

LAPORTE COUNTY / HARBOR BEAM JULY 2016



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

146.610 (K9JSI) FM

Echolink Node: 193001 / WIRES-X #21421



WEEKLY ANALOG/DIGITAL NET SATURDAYS 7pm

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, Andy Baugh

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

Dave Kaufman, NU9I

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 July 18th
7pm
@
THE TOWER
SITE

**LAPORTE COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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**ARES EMERGENCY
COORDINATOR:**

Dan Foster, KC9GFO

RACES OFFICERS:

Ken Osborne, N9ZIP

Dan Foster, KC9GFO

Ken Maynard, W8KRM

SKYWARN:

Ken Osborne, N9ZIP

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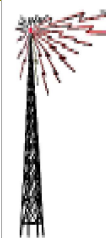
**FIELD DAY
RECAP**

**LPCARC
NET**

2017

DIGITAL DIGEST

WELCOME



**TO
THE
LaPorte
County
Amateur Radio
Club**

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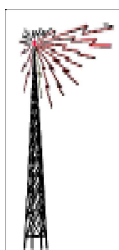
WEEKLY BREAKFAST

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

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 past. Your dues can be paid any club meeting, or by mail.



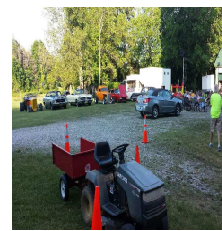
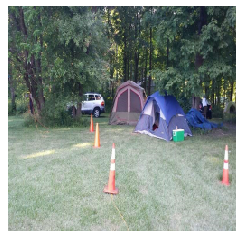
**2016 DUES
\$15.00**

Our Mailing Address is:

LPCARC
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Michigan City, Indiana 46361



Field Day 2016 is now in the history books. I have to say, everyone who came out had a great time. This year Porter County came out and joined us. We had the car show again, tons of food, and great friends. Joe N9TAX worked the most stations. This year we used the call W9SAL for Field Day. There were several tents set up, and a camper. We had VE Testing with 100% testing passed. One of our campers, was his first time camping at Field Day. Being a new ham, he watched and learned, just like we all did. This year we used our new grill and on Sunday morning, we had toast with our eggs. We toasted the bread, on the grill. That was a first. Thanks goes to Porter County for providing the breakfast on Sunday.



Photos by N9ROM

More Events to Come

With Field Day over, you might ask, what's coming up next. I'm so glad you asked.

Light House weekend August 20th & 21st. This is like a mini-Field Day. We'll be setting up radios, and antennas on the grounds of the Light House Museum in Michigan City. Our goal is contact as many Lighthouse as possible.

Then we'll have our second fund raiser, of the year. On Labor Day Weekend, we'll be firing up our grill, at the Heston Steam Show selling brats, hotdogs and what ever else we can come up with. This is three day event, so we are always in need of manpower.

Before summer comes to a close, we are looking to have a summer picnic with the LaPorte and Porter County clubs, at the tower site.

DIGITAL DIGEST

It's been a while since we talked about the Fusion Digital mode, on our repeaters, so we wanted to give up an update. It's been a couple months now, since we got the repeaters back in service, and we have been running 99% trouble free. More importantly the features we had waited for, actually work. On the UHF repeater, you can control the repeater, from a HT or mobile radio. In Fusion, when you change rooms, you actually change the room the repeater is connected too. Other systems, you select rooms by what is offered. You can store rooms, in your radio, for easy access. We are planning to link our repeater, down the road. A new repeater is planned for Monon Indiana, and with ours, we'll have coverage down to Indy.

SATURDAY NIGHT NETS

Members have requested that our club bring back the weekly nets. It's been a long time since we ran them, so we are giving it a shot. Our nets will be held on Saturdays at 7pm CDT, on 146.970.

These nets will be for News, Announcements, Rag Chew, Items for Sale or just to see if your radio work. They will be Analog and Digital.

But in order for these nets to continue, we need NCS's or Net Control Stations to run the nets. You don't have to have a digital radio. Running a net, is great practice, for if you are asked to run a Skywarn, ARES, or a Public Service Net. You might be saying, to yourself, I've done that before. While this may be true, the key word is "Practice". A good NCS is relaxed when running a net. A good NCS is in control of the net, and knows when to allow a rag chew, and when to stop traffic for emergencies. This comes from practice.

We are looking to set up a schedule for NCS's. If you would like to try being a NCS, contact Ken N9ZIP. He'll send you everything you need.

On July 2nd we held our first net. We had one station from Chicago checking and a few digital stations. While our check-in numbers were not booming, it was a good shake down run.

SATURDAY NIGHT ANALOG & DIGITAL NET 7PM CDT 146.970 (131.8 PL)



2017 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

It is just about that time again. Next month in August we will be looking for nominations for officers for 2017. Elections will be held in September. Officers and Board Members serve a term of one year, from January 1st to December 31st. Our elected offices are:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

(3) Board Members
(Vote for 2 only)

Our Trustees is a simply yes or no vote to retain.

So..... who would you like to see in 2017?
We ask that you look at our past.
We ask that you look at the present.
We ask that you look at the years to come.

Our roots came from two clubs. Since then, our club has grown. Currently our club is still growing. When most clubs are seeing a down turn, ours has actually seen a up turn.

We have alot of great members. Our members have alot of great ideas. It's our members that makes our club as strong as it is.



Minutes of LPCARC meeting on June 20, 2016.

The meeting of the La Porte Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Brian Salzer at 7:01pm on June 20, 2016.

The May 16, 2016 minutes were read by Secretary Barbara Cave. Motion to accept the minutes as corrected by Ron Broviak, Ken Osborne seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer Ken Osborne

Ken reports that the tower site has been mowed twice without breakdown. :)

John reports that Porter County will join us for Field Day. They will bring Breakfast for Sunday.

Discussion of tents. Concern about the weather for Field Day. Danny Sheetz car club will be holding a car show if the weather is good. David made a motion to buy food for Field Day. ?? seconded, motion carried. Ken estimated a cost about \$100.00.

John reported the International Lighthouse weekend is in August. Iron Horse weekend will be in October.

Ron reports that the La Porte Aero Club will be having their pancake breakfast in August. General Cherry will be a guest speaker at the Air Camp meeting Friday at 6:00 pm at the airport.

Discussion of the need for a gas weed wacker at the tower site to maintain the grounds. Stihl is recommended. Research on brands that will hold up to the demands of the Tower site. Further action will bill tabled until the July meeting.

Scott reports that there will be VE testing at the tower site on Field day at 10:30 am.

Next meeting will be July 19, 2016 at the tower site.

Mike mad a motion to adjourn, Ken seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Cave
Secretary.

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.

**LIGHTHOUSE
WEEKEND
August 20th & 21st**

**SEPTEMBER
ELECTION OF
OFFICERS - 2017**

FOX HUNTS

**HESTON
FUNDRAISER
LABOR DAY
WEEKEND**

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