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LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

A new year, for the club, and a new look for our news letter. Now that the holidays are behind us, our club is in high gear getting ready for the Cabin Fever Hamfest. The event is just a little over a month away. Cards have been mailed out, tables are being reserved. 2019 is looking to be a good year. At our next meeting, we'll have more updated information and we'll start to look for volunteers to help, with this event. If you are looking to have a table, contact Brian as soon as possible to hold your spot.

Your club dues, are now being accepted for 2019. Dues remained unchanged at \$15.00. Not only is your dues, our life blood, but it gives you a voice, as a member, to shape the future of the club.

Meeting Notice

Our next club meeting is Monday, January 21st at 7:00pm at the Knights of Columbus, in LaPorte.

The Inside Page

OUR MEMBERS

This month we interviewed John Phillips, KA9PGC. John has been a member of the club as long as I can remember. He currently holds the office Vice President.

When did you first get your ticket? I received my ticket back in 1983.

Who was the first Amateur you knew? That would have to be Greg Houcky WD9HFC.

Who inspired you to become a Amateur? Jim Thompson WD9OIX.

If you had to call someone your mentor, who would that be? Robert Snyder NC9Q. He was always willing help me, and he pushed me to learn more, rather than just push the mic and talk.

What was the first radio you owed? That would be the Tempo One.

Is there anything you enjoyed about the hobby but you miss or no longer use? That would have to be 2 Meter SSB and Weak Signal. Everyone thinks that you need more power, more power to make a contact, and I enjoyed the challenge of making the same contacts with 5 watts or less. QRP is the way to go. 2M SSB, when the band was open you could reach to the west coast on a good day. Gotta love skip.

What is your favorite mode of operation? That would be 40 Meter Motorcycle SSB. Riding my bike into work, checking into 40 Meter nets or just raw chewing with old friends, makes the ride into work more enjoyable.

** Note: John has been Motorcycle mobile long before CHIPS had radios on their bikes. In this day in age, having radios on bikes is not uncommon, but way back when, John was one of the first, to overcome ground loops and electrical and wind noise.

If you had to pick one radio, what radio that owed was your favorite? Hands down... Kenwood TS-430S.

Final question, what is your favorite radio you use today? TEN-TEC ONMI V.

CLUB DUES

\$15.00

You can pay your dues by mail:
PO Box 148 Michigan City, In
46361

You can pay at the Hamfest

You can pay at any
Club Meeting

LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club
CABIN FEVER
HAMFEST

Saturday, February 23, 2019

LaPorte Civic Auditorium
1001 Ridge St.
LaPorte Indiana 46350

Talk-In on 146.610 pl 131.8

Doors open 7:00 CST to 1:00pm CST

Admission at the door \$7.00
Tables \$15.00 each

VE TESTING

Info:cabinfeverhamfest@gmail.com

Saturday Morning

Breakfast returns

The Saturday after the club meeting.

We meet at **Memos** on
US 20 in Trail Creek

At 9am

Our next date is:
January 26, 2019



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The LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club is open to anyone who want to learn about Amateur Radio. Our club supports three repeaters K9JSI 146.610, W9LY 146.970 (analog & C4FM Digital), 441.950 (analog & digital) ** Connected to C4Fm Wires-X network on digital mode only.

Club meetings 3rd Monday of each month 7pm.

Annual Events:
Cabin Fever Hamfest
Field Day
Light House Weekend
Christmas Party

We also have summer picnics before our meetings.



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FEEDBACK



Ground Hog Day is right around the corner. That means Hamfest, and summer right around the corner.

You may noticed our new look for our news letter. OK.... It is work in progress. It is going to change our the next few months, and we welcome your feedback.

The truth is.....
Our computer went belly up over the holidays. I could give an editorial about Windows 10 but why waste the space?

Any how.. Windows wiped out everything, and we had to restore what we could and what was backed up. Software that worked before with the same version no longer works, so we moved to new software for our news letter. Hence, the new look.

Mark your calendars:

Club Meeting Jan 21st

Saturday Breakfast: Jan 26th

February Meeting: Feb 18th

Cabin Fever Hamfest Feb 23rd

Thursday Morning Breakfast
every week



Get out of your chair.....

Come out and
join us.