

LAPORTE COUNTY / HARBOR BEAM JANUARY 2016



146.970 / 441.950 (W9LY)
DIGITAL/FM DIGITAL/FM

146.610 (K9JSI)
Echolink Node: 193001



WIRES-X #21421

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

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Barb Cave KA6OJX

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Ken Osborne N9ZIP

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Ron Broviak, WA9RON

Dan Foster, KC9GFO

Dave Kaufman, NU9I

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Dan Sheetz W9DWS

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Ken Osborne

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Dan Foster

Bob Smith

Fund Raising:

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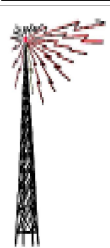
Ron Broviak

MEETING NOTICE:

Next LaPorte County
Amateur Radio club
meeting is
Monday January 18th
7pm
@ THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

**LAPORTE COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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Ken Maynard, W8KRM

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Ken Osborne, N9ZIP

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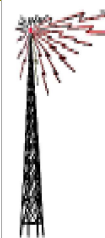
**Happy New
Year**

**WIRES-X
UPGRADE**

CLUB DUES

HAMFEST

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.

CLUB DUES

Your Club Membership Dues is now being taken. Your dues can be paid any club meeting, or by mail.

2016 DUES
\$15.00

Our Mailing Address is:

LPCARC
P.O. Box 148
Michigan City, Indiana 46361



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Well..... It's 2016. On January 1st our new Board Member took office. In a little over a month away, our Hamfest will be here. Soon we'll be mowing the grass again, and thinking of Field Day.

Our club is still growing and 2016 looks to be an awesome year. Membership Dues are now being taking. Dues remain unchanged at \$15.00. Your dues goes to supporting club activities and our repeaters.

Did you know that ten percent of your dues goes directly to growing and maintaining our repeaters? OK \$1.50 doesn't sound like much, but it adds up. Your ten percent is set aside to used only for radio expenses.

Again, we ask for help with the Hamfest. At our next meeting, the Hamfest will be the main topic.

Also at our next meeting, 2015 accounting report will be reported.

So what will 2016 bring?

WIRES-X UPGRADE

Well, after waiting for what seemed like forever, Yeasu finally came out with the Firmware upgrade for the repeaters and Wires-X. Guess what, it wasn't the upgrade we've been waiting for. So we are still waiting.

We are not 100% sure, what this magical upgrade will do, but repeaters currently being shipped have the version we are looking for. The new firmware, when ever it is released, will enhance the digital side, and our digital users will notice the biggest change.

Analog users on the 2m system will not see any change, in service. The effect on 70cm system, connected to WIRES-X, is still being debated.

Digital users of the 2m system will see the enhanced features, was the upgrade is installed. Digital users of the 70cm will see it there was well, and the 70cm would be able to pass and receive full digital, over WIRES-X. This would allow our repeater to connect to other repeaters, with all the digital functions. As more and more repeaters are coming on line, with WIRES-X, we are looking at linking repeaters locally.

Listen to the 70cm system. Currently we are connected to node with a average of 45 nodes and repeaters. You will hear allot of DX calling CQ. Currently your analog radio will be able to contact them. If no one is on the air, give out call, you might be surprised who comes back.

A LITTLE SECRET

Did you know.....

that our club has three, yes I said three repeaters?

The K9JSI located in LaPorte is great 2m repeater, with great coverage. It also has remote receivers located through out the county.



The FCC has made it easier for hams to file RF interference and other complaints, thanks to a new feature of the FCC's recently redesigned [website](#). The addition was made at ARRL's request. Hams have always been able to file such complaints, but when a new complaint system geared largely to consumers came online a year ago, they lost the ability to do so via e-mail to a dedicated address.

The change made it less clear how amateurs should file such complaints and what, if anything, would result. Once on the FCC site, click "File a Consumer Complaint" on the right side of the screen. The next page lists several categories. Under "Radio," click on "File Complaint." This will take you to a web form that you can fill out. The form includes a drop-down menu for the "Radio Issues" field. Pick one, such as "Interference." This will bring down another menu. The "Your Radio Method" field includes another drop-down menu. Select "Amateur Radio." Complete the rest of the form. It is possible to add attachments. Click on "Submit" to file your complaint.

Source: ARRL Letter

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	18	22	21	18	16	20	18	22	19	17	21	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.

**CABIN FEVER
HAMFEST
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 27, 2016**

**SPRING
CLEAN UP**

FIELD DAY

**LIGHTHOUSE
WEEKEND**

FOX HUNTS

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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Are you BOARD?



**Here is
The Cure!**

**CABIN FEVER HAMFEST
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for updates and information**

