

LAPORTE COUNTY / HARBOR BEAM AUGUST 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

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John Phillips

Secretary:

Bob Russell

Treasure:

Ken Osborne

Board Members:

Scott Tharp

Troy Harrison

Dan Foster

Trustee W9LY:

Dan Sheetz

Trustee K9JSI:

Todd Saboff

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Ken Osborne

John Phillips

Dan Foster

Bob Smith

Fund Raising:

Brian Salzer

Ken Osborne

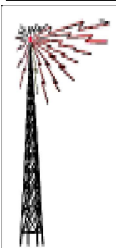
Troy Harrison

MEETING NOTICE:

Next LaPorte County
Amateur Radio club
At
Our Tower Site
August 20th 7:00pm

**LAPORTE COUNTY
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

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Member Appreciation Day

**LIGHT HOUSE
WEEKEND**

K9JSI

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



END OF A ERA

After some 20 plus years, our club will not be doing our second fundraiser at Hesston this year. At our last club meeting, we had a long discussion on this event. We looked at our history and while we did make money every year, and we never took a lost, our profit margins were shrinking to a point where our risk for taking a lost was increasing. Our profit margins dropped to a point where we had to open on Friday making it a four day event. For example, last year our income on Friday turned out to be most of our profit.

There were several factors on why we decided not to attend this year.

The weather..... If we have just one day of rain, it was a battle just to get passed our break even point. We needed two days of good sales to reach break even. While we had become very good and managing our inventories, still our club had pay for all the supplies upfront. Last year, Hesston placed a vendor next to us that was selling the same items. That really hurt our sales. The biggest item that hurt us was Hesston increasing the cost just to be there, and long time vendors and friends leaving. Hesston is now charging vendors an additional 20 percent of gross sales. No that was not a typo, 20 percent of gross, not net. That comes to one day of sales going to Hesston. While we tried to pass this cost along by increasing our prices, to cover this 20 percent, but our prices would be so high, I wouldn't buy even a hot dog. That was a big hit to our profit margin. So taking everything into account, our risk of lost was now higher and doubled. Just one bad day in sales, and we would be in the red with no way to make it up, so I am sad to to say, it is good-bye Hesston. It was a great run, we had some great times there.

NOW WHAT?

With our the Hesston fundraiser now gone, where does that leave our club? This is a question that you might be asking. Fiscally, our club is on solid ground. While the lost of income from Hesston will hurt some, that income over the years really helped us to bring us to a point where we are now, and the lost of income well not kill us. As a club, we be focusing our attention to our Hamfest which has been growing, in the past few years. Our club was not dependent on Hesston for our income. Membership dues “WILL NOT INCREASE” next year.

We may look for other events next year where can set up our grill, and make some money. For allot of us who worked Hesston all four days, it wasn't so much as the work, but it was comming together, the friendship and having a good time.

So.... that brings us back to now what?

ROAD TRIP!!!

A number of club members will be going to the Fort Wayne Hamfest Saturday November 17th. So why not go as group, share rides, and attend with the evnt with your friends. We'll stop either for breakfast or a late lunch on the way back. Well have more details at the our meeting comming up.

At our next club meeting, it well be the last one at the tower site for the summer. It well also be our **Member Appreciation Day**. Starting at 6pm our club will have Free..... I said Free... burgers and brats along with sides and drinks. If the weather is good, we'll also have a bonfire. It is one of the ways our club says thank you for all you do. If it rains, we'll set up a tent. So bring a chair, and enjoy a evening with friends.

LIGHT HOUSE WEEKEND

Light house weekend is going to be next Saturday Aug 18th at the Old Light House on Trail Creek, just West of the bridge going into Washington Park in Michigan City. Due to work schedules, this will be just a one day event.

Setup will be around 9am, on the grounds. The event will wrap up some time in the early evening.

This is a special event, where we try to contact as many Light Houses as possible. Come on out enjoy the day outdoors, playing radio. If you want to set up your station. Contact John Phillips for more details.

K9JSI

As may have heard, LaPorte Hospital is building a new hospital and the current one will be comming down. The problem is the K9JSI sits ontop of the current hospital. So the K9JSI is in sort of limbo. Our trustee and others are looking for possible sites to move too. If you know of location, please let us know.

Our repeater committee is talking about various ideas, to increase usage. Some of these will be talked about at the next meeting.

CLUB MEETING

IS AT

THE

TOWER SITE

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 July 21st @ 9:00am

EVENTS COMMING UP...

Member appreciation day

August 20th, 6pm

at the tower

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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
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		
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