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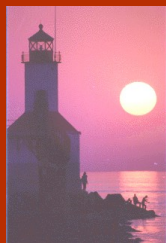
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MEMBER**



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FIELD DAY WEEKEND

It's that time year again. Amateurs from around the country will be on the air, making contacts, and racking up points. It seems we tend to forget what Field Day is all about. It is a exercise in emergency communications. Setting up radios, in remote locations. Running on generator power. Tossing wires in trees. All in effort to communicate with others. Not to mention setting up tents, bringing campers, bonfires and cooking out, being with friends, staying up all night. Well.... Even with all that, it is sad to say that we are not sponsoring a Field Day, as a club. I look back and every since I became a amateur we had a Field Day. So for the first time in 25 years, maybe 30, 40 or even fifty years we are not hosting a Field Day. When I became a Amateur, Field Day was a learning event. I learned so much. Field Day, for me made me a better operator and I learned about the hobby. Field Day was always filled with what if's. We had cold, we had heat. We fought high winds and sudden down pours, but that never stopped us. It seems like everyone planned to take time off work for this event. It was a mini vacation, but now days everyone is so busy. I remember when we had members bringing three to four stations, and we worked out of one tent.

For myself this year, I'll be doing Field Day mobile, this year. I might drop by at other locations to see what are doing. I 'm now looking forward to the Light House Weekend. Maybe we can get more then 4 members to come out.

Meeting Notice

Our next club meeting is Monday, June 17th
at 7:00pm at the Tower Site. Our summer picnic
Starts at 6:00pm.

The Inside Page

The past few months, we have been running series Getting To Know Our Members. We ask our members questions about the hobby, and they often share stories from the past. Our club has such a rich history. So we wanted to share that history with you. This month we interviewed Dan Foster KC9GFO. Dan is a member of the club and Past President. So we asked him.....

When did you get your first ticket?

I first got my ticket in the 90's. Don't exactly remember lol

Who was the first amateur you knew?

One of the very first hams I knew was Tim Volkman. But I remember a teacher in grade school, Mr Warner who was into the hobby.

Who inspired you to get your ticket?

My inspiration to get into the hobby were Tim and zippy!! I got into storm spotting at first and after trying to phone in reports during a storm I said there has to be a better way, that's when I got in hobby!

Who was your mentor or elmer?

Ken N9ZIP was and is to this day continues to be my mentor!! Whenever I have a question or need help figuring something out he welcomes my at times novice questions!!

What was the first radio you owned?

My first radio was a Alinco 605 mobile. It was used but I remember the day I received it!! I had just gotten my ticket, I called my buddy Ken to tell him I passed, I honestly to this day believe he was more excited for me than I was!! He told me to come over...I got a radio for you!! Funny thing about all that was I called Ken before I even called my own family!!!

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

Humm that's a interesting question... I'm proud of the fact that I help combine the MC club with the LP club, it's nice to only have 1 meeting. Haha but in all seriousness I still love the hobby, I really miss not getting to events and seeing my friends like I used to but I gotta make the doughnuts!!

What mode of operation is your favorite?

I really don't have a favorite mode.

What is your favorite radio you owned?

My favorite radio has to be my first, the Alinco 605. Call me a old softie but it has a lot of happy memories tied to it!!!

What is you favorite radio today?

I haven't added to my collection for quite some time now, so having a favorite isn't something I have....I like all my toys equal!!! Lol

In closing I like to add..... In my years in the hobby I have met and made some really good friends though I don't get to see and talk to you all as I would like rest assured I am still around!! Life changes things and change is always happening, I hopeful that if things ever slow down I will get to see and talk to you again soon!!!

TIPS & TRICKS

Every now and then we give out some tips. Today we'll be talking about Wires-X. Now a number of you don't have access to Wires-X, but maybe if you knew some of what Wires-X could do, you might be interested in trying it out.

Did you know, with Wires-X you can send and receive text messages to and from your radio? We are not talking about APRS. We are talking about the Fusion network. Did you know, you can see who is in the room, you are connected too? If you have the HRI-200 interface you have access and control, but what about my hand held or mobile?

Wires-X has really cool feature that isn't talked about much. The GM button or Group Mode. When you press the GM button your radio shows the freq. you are on, but it will also show the call signs of others who also have pressed the GM button, in the room you are in. Your radio will beacon your call sign about every 30 seconds to all "in the group". From the GM, you can read messages and send messages.

Did you know that a digital signal can get through clearly, when analog signals are weak or mixed with QRM? Think of Morse Code. You can hear Morse Code in QRM. The same for digital.

RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY

It has rained so much, this spring, I still can't find the dog, in the back yard.

We started mowing, at the tower site. Thank-you Scott. It has been a chore even with a riding mower.

Weather Nets..... With the storms that have rolled through, Weather Nets have been opened on 146.970. Dave, and Dan did a great job when a line of storms came in. They were keeping everyone informed, and with the reports coming for from you, it helped to make everyone safer.

.SUMMER PICNIC

At 6pm, just before our club meeting, this month we'll be serving burgers and hotdogs. Come on out and enjoy a picnic with friends.



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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



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.

It is refreshing to know, when the crap hits the fan, Amateurs will come out of the wood work. During storms, we all want to know what is going on.

If we had an emergency, Amateurs would come out, even if its just support each other.

Amateurs are a rare bread of people.

Troy KC9E had a stroke and is doing much better. He has been moved to local rehab center. He is at Life Care on US 20, room 207.

Drop in and say Hi.

Mark your calendars:

June Meeting: June 17th

Field Day June 22 and 23rd

Thursday Morning Breakfast
every week



Get out of
your
chair.....

Come out and
join us.