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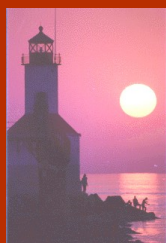
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MEMBER**



LAPORTE COUNTY

HARBOR BEAM



146.970 / 441.950 W9LY

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Hamfest is a great opportunity to see old friends, and even make new ones. One advantage of working the front door is that you get to see everyone. A large number of you paid your dues, but more importantly we had a number of new members join the club. Some just passed the VE Exam. They actually had a line waiting to test. We had some join the club, who wanted to get back into the hobby, after being inactive for several years. So... on behalf of the club..... WELCOME TO THE CLUB.

For those who are getting back into the hobby, we thought we would bring you up to date. The wheel has been invented, and furthermore the wheels on the bus really do go round and round. HF is alive well, now that we are on the up side of the solar cycle. Yeah band openings. Autopatch is gone, cell phones killed that. Repeaters are still around. The biggest change for our hobby is digital modes. TV is all digital, Public Service is digital so why not radio? All the old modes are still active, FM, SSB but digital is coming into it's own. There are a number of digital texting software applications for HF. Echolink is still used for voice over the Internet. Digital voice mode such as DMR, D-Star, C4FM are growing and is bring back the fun of voice communications. Yes the hobby has changed, but I like to think it is changing for the better.

On a sad note, Dave Goede pass away last week. Dave was a long time member. A retired Michigan City Police Officer and Trail Creek Officer. Dave loved working HF and he was active on Echolink when the bands were bad. We miss your QSO's Dave. :(

Meeting Notice

Our next club meeting is Monday, March 18th
at 7:00pm at the Knights of Columbus, in LaPorte.

The Inside Page

This month we interviewed Glen Zook, K9STH. Glen is Life Member and one of our founding fathers.

When did you get your first ticket?

Took Novice Class examination on my 15th birthday, 13 February 1959, KN9STH was "issued" on 15 May 1959, arrived in the mail 27 May 1959. In those days, everything at the FCC was done by hand. It was right at 3.5 months between the time I took the examination and the license arrived.

Who was the first amateur you knew?

Dave Osborn K9BPV (1st President of the LPARC, I was the 1st Secretary of the LPARC).

Who inspired you to get your ticket?

Dave Osborn K9BPV

Who was your mentor or Elmer?

I hate the term Elmer! My mentor was Orville Hartle. Orville was not an amateur radio operator but was a graduate EE who lived about a block from my parent's house (his house was on "K" Street) who ran a garage shop TV repair facility. He was quite the "character"! Orville worked in the "tool crib" at Allis Chalmers during the day, ran the TV shop evenings and weekends, and wrote books! Orville had a son, who was about a year younger than I, who had absolutely no interest in anything electronic. So he, basically, adopted me!

Orville kept me in as many old TV chassis that I could haul away (to strip for parts), gave me a television set for my bedroom that was better than the set in my parent's living room, encouraged me to go to an excellent engineering college, and encouraged me to write magazine articles, etc.

What was the first radio you owned?

Globe Chief 90A transmitter (that I got used from K9LHC), Hallicrafters S-107 receiver that replaced a Heath AR-3 that I had as an SWL.

Is there anything you enjoyed about the hobby but no longer use or miss?

. I miss the fact that, in the "goode olde dayes", the majority of amateur radio operators were much more technically "savvy" than they are today.

What mode of operation is your favorite?

Split between CW and SSB.

What is your favorite radio you owned?

Collins 75S-3A receiver / Collins 32S-3 transmitter

Over the decades I have operated using many different modes including fast scan ATV, FM / PM, AM, CW, RTTY (with a Model 15 Teletype), and SSB. Have, still operate, on all bands from 160-meters through 70 cm including the 60-meter and 1.25-meter bands. Have receiving capabilities on the 2200-meter and 630-meter bands. I just do not like the digital modes although I do have the capability of using a fair number of the digital modes.

In the early 1970s, when I owned the Motorola reconditioned equipment center for the south-center United States (in Plano, Texas), I gave the LPARC a complete 2-meter FM / PM repeater. Because of that, I was elected the first Life Member of the club.

I was the 1st FM Editor of CQ Magazine (January 1971 through August 1973). Have authored numerous articles that were published in 73 Magazine, CQ Magazine, Ham Radio Magazine, Popular Electronics Magazine, and several other publications. Have collected antique / vintage radio equipment since around 1970 and my collection was recognized by the Smithsonian Institution a while back. Have been the editor and / or publisher of a number of newsletters and organizational magazines. For several years, wrote a 3-times-a-week column for the Dallas (Texas) Suburban Newspapers (owned by Belo, publisher of the Dallas Morning News). Still publish a monthly newsletter on the American Civil War.

Am a past Commander of the (old) Department of the Southwest, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and held several national offices in that organization. Am still a member of a local SUVCW camp.

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HAMFEST RECAP

A new year, a Polar Vortex took hold and another Cabin Fever Hamfest as come and gone. I have to say Brian and Karen Salzer did an amazing job. Brian works on this event about six months a year. Each year it gets a little better and a little bigger. Vendors enjoy our Hamfest and they make money. The feed back from those who attend is positive. Our event has become a place, not only to buy and sell our wares, but to sit down, have something to eat and chew the fat with good old friends. One of the biggest change the Brian brought was transparency and checks and balance. Tables sales are recorded and checked against bank deposits. Door sales is checked against tickets sold. Our concession is now it's own profit center. Then all of these numbers are verified by our club's Treasurer.

Now, all of this means nothing with out our volunteers. A big

THANK YOU

... goes out to everyone who helped out. With out you, this event could not happen. So by now you might be wondering how we did.

Well..... I not saying. Ha! Ha!

You'll have to come to the next meeting to find out.



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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



Our clocks move ahead and that means spring is around the corner.

What 's next?

Summer and Field Day!

Field Day is the last weekend of June 22 and 23.

Light House weekend in August.

Who knows we might even have a Fox Hunt or two. It could happen. :)

Hey.. Don't forget the Saturday morning breakfast. It is the first Saturday after the club meeting.

RADIO GOTTA LOVE IT

Mark your calendars:

March Meeting: March 18th

Field Day June 22 and 23rd

Thursday Morning Breakfast every week

April Meeting: April 15th



Get out of your chair.....

Come out and join us.