

LAPORTE COUNTY / HARBOR BEAM DECEMBER 2017



146.970 / 441.950 (W9LY)
DIGITAL/FM PL 131.8 DIGITAL/ WIRES-X

146.610 (K9JSI) FM PL 131.8

Echolink Node: 193001 / WIRES-X #21421



WHO WE ARE

Communications:

Matt Lasayko, KC9KUD

Repeater Committee:

Matt Lasayko, Dan Sheetz,
Ken Osborne, Todd Saboff, Dan
Foster, 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:

Scott Tharp

Dan Foster, KC9GFO

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

MEETING NOTICE:

Next LaPorte County
Amateur Radio club

**NO
MEETING
THIS
MONTH**

**LAPORTE COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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**ARES EMERGENCY
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Dan Foster, KC9GFO

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Ken Osborne, N9ZIP

Dan Foster, KC9GFO

Ken Maynard, W8KRM

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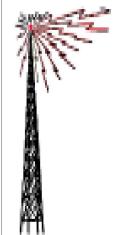
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WELCOME



**TO
THE
LaPorte
County
Amateur Radio
Club**

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WEEKLY BREAKFAST

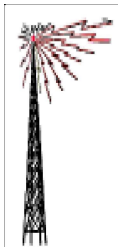
**Club members meet for Breakfast
on Thursday' at 8:00am.**

**See the location schedule
on the back page.**

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monthly club meeting, 12 times each year,
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teur 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.



**2018 DUES
\$15.00**

Our Mailing Address is:

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

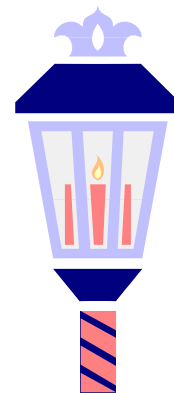


2017 draws to a close. There is no club meeting in December, due to our Christmas Party and the Holidays. Our next meeting will be in January with a new face to our board.

Our Hamfest will be here before you know it. December is a busy month, for the club. We close our books for 2017, and get all of our reports generated and ready to file the IRS.

This news letter is sent out early this month so that we can remind you of our Christmas Party on Saturday December 9th.

Table Reservations is being taken for the Hamfest. Get your tables early. If can find more information on the Hamfest on the Club's Facebook page.



See you at the party

MERRY CHRISTMAS

LPCARC CHRISTMAS PARTY

It's that time again. Snow will soon be falling, the wind will blow cold, and our club will be hosting its annual Christmas Party.

This year, it will be held at the tower site, US 35 and Schultz Road, in LaPorte.

WHEN: Saturday December 9th @ 5pm

So mark your calendars and have some fun. The Holidays is a time not only for families to get together, but for friends as well. The club will provide the main hot dish and cold drinks. Again we'll be asking for a donation of \$5.00 per person. We also ask that you bring a side dish. If you want something stronger than pop, well..... you know what to do.

This year we'll be having our Steal-A-Gift / Gift Exchange. This was Ron's idea a few years back, and with his passing it is our way of remembering him, at our party.

The Rules for Steal-A-Gift are simple. We ask that you bring a wrapped gift with a value around \$15.00. When you arrive, gifts are placed on the table, and the gift name list is on the table. Just place your name, on the next open line. When the exchange begins, the 1st person on the list selects a gift and so on. When the last gift is open, those who received a gift can steal someone else's gift for a \$1.00 donation to the club. There is no limit on the number of steals.

NEW IN 2018

Starting in January's News Letter we'll have a page listing the Members of our club. A number of members have asked for a list of members. So each month we'll show the current list of paid members. We will not list anyone's address or phone numbers. If you want that, you'll have to ask them for it.



MERRY
CHRISTMAS



Are you wondering who
is the Amateur of the Year
for 2017?

You'll find out at the
Christmas Party

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Twass the night before Christmas, with my new radio in place,
Not a radio was stirring, not even my base.
The radio was tuned in the shack with care,
In hopes that someone soon would be there.

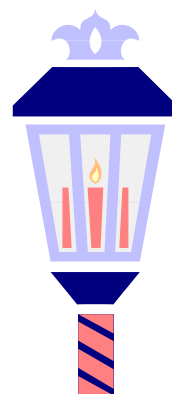


The children were nestled all snug in their bed,
I took out my headphones, and placed them on my head.
I keyed up the radio and nothing was heard,
The repeater wasn't working, that was weird.

I called Dan to tell him that we had no chatter,
He sprang from the couch to see what was the matter.
Away to the tower he flew like a flash,
He ran up the stairs like a twenty yard dash.

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Dan took a momnet to look at the ground below.
He looked too see if the problem should appear,
Why it wasn't working wasn't very clear.

With a little old screw driver, he poked a bit,
He even checked our Wires-X, and all the lights were lit.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
Then he whistled in the mic, then called my name.



CQ CQ he called in the night!
Still the repeater wasn't working, not that's not right!
He checked the coax attached to the wall!
He took the mic to make another call!



As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
maybe it is the antenna mounted in the sky.
So up to the roof-top he quickly flew,
With tools in his pouch, and large hammer too.



And then, in flash, he was on the roof,
The wind was so cold, he wish he had some eighty proof.
As he climbed out of the hatch and he looked around,
The hammer he held suddenly fell to the ground.

Dan was dressed in Cartharts, from his head to his foot,
He adjusted his tool belt, so that tools would stay put.
With a bundle of coax he flung on his back,
He looked around the feedline to see if it was cracked.



Dan's eyes-how they twinkled! His dimples how merry!
His cheeks were cold, his nose like a cheery!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
As he looked across the land that was white with snow.

The wind blew cold as he gritted his teeth,
Then he saw the glow from the tower's Christmas wreath.
He then went to work and checked the hardline,
The shook his head, because it was fine.

With the Christmas wreath's red glow, he looked liked an elf,
He paused and laughed, in spite of himself.
A wink of his eye and twist of his head,
He knew the problem was nothing to dread.

He left the roof, climbing down the stairs,
He thought there must be someway to make repairs.
Still as he wondred, but he did not fret,
He went to the controller and pushed the reset.



The repeater sprang to life, and he confirmed with a whistle,
then away home, he flew like a thistle.
And I heard him exclaim, 'on the radio', as he drove out of sight,
"MERRY CHRISTMAS to all, and to all a good-night!"

Calendar of Events



**GET ON BOARD
JOIN IN THE FUN
WITH AMATEUR RADIO**

LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Calendar for 2017

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

Meeting	23	20	20	17	15	19	17	21	18	16	20	TBA
Location	LP	LP	LP	LP	LP	TS	TS	TS	LP	LP	LP	TS

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

THURSDAY MORNING BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

Grandma's House of Pancakes 502 State St,
LaPorte on Thursday's 8:00am

1st Thursday 8:00am

3rd Thursday 8:00am

5th Thursdays 8:00am ... if it is held

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Topp Skillet ... On Lincolnway, LaPorte

2nd Thursday 8:00am

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Mama T's ... On Lincolnway, LaPorte

4th Thursday 8:00am

EVENTS COMMING UP...

**LPCARC
CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 9th @5pm**

**2018
HAMFEST**

LPCARC

2018

MEMBERSHIP PAGE

This is current listing of "Paid" club members.

Life Members

Dugger, Rich	A	WD9ARW
Lehker, Gaelan	T	N9XGG
Sheetz, Dan	E	W9DWS
Vanderplough, Dan	E	K9RQ
Zook, Glen	E	K9STH

Paid Members

<i>Ron Lewis</i>	<i>NR9L</i>
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