

February 2009 Meeting

Starke County Amateur Radio Club

JUST A FEW NOTES:

Members who live in the central time zone-(who turn their clocks ahead and back,) don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour, Sunday March 8 at 2 a.m. or before you go to bed, so when you wake up Sunday morning it'll be the correct time.

*Editors Notes: All time zones move their clocks ahead. We will still be an hour behind South Bend and the east coast.*

ANOTHER NOTE: March's meeting will be held WEDNESDAY MARCH 18, 2009. The Library has a previous commitment on Thursday. IF THIS CHANGES TONY WILL CONTACT YOU VIA RADIO CONTACT, EMAIL, BY PHONE OR LISTEN TO WKVI.

February's meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Tony gave us an update on old news. In attendance was Gary KB9OLZ, Randy KC9ISJ, Joe M. KB9KE, David KC9MRS, Joseph O. KC9NFD, Mike S. KC9KPG, Paul N9QYK, Ken N. KC9MQD, Garland KC9GKZ, Bob KC9ISI, Mike M. WB9L, Bill WC2O, Hugh WO0p, Steve KB9GPW, Joe K. AA9YQ, Joe V. KB9GQS, John W3ML, Ken W. W9MTE, Levi WB9CAO, Randy B. N9CPX, Janet KC9HUG, Tony W9AL.

Welcome to a new member Duce Erdelyi N9PCR he is an Extra.

Tony said he thought it would be nice to thank the Starke County Community Foundation for the grant money that we received. He passed around a thank you card and the members who were at the meeting signed it. Janet will send it out Monday. Tony also showed the members their picture in Thursday's February 19, 2009 The Leader Newspaper. It has a short note about the club and how the grant money will be used. Janet wrote the article and contacted The Leader and now it's in newspaper.

John W3ML told us the results of the election;

President - Tony W9AL

Vice President/Special Event Coordinator Randy S. KC9ISJ

Secretary/Treasurer -Janet KC9HUG

P.I.O. - David KC9MRS

Other Positions:

Webmaster- John W3ML

Net Manager- Hugh WO0P

Money collected from last month's dues and raffle was deposited.

The club purchased a self inking stamp with the club's name on it, to stamp our library's books and or flyers. We also bought for the pc a mouse and cable. The balance of the checkbook is \$403.74 as of February 18<sup>th</sup>. We collected \$ 24.00 in this month's raffle and \$70.00 collect for dues. The members voted to purchase an Extra WY5I book and an Emergency Handbook for Gary's presentations.

New Business:

A QSO contest is May 2, 2009. Hugh said that we can have it at his house, more information at a later date.

Joe, KB9KE volunteered to make membership/ID cards for the club.

David, KC9MRS reported he talked to WKVI radio station and they will announce our club meeting on the day of the meeting so keep your ear to WKVI Radio Station.

Janet will give David information of radio and newspapers' addresses and emails, so he can send out news press releases for our club's activities.

We talked about getting a Tech class started. Joseph, KC9NFD told us that a group of people at his church would be interested in becoming hams. It was talked about holding the class during summer time. David, KC9MRS will talk to his

contacts to see if a place could be available for all ages to be part of the class. Tony said he's talk to the library about what dates would be available for other classes. Gary, KB9OLZ will find out about the Washington Township Fire House to see if we would be available to hold classes there.

It was brought up for a vote and the vote passed. The Wednesday night simplex net will now be the ARES/RACES/SKYWARN Net. All check-ins will be welcome.

Field Day:

Mike, WB9L told us he got the Knox Shelter #4 in Wythogan Park donated for our Field Day Event June 27 & 28. Thanks Mike.

Tony thanked Randy, N9CPX on a fine job he did on Field Day last year. We found out we needed a group of committees so that one person does not have to do it all. Randy, KC9ISJ will handle the list of volunteers and supply lists.

Mike, WB9L told us he has 2 computers for the event, and a logging program he donated to the club. We will discuss more of Field Day next month.

KC9ISJ gave a power point presentation on attaching PL 259s to cables.

Saturday February 28, 2009 is LaPorte's Ham Fest. The ham fest hours are from 7a.m. to 1 p.m. central time. We are meeting for Saturday breakfast at Christos' Restaurant in LaPorte (RT 2 and 39) at 6 a.m. See you there.

Next month Levi, WB9CAO will have a talk on apartment antennas.

In the future there will be discussion on electronic components, mobile installations. If you want to know about a certain topic bring it up at the next meeting and we will put it on the agenda.

February's meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

See everyone next month on WEDNESDAY March 18, 2009

73 KC9HUG