

On April 17, 2008 at the Schricker Library in Knox Indiana the Starke County Amateur Radio Club held its April Meeting. In attendance were Gary, Randy, Randy, Ken, Mike, John, Mike, David, Joe V, Joseph, Tony, Lisa, Russell, Janet, Dan, Bob, Roy, Dawn, Mathew, Ken, Bill, Paul, and Mike. Patrick McCarty was visiting but signed up to be a member.

Members wearing the club t- shirts this meeting was Joe, Russell, Lisa, Bob, Tony, Janet, David, Gary, Dan, and Mike. It was voted by the members to hold our meetings in Knox at the library until further notice.

The club bought and paid for 6 W5YI Tech books which were given to Randy (ISJ) to hold onto, he has volunteered to have the clubs library so if you want to any of the books he has contact Randy ISJ. We will have a list of the books that are available to use. If you have any books you want to donate to the clubs library, contact Randy. Janet and Dawn took the money from the clubs account and paid Matt for the books. We also paid for the trophies that will be given to the Starke County 4-Hrs for this years events. The treasurer's report shows we have \$150.78 in the clubs savings account.

Tony will be having surgery soon and Randy N9CPX , Russell N9JU and Lisa N9LU has volunteered to do the Wednesday Simplex net until further notice. Thanks.

A Skywarn net needs to be used for the county if the weather gets bad. We need someone to be the net control if the weather gets bad. Please volunteer. If interested in being net control, contact Gary (KB9OLZ) Starke County's Emergency Coordinator.

Bob (KC9ISI) still holds a Monday net at 11 am each Monday morning on Matt's repeater. Please check in.

It was discussed that the club may be involved in parades, Mike KC9KPG has access to a 16 foot trailer and Matt (W9LV) has the truck to haul it. Mathew will give more details about the upcoming parades at the next meeting.

As of now for breakfast before Field Day begins we will meet at the Country Garden Restaurant at 8 a.m. Set up time for the Field Day will be after breakfast.

Field Day- June 28 and 29, 2008 will be held at the Wythogan Park, in Knox, Indiana at pavilion number 4. The Knox clerk's office gave us the pavilion free of charge.

We need tarps to cover the sides in case of bad weather. Hugh, Mike, David, Joe, Bob, and Gary have volunteered to spend all night. We will use the clubs call sign W9JOZ. The GOTA station will be WB9L's Call, Gary and Mike will be running it. The clubs radio will be used for Field Day. Tony will bring his radios, UTC clock, tent, tuner, a couple of antennas, RACES and ARES information, table, Xmas lights or flood lights, a few extension cords and coax. Randy (N9CPX) will bring a tent and tables also. Mathew also has a generator, antennas that he will bring and Mike (KC9KPG) also has a tarp that he will bring, Joe V. and Tony will bring rope. Dan has contacted some vendors, as of now he has 50 chicken wings from Ponderosa in Plymouth, Mikey's Pizza in Knox has donated 2 pizzas, and Save-a lot has donated a couple cases of soda. Janet will talk to her vendors for donations; she will also try to get flyers to pass out to local business about Field Day. Hugh will bring bread and buns.

Gary KB9OLZ will have a training table set up at Field Day; there will also be an information table about ham radio. Randy N9CPX will contact WKVI for announcements on the radio about Field Day. Letters about Field Day will be sent to the surrounding areas newspapers with information about why we will be there. Any questions about Field Day contact Randy N9CPX, Randy KC9ISJ, Hugh WO0P, or Gary KB9OLZ, your Field Day Committee. Bring your chairs to sit on and also bring treats or food to share with everyone, also bring warm clothes in case it gets chilly out there and bug spray.

Everyone will help tear down our Field Day set up. Put June 28 and 29th on your **summer** calendar of things to do and places to go.

At our next meeting May 15, 2008 more information about Field Day will be discussed, also think of something to do for July, August and September. In October we meet in Radioville to have a special radio event.

Happy Birthday to Garland KC9GKZ on May 16th.

A fellow ham and friend has passed away (N9NCY) Mrs. Nancy Perkins SK.

Have a great month.

73 Janet