



LAPORTE COUNTY / HARBOR BEAM NOVEMBER 2015



146.970 / 441.950 (W9LY)

DIGITAL/FM DIGITAL/FM

146.610 (K9JSI)

Echolink Node: 193001 (146.970)

WIRES-X #21421 (441.950)



WHO WE ARE

Communications:

Matt Lasayko, KC9KUD

Dave Kaufman NU9I

Repeater Committee:

Matt Lasayko, Ron Broviak

Dan Sheetz, Ken Osborne,

Todd Saboff, Dan Foster,

Dave Kaufman, Mike

Broviak, Curt Yeater

Internet:

Stan Vandiver

Mike Broviak, Todd Saboff

Field Day:

John Phillips

NEWS LETTER:

Ken Osborne

Activities:

John Phillips

VE TESTING:

Scott Tharp

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Barb Cave

MEMBERSHIP:

Troy Harrison

AMATEUR RADIO A BRIDGE TO FRIENDSHIP

President:

Brian Salzer KB9HMR

Vice President:

John Phillips KA9PGC

Secretary:

Barb Cave KA6OJX

Treasure:

Ken Osborne N9ZIP

Board Members:

Ron Broviak, WA9RON

Dan Foster, KC9GFO

Scott Tharp N9NKK

Trustee W9LY:

Dan Sheetz W9DWS

Trustee K9JSI:

Todd Saboff, AC9HQ

Tower Site:

Ken Osborne

John Phillips

Dan Foster

Bob Smith

Fund Raising:

Brian Salzer

Ken Osborne

Troy Harrison

Ron Broviak

MEETING NOTICE:

Next LaPorte County
Amateur Radio club
meeting is Monday
November 16th
7pm
@ THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

**LAPORTE COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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Ken Maynard, W8KRM

SKYWARN:

Ken Osborne, N9ZIP

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FOR 2016**

**JOTA
REVISTED**

**ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**

WELCOME



**TO
THE
LaPorte
County
Amateur Radio
Club**

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WEEKLY BREAKFAST

Club members meet for Breakfast at

TOPSKILLET

1st Thursday of the month @ 8am

B&J's

All other Thursday's @8am

Both locations are in LaPorte

The LaPorte County / Harbor Beam is published on the Saturday, before the monthly club meeting, 12 times each year, as a service of the LaPorte County Amateur Club; for it's members and those interested. Inquires and submissions should be sent to the LaPorte County / Harbor Beam Editor at our e-mail address info@lpcarc.org.

CLOSING THE YEAR

Our Next meeting, is the last, for 2015. We will have no meeting in December, instead we'll be having our Christmas party. Our officers, for 2016 will take office on January 1st.

Now is the time to think of, who should be named Amateur of the Year.

Who do you think, should recieve this award?



2016 OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

Brian Salzer KB9HMR

VICE-PRESIDENT:

John Phillips KA9PGC

SECRETARY: Barb Cave KA6OJX

TREASURE: Ken Osborne N9ZIP

BOARD MEMBERS

Ron Broviak, WA9RON

Dave Kaufman NU9I

Dan Foster, KC9GFO

Trustee W9LY: Dan Sheetz W9DWS

Trustee K9JSI: Todd Saboff, AC9HQ

CONGRATULATIONS

MEETING NOTICE

OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS

ARE NOW AT THE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN LAPORTE, UPSTAIRS

NEW

Recently our repeater committee installed a APRS Digipeater, at the tower site, under the call W9LY. With so many radios being sold, having APRS built in, we put it back on line after of few years of being off. To our surprise, we saw a number of members using APRS and our Dipipeater will fill in the coverage gap.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

In December we will be having our annual Christmas Party. This year we will have our steal a gift. Every one will be asked to bring a gift under \$10.00. When you come in, you will put your name on the gift list. The first person on the list, has first pick out of all the gifts. When the last gift is exchanged, the steal a gift begins. With a donation of \$5.00, to the club, you can steal some one's gift that you may like to have. There is no limit on the number of steals.

