

DECEMBER 2019

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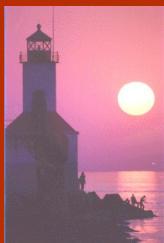
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Club Stuff

**Merry
Christmas**



LAPORTE COUNTY

HARBOR BEAM



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CLUB STUFF

Our **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY** is Saturday December 14th at 5pm. We will be at the tower site again this year. Members, Family and Guest welcome. Main course and soft drinks provided by the club. We ask that you bring a side dish, and BYOBs. We ask that you bring a wrapped gift, \$25.00 cap, for Steal a Gift. Gifts are placed under the Christmas Tree and your name is added to list. The first name, on the list, selects the first gift. After all the gifts have been opened, you can steal someone else gift, and trade for a donation of \$1.00, to the club.

2020 CABIN FEVER HAMFEST is right around the corner. Get your table reservations today. Spread the word, hand out flyers.

You may have noticed, we sent this news letter out earlier than normal. There is no club meeting this month, and we wanted to remind everyone of our Christmas Party.

Meeting Notice

Our next club meeting is Monday January 20th
at 7:00pm at the Knights of Columbus, in LaPorte.
We meet on the second floor.

The Inside Page

It's that time we start thinking about who should win the Best Ham of the Year award for 2019. Every year at our Christmas Party we award a member with this award. If you would recognize someone for going the extra mile for the club, or for the hobby, that we love. Let us know. You can email your suggestions or let Brian know.



Club Dues for 2020 will remain unchanged. Dues will still be only \$15.00 for next year. Dues can be mailed to :

LPCARC, PO BOX 148, Michigan City, Indiana 46361. Dues can be paid at any club meeting, or dues can be paid at the Hamfest, in February. Our club has two sources of income, our Hamfest, and Dues. Did you know that a percentage of your dues is set aside, in a special account, just for repeaters maintenance and upgrades? So in other words, your dues does directly support our repeaters. Your dues helps to support club events such as, our summer picnics, Field Day, Light House Weekend and our Christmas Party.

Cabin Fever Hamfest is February 22, 2020. Now you may notice, that the date changed from the flyer that was sent out last month. Well..... You are correct. Do you a scheduling conflict at the Civic, we moved our date one week ahead. Our club always held our Hamfest on the last Saturday in February, but due to Leap Year there is a extra Saturday. That date was giving to someone else. So we moved to the 22nd. So if you look at the month of February with out Leap Year, the 22nd would be the last Saturday. That's the story, now you know.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS was held --- Below is the officers elected for 2020,

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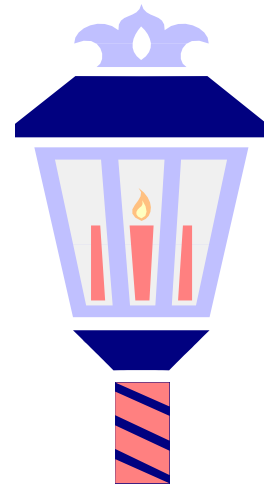
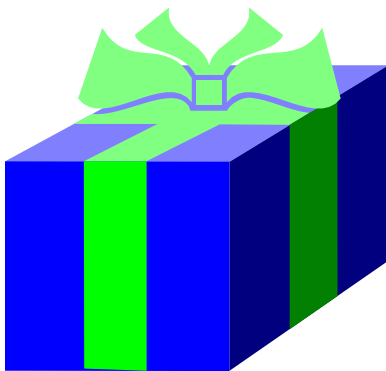
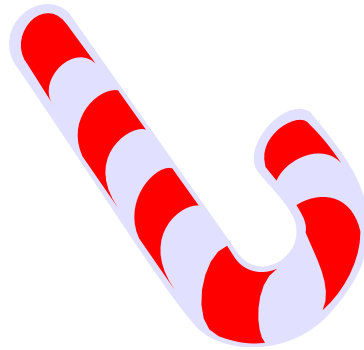
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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
FROM LPCARC**

**LAPORTE COUNTY HARBOR BEAM
LAPORTE COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Twass the night before Christmas, with my new radio in place,
Not a radio was stirring, not even my base.
The radio was tuned in the shack with care,
In hopes that someone soon would be there.

