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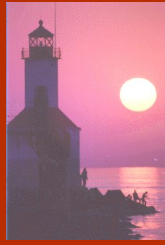
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# LAPORTE COUNTY

## HARBOR BEAM



**146.970 / 441.950 W9LY**  
DIGITAL/FM PL 131.8 DIGITAL/ WIRES-X  
**146.610 K9JSI**

What's New? I guess we should ask what is old and making a big come back, in Amateur Radio. Well the answer is APRS. For those who fairly new, to our hobby, APRS is Automated Packet Reporting System. It has been around for some twenty years and a number of new radios sold today have APRS built into the radio. A packet is data that you send or receive from one radio to another. Most radios use GPS to send your position. You can also send and receive text messages. Now I want you to forget about your cell phones, for the moment. We are Amateurs and our hobby is all about what can we do. Yes you send messages with your phone, but this is about having fun, with the hobby. Of course I could bring up, 'WHAT IF'. What if someone cuts a T3 line and cell phones and internet goes down? With APRS Amateurs could send messages across the street or even around the world. Again our hobby is about having fun. After all, that is the concept of having a hobby is to have fun with it. Some people do jigsaw puzzles as a hobby, we have radios to have fun.

Recently Les Turner, W9LRT donated a new digi, at the tower site. A digipeater is a repeater that hears packets and sends them back out. The APRS Network is digi's passing packets from one to another. We are in the testing phase and working on increasing it's range, but it is up and running.  
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For awhile now, it has been hard getting into 146.970. We found that the wind whipped our antenna into the mast therefore grounding it out. So we are waiting for nice weather and a brave sole to fix the problem.

## Meeting Notice

Our next club meeting is Monday, May 20th at 7:00pm at the Tower Site. Our summer picnic Starts at 6:00pm. Brats & Hotdogs with a side is this months menu.

# The Inside Page

The past few months, we have been running series Getting To Know Our Members. We ask our members questions about the hobby, and they often share stories from the past. Our club has such a rich history. So we wanted to share that history with you. This month we interviewed Anthony Fields “Tony” KA8UGB. Tony is a member of the club. So we asked him.....

When did you get your first ticket?  
1982

Who was the first amateur you knew?  
WB8WGG - Rich Bergells

Who inspired you to get your ticket?  
WB8WGG - Rich Bergells  
N8DXB - Jim Hoffman

Who was your mentor or elmer?  
WB8WGG - Rich Bergells

What was the first radio you owned?  
Tempo 1

Is there anything you enjoyed about the hobby but no longer use or miss?  
Not really

What mode of operation is your favorite?  
SSB/CW

What is your favorite radio you own?  
Yaesu FL101/FR101D

What is your favorite radio today?  
Ten Tec ORION  
- most anything Ten tec

Current occupation/vocation ?  
Pastor  
Motor Control Technology Specialist

Tony is married to Debi N8KCZ. Both are active on the radio.

CLUB MEETING.....

OK..... It's May and winter should be over. Our club will be starting up it's summer picnic again. We have our club meetings at the tower site, during the summer. Before the meeting we have a picnic. It is a time to get together with friends, old and new. Come early and have dinner out doors before the club meeting. Each month we try to be different on what is being served. This month we will be grilling brats and hotdogs. Now what else says summer than brats and hotdogs.

Looking for chain saws.....

Old man winter did a number, at the tower site. We are looking for members who have chain saws to spend some time, at the tower site cutting up fallen trees. Some trees have been uprooted. So if you feel like winter kicked you in the butt or you if have anger management issues, get your chain saw and take it all out on the fallen trees.

Field Day is a little over a month away. What are your plans?

At our next meeting we will be discussing Field Day.

Field Day is the start of Summer Fun with Amateur Radio

Fox Hunt and a new twist? Starting on Field Day weekend Zippy is going on cross country road trip. So "Where Is Zippy?" The one who can pin point Zippy's location the most and the closest wins. Now how can you do this? Hmmmmm..... With Amateur Radio of course. Zippy will be running APRS. His car is set up as a radio hot spot, so you can ask him where he is at. You can call him on America Link. The only radio he will be using is a HT.

Let's have fun with Amateur Radio.

The Mighty 970 is back! Thanks to Ron, Les and Ken , last week they freed up the antenna that was wrapped in the mast. They also adjusted the radiation patterns so that those to the north and east have better coverage. Thank you guys, it sounds great and I can hit it with my HT.



When climbing Ron found feed-line from another antenna was wrapped up in our antenna.

Ron Wilusz climbing a tower, on top of tower, that is on top of the tower.



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The LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club is open to anyone who want to learn about Amateur Radio. Our club supports three repeaters K9JSI 146.610, W9LY 146.970 (analog & C4FM Digital), 441.950 (analog & digital) \*\* Connected to C4FM Wires-X network on digital mode only.

Club meetings 3rd Monday of each month 7pm.

Annual Events:  
Cabin Fever Hamfest  
Field Day  
Light House Weekend  
Christmas Party

We also have summer picnics before our meetings.



## Back Page Story Headline

### FEEDBACK



Have you visited our web page lately. We have new pages and updates. You can find it at [lpcarc.org](http://lpcarc.org)

Hint: look for the flashing icons to find the new pages.

Members helping members, that is what our club is all about. Rather than complaining, our "members" came together to solve a problem, to help our "members". There will always be those who complain, after all the world does revolve around them. They are the ones when they don't get their way, they cry out how unfair things are for them. They are the ones who don't support the club, but expect that what we offer should be free and 100% perfect just for them. Rather than thanking those who worked to improve something, they raise their voices to complain, it wasn't enough. It's not perfect for me. How sad!

### Mark your calendars:

May Meeting: May 20th

Field Day June 22 and 23rd

Thursday Morning Breakfast every week



Get out of your chair.....

Come out and join us.