

LAPORTE COUNTY / HARBOR BEAM NOVEMBER 2016



146.970 / 441.950 (W9LY)
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146.610 (K9JSI) FM

Echolink Node: 193001 / WIRES-X #21421



WHO WE ARE

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Dave Kaufman NU9I

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Dan Sheetz, Ken Osborne, Todd
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Yeater, Andy Baugh

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Stan Vandiver
Mike Broviak, Todd Saboff

Field Day:

John Phillips

NEWS LETTER:

Ken Osborne

Activities:

John Phillips

VE TESTING:

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Ken Osborne

John Phillips

Dan Foster

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Ken Osborne

Troy Harrison

Ron Broviak

MEETING NOTICE:

Next LaPorte County
Amateur Radio club
meeting is
Monday November 21st
7pm
@
**THE KNIGHTS
OF
COLUMBUS**

**LAPORTE COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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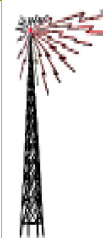
**2016
is almost gone**

Christmas Party

Problem Solving

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THE
LaPorte
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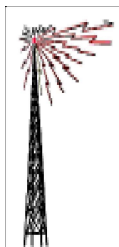
WEEKLY BREAKFAST

Club members meet for Breakfast at
**Grandma's
House of Pancakes**
502 State St, LaPorte
on Thursday's
8:00am

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CLUB DUES

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



2017 DUES
\$15.00

Our Mailing Address is:

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Michigan City, Indiana 46361



2016 DRAWING TO A CLOSE

This month's meeting, is the last meeting for 2016. In December will have our Christmas Party. Plans for the Hamfest are moving forward. If you would like to help with this event, let Brian know.

The mowers, at the tower site, have been put into storage, for the winter. The mower guy, gets a break, finally. Next spring, we'll need belts, tires, oil changes, but that's part of the job. Donations to the Tin Can Fund can be made at any time. We do need donations.

Our Repeater Committe members have been busy, the past couple of months. Allot of behind the screen issues. The lights, in our repeater room were going out. It was at the point, we needed flash lights to see in some areas. Dave Kaufman replaced the ballast and tubes. Wow, the room is so bright now, and it cuts down on the electric bill. The W9LY repeaters were upgraded with new frimware, and the tower was attacked by tons of Stink Bugs and Wasps buliding nest. I thought the ladybugs were bugs. We sprayed all the doors and windows. We'll spay again, in the spring. The bugs were so bad, they would fall, on your head, as you worked.

Andrew has been putting in a number hours working on the APRS. Yes, boys and girls, W9LY APRS is back up running, at the tower. It is connected to the Internet as a I-GATE Digi.

Thanks guys :)

CHRISTMAS PARTY

In December we will not have a club meeting. Instead we'll have our annual Christmas Party. Once again, the party will be held at the tower site. The club will provide the main dish and drinks. We ask that you bring a side dish. We also ask for a \$5.00 per/person donation to help defray the cost.

Date and Time: [December 10th 5pm](#)

Once again, we'll have our STEAL A GIFT, Gift Exchange. The rules are simple. Bring a wrapped gift \$15.00 or under. When you arrive, with your gift, a sign in sheet will be at the gift table. When you place your gift, on the table, you sign the sheet. When it's time for the exchange, the first person, on the list, selects which gift they want, and opens it for all to see. When all the gifts are open, we ask, "WHO WANTS TO STEAL A GIFT?"

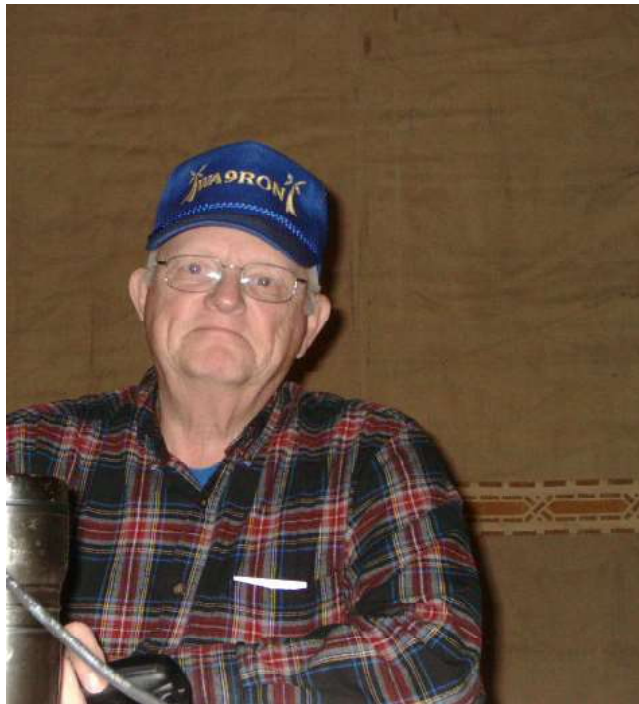
For a donation of \$1.00 to the club, you can steal someones gift they recieved by trading gifts. There is no limit on the number of steals. It's allot of fun, you never know who is going to bring what.

The party will be held, at the tower site. It's is family event.

PROBLEM SOLVING

When you have a problem, Amateurs are known for comming up with solutions. Case in point, when our club upgraded our repeaters to the System Fusion, Yasue for some reason, for which we have no idea why, made the repeaters about two to three inches longer or deeper than other repeaters. When we installed them, into the rack, we found we could not close the rear door. Even if we used 90 degree connectors, we still could not close the rear door. We talked about different ideas, took several measurements. Then we sat back, looked, and talked some more. Then one of our repeater committee members, had an idea, and it worked.

We simply took a second cabinet, that we had, placed to the rear, of the cabinet that was in service. We then latched the two cabinets together. We added a grounding cable, to the cabinet, and now the front door, of the second cabinet, became the rear door. The plus was allot more room for cables. A rack that was full, suddenly has room for expansion, not to mention additional RF shielding and security. Another plus is the airflow from the internal fans now move air as they should. Our fans blow accross each repeater, to the rear. The rear door, now forces the air up to the exhaust fan, on the top of the rack. With good airflow, we can run our repeaters at full power without over heating.



Ron Broviak WA9RON /SK



It comes with a heavy heart, to report that a long time member, a good friend, and mentor has passed away.

Ron held the previous call of KA9BIL for those who remember. Ron was a member of the LaPorte, Michigan City and now the LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club. Ron loved scouting and teaching code to scouts at events like JOTA. Ron loved Field Day and other club events. It is because of Ron, our club is where it is today.

He had a voice of reasoning, that brought people together.

We will miss his guidance, his friendship, his advice.

Ron's viewing is on Sunday at Essling Funeral Home
from 4 pm to 7 pm.

The funeral service is at St Joseph Church on Monday at 10 am.

Calendar of Events



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LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Calendar for 2016

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

Meeting	18	22	21	18	16	20	18	15	19	17	21	TBA
Location	LP	LP	LP	LP	TS	TS	TS	TS	LP	LP	LP	TS

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

**CHRISTMAS
PARTY
DECEMBER 10th**

HAMFEST