting will be held at the North Judson American Legion on March 20, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Tony talked about having the meetings alternate between North Judson and Knox every other month. We are going to alternate meeting places and in June we will discuss it more and vote on it if not before.

We also talked about field day, where and when and who will be there. The members will think about it and we will discuss it at the next meeting.

New Business:

Everyone liked the idea of the Starke County Simplex Net being a directed net. It meets on Wednesday night at 7p.m. on 146.550 simplex. Our Saturday night net is also a directed net, We voted on having both nets being a directed net. and if you do not check in 3 times in a row you will be taken off the list until you ask to be put back on the list.

Bob (KC9ISI ) suggested that we have a daytime, weekday net. Tony told him that he could do it any time and he is to send John how many sessions and how many minutes the net ran and how many people checked in. The first daytime net of the Starke County Amateur Radio will be held on Monday at 11:00 a.m. So if you're not busy please check in.

We discussed areas that we could possibly have our Field Day at; like Shady Acres Park, Hamlet Fairgrounds, Water Tower Park, Wythogan Park. If you have any ideas contact Tony (W9AL) and we could add it to our list of places.

We discussed having a family picnic, we also had a thought of a display of radio items and literature at the Knox Library to be displayed during Amateur Radio Month in June.

Tony told us that Jim Sellers (K9ZBM) is retiring from the ARRL Section Manager job and if anyone would be interested in the job to contact Jim Sellers.

Tony brought up an idea about our club having a tee shirt made with our emblem on it. He told us about the color, prices. It was tabled until next month to see if any other place could make them for less.

RACES members have to do the 100 and 700 tests from FEMA on line and you need to attend practices and exercises. There is also a background check that is needed, any questions contact John (W3ML).

Our meeting ended around 8:15 P.M.

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Have a great day!  
73 Janet KC9HUG