

LAPORTE COUNTY / HARBOR BEAM NOVEMBER 2018



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

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

Vice President:

John Phillips

Secretary:

Bob Russell

Treasurer:

Ken Osborne

Board Members:

Scott Tharp

Troy Harrison

Dan Foster

Trustee W9LY:

Dan Sheetz

Trustee K9JSI:

Todd Saboff

Tower Site:

Ken Osborne

John Phillips

Dan Foster

Bob Smith

Fund Raising:

Brian Salzer

Ken Osborne

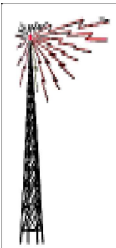
Troy Harrison

MEETING NOTICE:

Next LaPorte County
Amateur Radio club
At
The Knights of Columbus
in LaPorte
November 19th 7:00pm

**LAPORTE COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

P.O. Box 148,
Michigan City, Indiana 46361
WEBPAGE: <http://lpcarc.org>
EMAIL: info@lpcarc.org
FACEBOOK: lpcarc
A 501 (c) (3) Public Charity # 35-1390856



**ARES EMERGENCY
COORDINATOR:**
Dan Foster, KC9GFO

SKYWARN:
Ken Osborne, N9ZIP

In This Issue:

**Club
Meeting**

**The
Holidays**



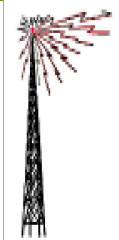
Meet a Member

WELCOME



**TO
THE
LaPorte
County
Amateur Radio
Club**

lpcarc.org



LaPorte County / Harbor Beam

PAGE 3

WEEKLY BREAKFAST

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

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

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 2019

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



**2019 DUES
\$15.00**

Our Mailing Address is:

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



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Like it or not... the holidays are upon us. The LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club wishes everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Our next meeting will be our last official meeting for 2018. It's that time of year where we wrap up 2018, and our Hamfest moves into high gear.

Saturday morning breakfast will return in January. Due to the holidays, we will not meet on Saturday.

Christmas Party.....

Yes we said Christmas. LOL

Our annual Christmas party will be held Saturday December 15th at 6pm. It will be held at the tower site. The club will provide the main course and soft drinks. We ask for a side dish to help fill-in. Suggested donation to help with the cost is \$5.00 for those over 12. Of course BYOB, wink wink. Gift exchange \$20.00 and under. We'll be having our "Steal A Gift" for a dollar, which is always fun. Members, family, friends and guest are welcome.

So mark your calendars and plan on joining your friends just before the holiday.

GETTING KNOW YOU

This month we thought we would do something different to get know our members. We look back and there are allot of stories about our hobby. Getting to know our members is one way to keep the stroies alive, and getting to know our members. So... this month we start with Ken Osborne, N9ZIP.

Q. When did you get your ticket?

A. I got my Tech in 1994.

Q. Who was the first amateur you knew?

A. That would have been Bob Lyles, K9ET. I was a volunteer with the Red Cross in High School, and the Red Cross provided First-Aid while the Hams provided communications for events, in the county, such as walks, county bike rides, and Octoberfest. I was on the first-aid teams and I got ride along with Bob as we responded to call for service.

Q. Who inspired you to get your ticket, and did you have mentor?

A. When I bought my home, my new neighbor just happened to be amateur. Bill Volts W9HW. Bill was proud to be a ham. I had a number of tours of his shack, and listened to the stories he would tell. I remember on one of his walls, he still had a Spark Gap keyer mounted, to the wall. The wall behind the keyer was blacken from the sparks as he would tap out the code. When I met Bill he was already in his 80's. He was one of the first to send code over to Europe. As the story goes, he was in his shack testing his new keyer, when someone from across the pond responded. This was before phone was used in radio. My mentor, that would have to be Dan Vanderplough, K9RQ. Yes Dan, it was you. LOL When Dan was the Trustee for W9LY, he was always trying something, always learning when it came to repeaters. Dan would call and say he was going up to the tower, and I jumped at the chance to watch him work. I admit, even

though I was only Tech, I watched and learned from him. At Field Day, I learned about antennas from him,. and work HF with him and if it wasn't for him, I think I'd still be a Tech today. Thanks Dan.

Q. What was the first radio you owned?

A. Mine was a Heath Kit HT. It was a brick in every sense of the word. In the winter, it made a nice handwarmer because of the heat it gave off.

Q. Is there anything you enjoyed about Amateur Radio, but no longer use or miss?

A. That would have be the Autoptach. I was a ham, before cell phones. It was so cool making phone calls with your radios. I worked in Chicago and was a member of WAFAR. I would often be on I-94 calling home to tell my wife when I would be home. But cell phones got cheaper, and clubs couldn't afford the phone bills, so it went away.

Q. What mode of operation is your favorite?

A. I really enjoy 20m sideband. When the band is open it is hoping, and when you grab that DX it just makes your day. I also spend alot of my time on digital phone or C4FM. Now I know a number of hams say, it's not real radio. But they are the same ones who wont give up cable tv, and that's not real tv and they'll use applications like Echolink. One thing I like about digital is no pile ups to break through. If you talk to someone in Russia, you can actually talk not just give a signal report.

Q. What is your favorite radio you owned and what is favorite radio today?

A. Icom 751A is my all time favorite radio. It was once owned by Lee Dunn, a long time member who had past away. Just a all around great radio that saw a number of our Field Days. My current radio is an Icom 706MK II for HF and Kenwoods for 2m/70cm and mobile.

Election of
Officer for
2019

Calendar of Events



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

LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Calendar for 2018

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

Meeting	15	19	19	16	21	18	16	20	17	15	19	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

1st Thursday 8:00am

3rd Thursday 8:00am

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

Mama T's ...

607 Lincolnway, LaPorte

Free public parking nearby.

2nd Thursday 8:00am .

4th Thursday 8:00am

MEMO'S on US 20 Trail Creek

We will not meet in November or December due to the Holidays.

EVENTS COMING UP...

XMAS PARTY - December 15th

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

Cave, Barb	G	KA6OJX
Cave, Brian	G	KA6QMW
Cave, Gary	G	WA6UOO
Carter, Bill	E	AB9QU
Cohan, Jonathan	T	KD9AUT
Foster, Dan	G	KC9GFO
Gaekle, Bob	T	KC9HCR
Gaekle, Sue	T	KC9HCS
Harrison, Troy	E	KC9E
Jones, Alan	E	W9DZ
Kostelnie, Alex		
Kostelnik, Alex		
Lewis, Ron	G	NR9L
Lewis, Tom Jr	T	KA9ZUM
Novak, Richard	T	K7AGI
Osborne, Ken	G	N9ZIP
Reberg, David	G	KA9WNQ
Rozinski, John	E	N9CJR
Rozinski, Phil	T	N9XID
RUSSELL, BOB	T	KD9IBN
Saboff, Todd	E	AC9HQ
Salzer, Brian	T	KB9HMR
Salzer, Karen		N/A
Sanders, Michael	T	KB9KMC
Shaver, George	E	N9IAS
Shoemaker, David		
Spencer, Dave	T	W3RHJ
Smith, Bob	T	N9ROM
Swanson, James		
Taylor, Travis	G	KC9TWW
VanDiver, Stan	E	W4SV
Yeater, Curt	E	AC9HO