The party is Saturday, December 12th at 6pm



HEY TECH'S

Ever wonder what's like to work DX stations or stations across the U.S.? We'll you can. All you need is your HT or mobile radio. Check our 70cm Repeater, you never know who might be there. You don't have to be a General Class to work DX stations, when you use the repeater.

How awesome is that?

WIRES-X SNAP SHOT



Stations on the air
Text Msg.
Room/Node Name
Our Favorites
Rooms On Line

The above is a snap shot of the W9LY computer, running WIRES-X. Our Control Operators can visually monitor or connection. The W9LY and the K9JSI repeater systems has internet access, which allows us to have full control of our repeaters. If needed, we can shut either repeater remotely, which keeps us in compliance with FCC rules and regulations.

JOTA ANOTHER BIG HIT

Last month, members came out to Potatoe Creek to spend the day with the Boy Scouts and their families. John Philips set up his HF rig. Two members from Marshall County set up a mobile rig. Ken, Gary and Barb brought HT's. This year, the kids had allot of fun. Some got to talk on HF. Allot got a chance to talk to our roving HT's, as will as others. Some of the parents got in the act, talking to their scouts. A number of troop leaders, who were Amateurs talked while on the trials. We even had scouts, trying to find the buried treauer, in the park. OK, the treasuer was potaotes, after all we were at Potatoe Creek. most of all, the kids had fun, playing with the radios. One girl took a HT and played Hide and Seek with her mom. If was allot of fun for all.

With all the interest in "Fox Hunting", I will relate a "fox hunt" in which 2-members of the LPARC took first place with a minimum of equipment:

In the summer of 1961, Jim Conrad, K9LHC (now W8MQ), and myself, K9STH, went to the ARRL Central Division Convention in Springfield, Illinois. Our vehicle was Jim's station wagon with a Heath HW-29A "Sixer" and a helical 6-meter mobile whip antenna. It was at this convention that I first met Wayne Green, W2NSD, of 73 Magazine who had just purchased the very first magazine article that I had ever written. Anyway, I am getting away from the story!

One morning, there was to be a transmitter hunt on the 6-meter band and Jim, and I, decided to participate. There were at least 30 participants, maybe even more. A number of the participants had various antennas, hand held equipment, and so for and were, to put it bluntly, "loaded for bear". Everyone was "chomping at the bit" to get started.

Among the onlookers was a teen age amateur radio operator, around our age, who was trying to get a ride with one of the transmitter hunt participants, but, to no avail. When he asked us, we agreed to take him along. I don't remember his call, but, he was a local Springfield boy. That fact worked well into our adventure.

Not having any antenna except for the mobile whip, we tried using ourselves as reflectors for the mobile whip. To our pleasant surprise, that actually worked fairly well. Getting our first bearing, we started off in that relative direction. Several minutes later, the transmitter was operated again and we got our second bearing and that narrowed down the direction just a little bit. Another period of time and we got our third bearing. Of course, with our primitive direction finding equipment, we were just guessing at the exact direction.

Our guest started thinking. Then, he said that there was an old gravel pit several miles in the general direction that we had determined. With nothing to lose, we started in that direction. Since there was not even an "S" meter on the "Sixer", the only way we could even get a "hint" that the signal was stronger was to check and see just how much the tuning knob could be turned before the signal would drop out. The stronger the signal on the regenerative receiver the farther the knob could be turned before losing the signal. The signal was definitely getting stronger!

As we drove into the area we looked around. There were a few abandoned vehicles in the area. Then, we spotted an older pickup truck that seemed to have someone sitting in the cab. So, we drove up to the vehicle and, sure enough, the hidden transmitter was there! As such, we got first place in the hidden transmitter hunt. About 10-minutes later, the second hunter vehicle arrived. This was one of the operators who had a LOT of equipment dedicated to transmitter hunting. Soon, more vehicles arrived and wanted to know who "got there" first and wanted to see our equipment.

