

LAPORTE COUNTY / HARBOR BEAM APRIL 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

Treasure:

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

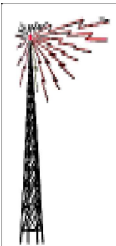
MEETING NOTICE:

**Next LaPorte County
Amateur Radio club**

**Knights of Columbus,
LaPorte
April 16th 7:00pm**

**LAPORTE COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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**ARES EMERGENCY
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Dan Foster, KC9GFO**

**SKYWARN:
Ken Osborne, N9ZIP**

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**CLUB DUES
ARE PAST DUE**

**LET'S GET
TOGETHER**

**HF
DIGITAL**

WELCOME



**TO
THE
LaPorte
County
Amateur Radio
Club
lpcarc.org**



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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

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



A special thank you goes out to everyone who helped with this years Hamfest. This was one of our best years, and even the connession stand made money. What awesome job!

Our members is bringing back the Saturday morning breakfast. Members still meet on Thursday, but those of us who haven't retired yet, and still work for aliving, members, family or guests will get together one Saturday a month for breakfast. To make it easy to remember when, it will be the first Saturday after the club meetings. Members will be meeting at Memos on US 20 in Trail Creek at 9am.

Sooo..... Next Saturday, we'll meet for breakfast.

One of the best things about amateur radio, is the friendships we make over the years. It doesn't matter if someone lives cross town or around the world, friendships are formed. Each month, it is our goal to plan activity where we can get together as amateurs and friends. For example, the Fort Wayne Hamfest. We are thinking as going as group. This summer, we may pick a weekend and have an old fashion picnic in one of county parks. Don't forget Field Day, Light House Weekend, and the Heston Steam Show. We are looking for ideas from you. Maybe a Friday night group dinner? Maybe a camp fire and burgers night at the tower site?

What would you like to do?

CLUB DUES

Ok.... I know this old but we need to remind you that if you have not paid your dues, they are past due. Your dues basically covers the cost of running and maintaining our three repeaters. Our repeaters are open to everyone. You don't have to be a member to use them, but your \$15.00 goes along way to help keep them on the air.

Dues can be paid at any club meeting, or you send them to PO box.

Looking For Articles

Our editor is always looking for articles for the news letter. If see something of interest, pass it along. Maybe you have favorite mode of operation, you would like to share.

Keep in mind, we have number of new members to the hobby. What may be old to you, could be new to them.

One of the best things about our hobby, is that there is something for everyone. Maybe you just want to work 2 meter FM. Maybe you love 6 meters, HF, PSK, Slowscan, D-Star, DMR, or Fusion. Our hobby offers something for every one.

WELCOME NEW AMATEURS

Lyman D Perkins, KD9KOS
212 W Curtis Dr
La Porte, IN 46350

Gary J Sloane, KD9KJP
7076 W 200 N
La Porte, IN 46350-9736

HF DIGITAL

I guess it is safe to say, that digital modes in amateur radio is here to stay. Different digital modes have been around from some time. The ability to work these modes, is becoming easier and easier. It wasn't that long ago, to work a digital mode, you needed to purchase a piece of hardware or build your own, to connect to your radio. Now you can buy a cable to connect to radio and your computer, you can work these modes.

One of the hottest modes, in amateur radio is FT 8. Thanks to Travis KC9TWX, I was able to see FT 8 in action. It is text based mode using the HF bands. Like other modes like PSK, it allows text messaging. Using a cable that cost around \$40, you connect your radio directly to your computer. Your screen displays the call sign of the stations it hears, and with a click of the mouse, you can start typing your message. It pretty much that easy. If you think about it, we use our cell phones to send text messages, so why not our radios?

Digital modes will not replace analog modes like FM voice, but digital can work a much wider area and with lower power. The digital tones generated can get through QRM when voice can't.

You can check out FT 8 on YOUTUBE. According to Travis, FT 8 is easy and allot of fun to work. It evens auto logs your QSO's to QRZ or your own logbook.

Ordering a cable for your may take 2-4 weeks to arrive, but the cable has a chipset built in so no additional hardware is needed. This cable isn't just for FT 8, but works with other applications as well. The cable serves as the interface from your radio to your computer. You can find the cable at the following link.

<http://www.xggcomms.com/index.htm>

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

EVENTS COMMING UP...

FIELD DAY

**LIGHTHOUSE
WEEKEND**

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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	G	AB9QU
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		
Salzer, Brian	T	KB9HMR
Salzer, Karen		N/A
Sanders, Michael	T	KB9KMC
Shaver, George	E	N9IAS
Shoemaker, David		N/A
Spencer, Dave	T	W3RHJ
Swanson, James		
VanDiver, Stan	E	W4SV
Yeater, Curt	E	AC9HO