

LAPORTE COUNTY / HARBOR BEAM AUGUST 2016



146.970 / 441.950 (W9LY)
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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

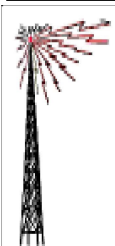
Ron Broviak

MEETING NOTICE:

Next LaPorte County
Amateur Radio club
meeting is
Monday August 15th
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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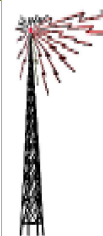
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WEEKEND**

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**TO
THE
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County
Amateur Radio
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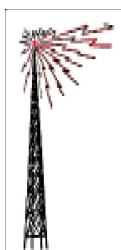
WEEKLY BREAKFAST

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
P.O. Box 148
Michigan City, Indiana 46361



LABOR DAY WEEKEND

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. We need six members per/shift, to make this run smoothly

This is our club's second fundraiser for 2016. Our fundraisers is how we invest back to our membership. All the improvements we have made is because of our fundraisers. So we need your help. The event runs Saturday, Sunday & Monday, from 10am to 5pm. Our cooks start at 8am. We'll set up on Friday afternoon. We need cashiers, order runners, cooks, iceman, and supply runners. The past three years, we had rain wash out one of our days, and we still made a profit. We are due for a big year. Over the years, we are much better, in cost control. With our new grill, we have less waste and shorter cooking times. Our peak times generally run from 11am - 2pm. When it slows down, you can shop the flea market, ride the trains, or just relax with friends.

But we need your help. We'll have a few that is there for the entire time, but we need help during the peak periods. We generally need at least six to keep up with the demand. Please attend our next meeting, and at us know how and when you can help.

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2017 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Elections will be held at August's meeting. Officers and Board Members serve a term of one year, from January 1st to December 31st. Our elected offices, and those who have been nominated are listed below. Nominations can be taken from the floor, up to the time of the election.

President
Brian Salzer KB9HMR

Vice-President
John Phillips KA9PGC

Secertary
Barb Cave KA6OJX

Treasure
Ken Osborne N9ZIP

(3) Board Members
Ron Broviak, WA9RON
Dave Kaufman, NU9I
(Vote for 2 only)

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

Trustee W9LY:
Dan Sheetz W9DWS

Trustee K9JSI:
Todd Saboff, AC9HQ



LIGHT HOUSE WEEKEND

Light House weekend is right around the corner, so come on out and join us. We are located at the Old Light House, in Washington Park, Michigan City. We'll be on the grounds, and setting up around 10am. This is a contest, so to speak. Our goal is contact as many Light Houses as possible.

The Light House is just too the left, as you go over the bridge, entering the park. To access our parking, go over the bridge and just after it turns to the right, there is U-Turn on your left that we'll bring you the Light House.

Heston Cont.....

Our membership voted for slight menu change, this year. Our menu is as follows..

Hot Dogs
Chilli Cheese Dogs
Brats (Bacon Chedder & Beer)
Hamburgers
Cheese Burgers
Double Cheese Burgers
Sloppy Joes
Pork & Beans
Pop / Water / Ice

Volunteers will have access to free drinks. Food items will be at cost. or close to it.

We need the following for each shift.

2 Grill Cooks
1 Cashier
3 Order Runners
1 Ice Man
1 Emergency Supply Runner

LaPorte County ARES

Our club supports different activities. Some times we'll provide communications for walks or bike ride. When the weather turns bad, we host Weather Nets, receiving and sending real time weather information to and from the National Weather Service. But, there is one service we haven't talked about in while. That is ARES or Amateur Radio Emergency Service. ARES unlike Skywarn is not a branch of any government body. It is a branch of the ARRL. Each county, is appointed an EC or Emergency Coordinator. For LaPorte County our EC is Dan Foster, KC9GFO. Dan works quietly in the back ground, planning for "what if".

With the upgrades to the W9LY repeaters, we wanted to update everyone, on our county's emergency plan. You might be asking, when would ARES be used or needed?

One example would be, after a Weather Net has closed, and damage reports were still needed. During communications outages. You might think, well I have a cell phone. While that may be true, just one cut of a fiber optic cable can leave cell phone useless.

Like Skywarn, ARES Nets will be held on 146.970 (analog only). If that system goes down, we switch to the 146.610 repeater. During an emergency, the W9LY UHF repeater can be switched to analog mode only, remotely. We also have access to the W9SAL UHF repeater. If, for some reason, all the local repeaters went down, we switch 146.520 simplex, and set up relay points.

All nets and all traffic will be analog. Analog is and will remain the back bone for Emergency Communications.

GOING HIGH TECH

At our last meeting, members voted to go high tech, when it comes to our fundraisers at Heston and our Hamfest. Yes, boys and girls we said goodbye to money bags and cash boxes, for we now have a cash register.

Ok, it's not that high tech or a big deal, but it will allow us to do two things. First, it will keep track of how many of what items were sold. That data will be used in years to come, to project how much to purchase. While we have been very good, at controlling our cost, we still can do better. Secondly, our cashiers no longer have to add up items, in their head, or on calculator, and just like McDonalds, it will tell you how much change to give back. We also programmed it for our volunteers to receive 50% off of food purchases.

We will have the cash register, at our next meeting, for volunteers to play with. We ask those who are working as cashiers, or who may fill in, come to the meeting to practice running it. It is pretty straight forward, but there are some items, where a combination of keys need to be used.

Also at our meeting, our Heston Committee will be making final recommendations on prices. This will be based on cost, per item and profit margins.

Calendar of Events



GET ON BOARD
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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	15	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.

**HESTON
FUNDRAISER
LABOR DAY
WEEKEND**

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