

LAPORTE COUNTY / HARBOR BEAM MAY 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

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Scott Tharp

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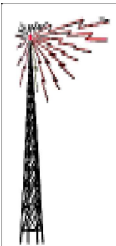
MEETING NOTICE:

**Next LaPorte County
Amateur Radio club**

**Knights of Columbus,
LaPorte
May 21st 7:00pm**

**LAPORTE COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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**FIELD DAY
2018**

**SPRING
CLEAN
UP**

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.**

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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



LET'S TALK

Ok..... we have all heard this before. There is no one on the repeaters and when I toss out my call no one answers. Our club sponsors three repeaters K9JSI and W9LY. Two years ago members debated that age old question, no one is on the repeaters. So members voted to sponsor Yeasu's C4FM or Fusion. This opened digital communications to those who wanted to explore it. One of our three repeaters was chosen to support Fusion. That left two club repeaters open to be used for FM. Well guess what... Not a whole lot has changed for FM. The two analog repeaters are still quite, and there are some who complain that if they want to use digital, they need a different radio. Well that is true, but it's also true if you want to work HF, or anything else other than 2 meters. So we go back to that age old question. No one is on the repeaters. This summer we are launching our Let's Talk Campaign. This will be comprised of three parts.

Part One..... No Call Goes Unanswered!

Part Two..... Weekly Rag Chew

Part Three..... Fusion Demo Days

No Call Goes Unanswered!

This is a real simple concept but it requires every one to join in. All we ask is that you leave your radios turned on. If you hear someone call, you answer, even if it is just to say Hi, I hear you. Think how many times have you tossed out your call and no one answers. If you are in your car, toss out your call strike up conversation. Remember, no call should go unanswered.

Weekly Rag Chew

Meny moons ago, our club hosted a weekly net. While there is some interest in it, no one wanted to come forward and run it. That is the reason why our nets have stopped. So at our last meeting we talked about trying something with a different twist. Why not have a weekly rag chew? The day and time has yet to be picked, so we are open for ideas. Again the concept is simple. One night a week, we'll open the repeater for a place to come together and raw chew. A set day and time where everyone knows someone will be there to chat too. Wow... what a novel idea using a radio to talk to someone

Fusion Demo Days

A number of members have expressed in Fusion, but as we said, it is an investment. The question was asked, "Is there some way we learn more about Fusion, to see if it something we would like?"

Well now there is.... Fusion Demo Days

On certain days, we will switch our Fusion repeater to Analog FM mode. What this means, you will hear everything a digital user hears, and you can talk to others. The down side is our Control Operators are no longer in control when in analog, and no one can switch rooms. So what you hear is what you get. We also can no longer send or receive data from radio to radio, such as GPS positions, Radio ID's and Call Signs. Who knows.... you might even hear a DX station when we open it up. As I am writing this, I'm chatting with Germany using my HT. In case you didn't know our Fusion repeater is on 441.950 (131.8) PL. We will try to do this on Saturday, but a Control Operator needs to make the change and monitor the system, to shut it down if needed.

At our next club meeting, Ken N9ZIP will have a Q&A on Fusion radio and will demo Fusion with his HT. Like HF.... with Fusion the world is at your finger tips. You can talk DX and without having to upgrade to be a General, and buying really expensive HF rigs. Fusion is just a different mode to use and explore our hobby.

Did you know... FM users can use the 441.950 machine when digital is not present. To not hear digital noise, just have your PL decode turned on and watch the S-Meter.

NOW YOU KNOW!

FIELD DAY

Field Day is almost here, so at our next meeting we'll be talking Field Day, making plans. Field Day for us Amateurs marks the beginning of summer. So what would like to do for Field Day? Come to our next meeting and let us know. After the long winter we had, I'm ready for Bond Fire and being with friends.

SPRING CLEAN UP

At our next meeting we'll schedule a spring clean up day, at the tower site. We'll pick a date and get things ready for Field Day. We'll also repair our mowers, and start our mowing season.

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.

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

SATURDAY MAY 26th @ 9am

EVENTS COMMING UP...

**FIELD DAY,
LIGHTHOUSE WEEKEND,
HESSTON**

FIELD DAY 2018

JUNE 23-24th

**LaPORTE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB
INVITES YOU**

CQ CQ CQ COME ONE COME ALL

EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY (22th) Early Campers - Pizza Party / Camp Fire
(all pitch in)

SATURDAY (23th) Radio Setup 10am

CAR SHOW - Afternoon & Evening

EVENING COOK OUT (Bring side dishes)

SUNDAY (24th) BREAKFAST - TAREDOWN 12pm



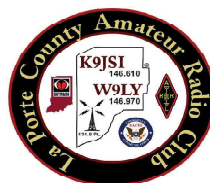
LOCATION: TOWER SITE US 35 & SCHULTZ ROAD

ALL TENTS & RV's WEST & SOUTH OF THE TOWER

RV's contact KA9PGC or N9ZIP for location

FIELD DAY CALL SIGN W9LY

Bring your own drinks for three days.



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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	E	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
Smith, Bob	T	N9ROM
Swanson, James		
VanDiver, Stan	E	W4SV
Yeater, Curt	E	AC9HO