

LAPORTE COUNTY / HARBOR BEAM APRIL 2016



146.970 / 441.950 (W9LY)
DIGITAL/FM DIGITAL/ WIRES-X

146.610 (K9JSI) FM
Echolink Node: 193001



WIRES-X #21421

WHO WE ARE

Communications:

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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

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Barb Cave

MEMBERSHIP:

Troy Harrison

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Ken Osborne N9ZIP

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Dan Foster, KC9GFO

Dave Kaufman, NU9I

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Dan Sheetz W9DWS

Trustee K9JSI:

Todd Saboff, AC9HQ

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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 April 18th
7pm
@ THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

**LAPORTE COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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SKYWARN:

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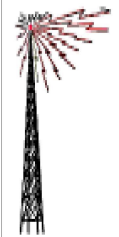
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WELCOME



**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

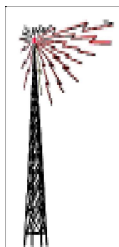
All other Thursday's @8am

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
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Michigan City, Indiana 46361



OK..... It's April.

Winter is over, the Hamfest is over, and now we talk about the club and membership. As a club, we are growing. Our membership numbers are up, but there is a number of you who haven't sent in your dues. Our dues is only \$15.00. Other clubs have higher dues. Our club is investing back into the club. Our biggest expense, for our club is insurance. We are upgrading our repeaters. Your dues goes along way, in helping us grow. Did you know that 10% of your dues goes to maintaing and upgrading our repeaters? A \$1.50 doesn't sound like much, but it adds up. We replaced our 2m antenna. The the cost is over \$600.00. We have a few members who have pledged a donation for this project. If you would like to help, let us know.

SPRING CLEAN UP is May 14th.

We'll soon be having Fox Hunts.

We'll soon be talking and planning for Field Day.

LPCARC... WE ARE GROWING



SKYWARN

It's spring and time to talk weather, storms, and SKYWARN. The past few years have been quite. Since we upgraded our repeaters, we're still working on the controller, to get it up and running. So for 2016 here is the Weather Net Format.

Weather Nets will be held on 146.970 analog. (no digital mode during nets.)
If 146.970 goes down, we'll switch to 146.610.

When a weather net is opening, we'll make announcements on the W9LY and the K9JSI systems.

If you check in to a net, please don't leave until you check out.

Your safety comes first. We try our best to give advance notice on storms and their tracking. When you look at any radar, on TV or the Internet, remember the image you see could be as much as seven minutes old. Even the real time data we receive is seven minutes old. Things can pop up, and drop down before radar can see it, so be alert, keep your eye to the sky, and ALWAYS have an escape plan. When you look at a radar look to the west of your location, to see what's coming. If you see a cell, over your house, it's already pasted.

We also ask that if you can get a picture of what you see, post it to our Facebook page.

REPEATER NEWS

Allot is happening, and we are upgrading the W9LY repeater system. Our club is investing in our repeaters for our members to use, and enjoy. Along with the upgrade will be having some changes and other improvements.

Our club voted to change and upgrade the antenna for two meter system. We'll have a higher db gain, and we can adjust the lobe for the best coverage area.

Both VHF and UHF repeaters have been sent back to YAESU for a hardware and firmware upgrade. This is free upgrade. This upgrade is what we have been waiting for, for some time.

When all is said and done, our club's repeater system will be as follows.

K9JSI 2M ANALOG ONLY

W9LY 2M ANALOG OR DIGITAL*
LOCAL COMMUNICATIONS
Weather Nets will be analog.

W9LY 70CM DIGITAL / WIRES-X**

* The 2M repeater will be in AMS Mode, so Analog or Digital radios can access the repeater. Digital radios will be able to hear analog traffic. Analog radios will not be able to hear local digital traffic.

** Once the repeaters came back, and our computer software is upgraded, we are forced to select analog or digital for WIRES-X. What this means for Analog radios, they will not be able to access the 70cm repeater, nor will analog radios be able to hear any WIRE-X (Internet) radio traffic. Any repeater linking will be done via WIRES-X.

Repeaters Cont.....

Our upgrades are in stages.

Stage 1 was to remove the Fusion repeaters and send them in to be upgraded. That has been done and we hope to have them back in two to three weeks.

Stage 2 is replacing the 2m antenna for W9LY. When W9LY was installed, it was the only system running at the tower. Over the years, our antenna has become buried with other systems. So we move away and above some of the new systems.

Stage 3 is to reinstall the Fusion repeaters, and upgrade our computer software.

This is part of our investment back into the club.

We hope you enjoy the improvements.

FIELD DAY

Boys and Girls, Moms and Dads, Amateur Radio Operators of all ages.....

Field day is two months away.

This year Field Day is June 25th & 26th.

Air out your tents.

Plan on joining us at the campfire.

SEE YOU THERE

SPRING CLEAN UP

Spring Clean UP at the tower site has been scheduled for Saturday May 14th at 10:00am.

We need chain saw for dead trees and fire wood.

We need weed whackers for the grass.

This is our annual clean up event and we need your help.

If it rains Sunday is our rain date.

Our Trustee for W9LY lets us use his tower for the W9LY system rent free. In return, our club cleans up the grounds, and moves the grass.

We also hold our club meetings, and Field Day at the tower site.

So..... we need your help.

Come out and join us for the clean up.



FIELD DAY 2016

JUNE 25-26th

**LaPORTE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
INVITES YOU
CQ CQ CQ COME ONE COME ALL**

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY (24th) Early Campers - Pizza Party / Camp Fire
(all pitch in)

SATURDAY (25th) Radio Setup 10am
CAR SHOW - Afternoon & Evening

EVENING COOK OUT (Bring side dishes)

SUNDAY (26th) BREAKFAST - TAREDOWN 12pm



LOCATION: TOWER SITE US 35 & SCHULTZ ROAD
ALL TENTS & RV's WEST & SOUTH OF THE TOWER
RV's contact KA9PGC or N9ZIP for location
FIELD DAY CALL SIGN W9LY

Bring your own drinks for three days.



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.

**SPRING
CLEAN UP
SATURDAY
MAY 14th
10am**

**FIELD DAY
June 24th & 25th**

**LIGHTHOUSE
WEEKEND**

FOX HUNTS

HESTON

JOTA