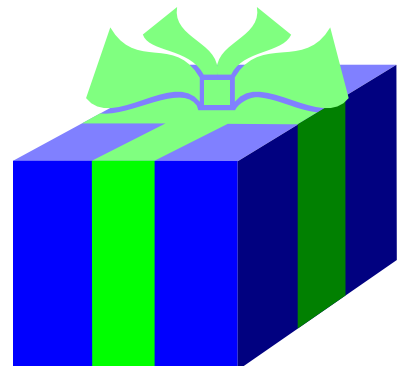
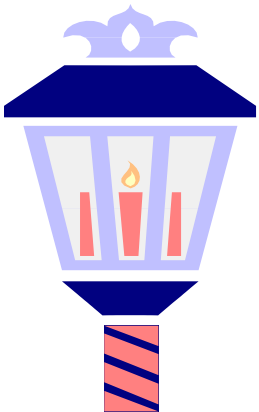
The children were nestled all snug in their bed,
I took out my headphones, and placed them on my head.
I keyed up the radio and nothing was heard,
The repeater wasn't working, that was weird.

I called Dan to tell him that we had no chatter,
He sprang from the couch to see what was the matter.
Away to the tower he flew like a flash,
He ran up the stairs like a twenty yard dash.

The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Dan took a moment to look at the ground below.
He looked too see if the problem should appear,
Why it wasn't working wasn't very clear.

With a little old screw driver, he poked a bit,
He even checked our Wires-X, and all the lights were lit.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
Then he whistled in the mic, then called my name.

CQ CQ he called in the night!
Still the repeater wasn't working, not that's not right!
He checked the coax attached to the wall!
He took the mic to make another call!



As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
 maybe it is the antenna mounted in the sky.
 So up to the roof-top he quickly flew,
 With tools in his pouch, and large hammer too.

And then, in flash, he was on the roof,
 The wind was so cold, he wish he had some eighty proof.
 As he climbed out of the hatch and he looked around,
 The hammer he held suddenly fell to the ground.

Dan was dressed in Cartharts, from his head to his foot,
 He adjusted his tool belt, so that tools would stay put.
 With a bundle of coax he flung on his back,
 He looked around the feedline to see if it was cracked.

Dan's eyes-how they twinkled! His dimples how merry!
 His cheeks were cold, his nose like a cheery!
 His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
 As he looked across the land that was white with snow.

The wind blew cold as he gritted his teeth,
 Then he saw the glow from the tower's Christmas wreath.
 He then went to work and checked the hardline,
 The shook his head, because it was fine.

With the Christmas wreath's red glow, he looked liked an elf,
 He paused and laughed, in spite of himself.
 A wink of his eye and twist of his head,
 He knew the problem was nothing to dread.

He left the roof, climbing down the stairs,
 He thought there must be someday to make repairs.
 Still as he wondered, but he did not fret,
 He went to the controller and pushed the reset.

The repeater sprang to life, and he confirmed with a whistle,
 then away home, he flew like a thistle.
 And I heard him exclaim, 'on the radio', as he drove out of sight,
 "MERRY CHRISTMAS to all, and to all a good-night!"



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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.

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.



Back Page Story Headline

FEEDBACK



Have you visited our web page lately. We have new pages and updates. You can find it at lpcarc.org

Hint: look for the flashing icons to find the new pages.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

Due to the Holidays

**Saturday Breakfast
Will not held.**

**We start up again in
January.**

Mark your calendars:

Thursday Morning Breakfast
every week

Annual Christmas Party

2020 Hamfest



Get out of
your
chair.....

Come out and
join us.