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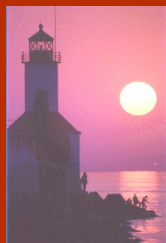
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**MEET A
MEMBER**



LAPORTE COUNTY

HARBOR BEAM



146.970 / 441.950 W9LY

DIGITAL/FM PL 131.8 DIGITAL/ WIRES-X

146.610 K9JSI

What Did You Do?

Field Day has come and gone. Even though, as a club we didn't do anything, still many of us, did our thing. With this Spring being the rainiest in memory, the mosquitoes would have carry off our radios, in to the woods. I heard from several that operated from home. Myself I operated mobile. One of the few times 146.520 was active. My high light was making a contact with Japan from my HT somewhere in North Dakota. While it was fun making contacts, still something was missing. I guess I missed being with friends, the cook out, the bonfire. Well there always next year.

But wait!!!!!!

Lighthouse Weekend is around the corner.

August 17th & 18th We will be at the Old Light House, in Michigan City. It's great time to sit, by the lake, relax, and play radio.

Not mention Pizza by the lake. Yum

Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Meeting Notice

Our next club meeting is Monday, July 15th
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 Barb Cave, KA6OJX. Barb is a long time member of the club.

I received my first "ticket" in 1982 after taking an adult education class on Amateur Radio given by "Hams" from the Anaheim Amateur Radio Association. I think one of them was Ralph WB6JBI and the other was Bob KD6DA. Since it was only a novice license, I had to drive to the FCC in Long Beach, California to test for a Technician class license. I had met a couple of "Hams" before I met and married Gary, but did not understand the hobby until we had been married for a while. It still took me 18 years before I challenged myself to get licensed. We were members of the AARA and we had participated in Field day as a family and I knew several amateurs who encouraged me at the time. Our son Brian received his novice license at 12 years old, and we took another trip to the FCC in Long Beach so he could upgrade to Technician class.

I became a member of YLRL of Los Angeles and met with the women some of whom were active since the 1940's and had Advance and Extra class licenses. We met at a Winery in Los Angeles one Saturday a month for Lunch. Several women were from the Orange County area and decided to form Ladies Amateur Radio Association (LARA). The LARA group met at a restaurant for breakfast on a Saturday and were even able to get speakers to come and talk about their adventures with amateur radio or DXpeditions.

Gary and I used the repeaters on Johnston/Onyx peak to talk on the way home from our jobs in Orange County after we moved to Chino, California. The frequency was monitored as an emergency frequency before cell phones were so popular.

I remember we had a Heath Kit Pawnee radio in the car, but we have had so many different radios over the years I don't remember them all. I mostly operated on 2 meters until Technician class was upgraded to General class privileges.

AARA and other clubs had monthly T-Hunts and we had multiple opportunities to participate in public service in southern California, the Fourth of July parade in Huntington Beach and Pasadena Rose parade. The City of Chino set up a club of amateurs to provide manpower for an emergency trailer with amateur equipment. Pomona Valley Hospital had a group of amateurs organized to provide communication in case of an earth quake, or other emergency. One time we were at a Square Dance convention aboard the Queen Mary berthed in Long Beach California on a Field Day weekend and Gary went up to the Radio Room and made a couple of contacts.

While I am not as active on the radio as we were when we were living in southern California. I do like to take my Bao Feng radio along with me because of its small size.

Thanks Barb..... Barb's story reminded me on how much our hobby has changed. But if you back our hobby has always been changing. She mentioned how a local was repeater was monitored 24/7. Before cell phones locally you could always find someone on the repeaters. During blizzards I remember someone monitoring the repeater for traveling hams who may need help, or even local hams. In Chicago there was a repeater system that had scheduled amateurs to monitor the repeater 24/7. I recall in my early days, my car broke down on I-94 in Chicago. I switched to that repeater, tossed out my call, and someone came back. I told them where I was, they made a phone call for a tow truck, and stayed on the air to make sure I was ok. People helping people.

The days of the Autopatch was awesome. Making a phone call from your radio. Locally Autopatch saved Amateurs money. To make a phone call from Michigan City to LaPorte was Long Distance call and Ma Bell charged more by the minute. So the club picked up the tab for the call. When you used autopatch to call the police or fire, the dispatchers knew our phone number was tied to a radio.

Then came cell phones. The days of monitoring repeaters 24/7 was no longer needed. The days of tossing our your call and someone would come back are gone.

Yes our hobby has changed. If you think way back when HF was all there was. The uproar that was heard when 2 meters and 70 cm came to the hobby.

Cell Phones was a death notice for amateurs. After all why buy a radio to call a few when a cell phone can call everyone. Yet our hobby is still here.

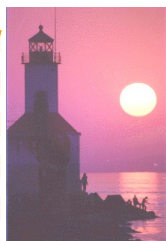
Now we have VOIP. Most of us have used Echolink at one point or another. Pssst.....
Don't tell anyone but Echolink uses the Internet. :)

We also have digital modes available for radio to radio or with VOIP, or text to text.

Yes our hobby has changed, but I'd like to think it changed for the better.

SUMMER PICNIC

At 6pm, just before our club meeting, this month we'll be serving burgers and brats,salad. 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.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST

July 20th Breakfast will be held at Chappy's Stadium Inn
2323 Wabash, Michigan City.

Breakfast time will be at
8:30am to beat the crowds.

Good Food
Good Prices that wont break the bank.

Mark your calendars:

June Meeting: July15th

Thursday Morning Breakfast
every week

Light House Weekend
August 17 & 18 2019



Get out of
your
chair.....

Come out and
join us.