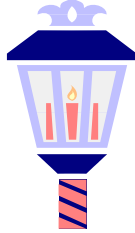


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146.970 / 441.950 (W9LY)

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146.610 (K9JSI)

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WIRES-X #21421 (441.950)



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MEETING NOTICE:

Next LaPorte County
Amateur Radio club
meeting will
not be held.
We will have our
Christmas Party

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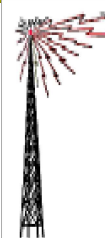
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WEEKLY BREAKFAST

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

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MEETING NOTICE

OUR MONTHLY

WILL NOT BE HELD

THIS MONTH!

IT'S PARTY

TIME



A look back...

Where has 2015 gone too? What a year for our club. Last year, at this time, if you would said we would buy two new repeaters, that our club as gone digital, that someone from an HT could talk to someone around the world, from our repeater, I would have laughed. But it happened!

What makes it more impressive, our club had the resources to do this. That says allot for the membership and shows how much our club has grwon over the past few years. It took allot of work and help from our members.

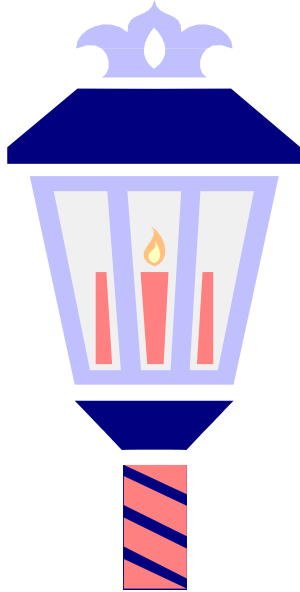
January 1 marks four full years since the club merged, and look at at us now. Our annual Hamfest is comming back to life. Our Membership has grown. Our activites has increased.



Above is picture of the W9LY repeater back in 2002. Allot has changed.

What will 2016 bring to the club?





HEY TECH'S

Ever wonder what's like to work DX stations or stations across the U.S.? Well 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?



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Merry Christmas, yes it is that time of year again and 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 date and time of the party is Saturday December 12th at 6:00pm at the Tower Site, U.S. 35 and Schultz Rd, LaPorte

Donation of \$5.00 for those of you over 13 yrs, to help cover the cost. We ask that you bring a side dish, the club will provide the main course and drinks.

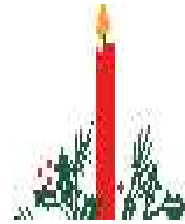
See you there.

Merry Christmas





TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



Twass the night before Christmas, with my new radio in place,
Not a radio was stirring, not even my base.
The radio was tuned in the shack with care,
In hopes that someone soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their bed,
I took out my headphones, and placed them on my head.
I keyed up the radio and nothing was heard,
The repeater wasn't working, that was weird.

I called Dan to tell him that we had no chatter,
He sprang from the couch to see what was the matter.
Away to the tower he flew like a flash,
He ran up the stairs like a twenty yard dash.



The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Dan took a momnet to look at the ground below.
He looked at see if the problem should appear,
Why it wasn't working wasn't very clear.

With a little old screw driver, he poked a bit,
He even checked our Wires-X, and the lights were lit.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
Then he whistled in the mic, then called my name.

CQ CQ he called in the night!
Still the repeater wasn't working, not that's not right!
He checked the coax attached to the wall!
He took the mic to make another call!





As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
maybe it is the antenna mounted in the sky.
So up to the roof-top he quickly flew,
With tools in his pouch, and large hammer too.

And then, in flash, he was on the roof,
The wind was so cold, he wish he had some eighty proof.
As he climbed out of the hatch and he looked around,
The hammer held suddenly fell to the ground.



Dan was dressed in Cartharts, from his head to his foot,
He adjusted his tool belt, so that tools would stay put.
With a bundle of coax he flung on his back,
He looked around the feedling to see if it was cracked.

Dan's eyes-how they twinkled! His dimples how merry!
His cheeks were cold, his nose like a cheery!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
As he looked across the land that was white with snow.

The wind blew cold as he gritted his teeth,
Then he saw the glow from the tower's Christmas wreath.
He then went to work and checked the hardline,
The shook his head, because it was fine.

With the Christmas wreath's red glow, he looked liked an elf,
He paused and laughed, in spite of himself.
A wink of his eye and twist of his head,
He knew the problem was nothing to dread.



He left the roof, climbing down the stairs,
He thought there must be someway to make repairs.
Still as he wondred, but he did not fret,
He went to the controller and pushed the reset.

The repeater sprang to life, and he confirmed with a whistle,
then away home, he flew like a thistle.
And I heard him exclaim, 'on the radio', as he drove out of sight,

"MERRY CHRISTMAS to all, and to all a good-night!

For I got Digital, Digital. I got a new digital.

Let's all get into digital.

Let me hear the those radios talk, those radios talk.

Let me hear those radios talk,

For I got Digital, Digital..... "



Calendar of Events



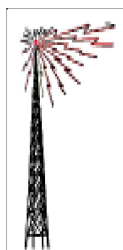
**GET ON BOARD
JOIN IN THE FUN
WITH AMATEUR RADIO**

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.



W9LY

ANNUAL X MAS PARTY December 12th

6:00pm

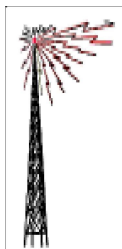
at the Tower Site

\$5.00 Donation, at the door.

Bring a side dish

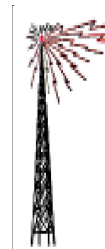


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CABIN FEVER HAMFEST



K9JSI

Cabin Fever HamFest

Saturday, February 27th , 2016

7:00 am-1pm CST

La Porte Civic Auditorium

1001 Ridge St, La Porte, Indiana

General Admission \$7.00

Talk-In 146.610 (131.8)

For Table Reservations

Contact:

cabinfeverhamfest@gmail.com

Free Parking

Food Concessions

VE TESTING 9am

Door Prizes

Tables \$15.00/per

(1st table includes 1 free admission)

Electric \$5.00 extra

(per Vendor / Limited Access)

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS

MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

BY FEB 13TH ,2016

No Refunds

Reservations can be mailed to:

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PO BOX 148

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**Here is
The Cure!**

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