When we showed them the "Sixer" and helical wound whip, they could not believe that we had found the hidden transmitter first. Of course, we "played it up" as being our exceptional skill and technical abilities. However, we definitely did not reveal our "secret weapon", the teenager that all of them had refused to take along!

Glen, K9STH

The October meeting of LPCARC was called to order by Brian Salzar at 7:00 PM on October 19, 2015.

Minutes of LPCARC October.

Pledge of allegiance was recited by all members present.

The minutes of the September , 2015 was read by Secretary Barbara Cave. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Mike Broviak, seconded by Ron Broviak. Motion carried.

Treasurer Ken Osborne reported the Fund Raising balance as \$3506.34 , general account balance \$410.71, Radio account \$125.57, Tin can balance \$55.84. Ken received a bill from City Ice for Hesston \$144.00. Dave Kaufman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Ron Broviak seconded. Motion carried.

Brian Salzar reported that he had mailed letters and 2 free Hamfest tickets to each of local clubs.

The guest, Jim KC9EWT was introduced. Each member introduced themselves

John Phillips reported on Jota (Jamboree on the Air) at Boy Scout Ironman camp out at Potato Creek on Saturday October 17 2015. Discussion of having a class. Troy Harrison says he is willing to teach classes if the club will purchase the books from ARRL at a cost of \$25.00. Ron made a motion the club consider purchasing the books, Todd Saboff seconded. Donations of \$25.00 was received toward the project. Motion amended to purchasing the books. Motion carried. Troy will order the books.

Flyers for LPCARC Hamfest are ready to go to the Fort Wayne Hamfest.

Nominations were open to the floor after the reading of the nominees. Election by secret ballot.

Presentation by Carlos and Ken on Wires X and digital software while ballots were being counted.

Election results were; President Brian Salzar, Vice president John Phillips, Secretary, Barbara Cave, Treasurer Ken Osborne, Board members Ron Broviak, and Dave Kaufman. Trustee Dan Sheets and Todd Saboff were retained.

Christmas party will be on Saturday December 12, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Tower site.

Nominations for Ham of the Year may be emailed to President Brian Salzar.

Dave has 8 shirts ready for delivery. We can order quarter zip sweatshirts for \$32.00 (thru size XL- \$1. more for each size larger) with the club emblem and your call sign. Looking into patches.

Next meeting date November 16, 2015 at 7:00 at Knights of Columbus, La Porte, IN

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm with a motion by Mike and second by Barbara, motion carried.

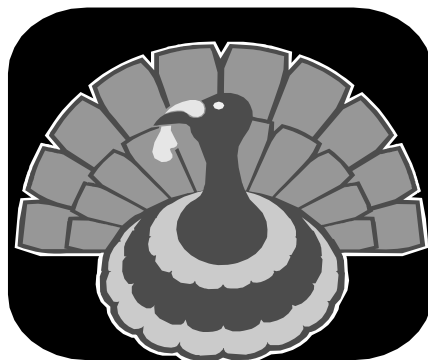
Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Cave



CQ CQ CQ the sweatshirts ordered at the last meeting are in. Dave has them and will have them along with all other polo and t's that have been ordered previously, at the next meeting. Also if anyone wants to order anything they can order it by e-mail at nu9i@arrl.net or at the meetings.

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING





LPCARC
CHRISTMAS
PARTY



Saturday
December, 12th
6:00pm



At the Tower Site
US 35 & Schultz Rd.

\$5.00 Donation
per/person
13 yr/old under free
Bring a side dish
Main dish provided



Gift Exchange
\$10.00 and under



Calendar of Events



GET ON BOARD
JOIN IN THE FUN
WITH AMATEUR RADIO

LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Calendar for 2015

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT **NOV** DEC

Meeting	19	16	16	20	18	15	20	17	21	19	16	TBA
Location	LP	LP	LP	LP	TS	TS	TS	TS	TS	LP	LP	TS

LP= LaPorte Knights of Columbus TS= Tower Site, U.S. 35 & Schultz Rd.

ANNUAL
X MAS PARTY
December 12th @ 6pm

CABIN FEVER
HAMFEST
2016