



President's Message

Fellow club members,

Summer is here, and so is RF! It has been a fantastic first half of 2026 for LPCARC. Our membership continues to grow, our nets are active, and Field Day is just days away. I want to take a moment to thank every one of you for your dedication to our hobby and to our community.

Coming up, ARRL Field Day is June 27–28 and we have our Tailgate Swap Meet on July 18th. I hope to see a strong LPCARC presence at both events. Remember — the more operators we put on the air, the better our score and the more fun we all have!

73 de KC9DJP

Rich Oberle LPCARC Club President

Upcoming Events & Meetings

Mark your logbooks! Here is what LPCARC has coming up. Monthly meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM local time. Check lpcarc.org for any last-minute changes.

Field Day setup will start around 8am. There will be food and water for all that attend. Bring your own chairs. There will be some chairs, but maybe not enough for everyone. Teardown will depend on weather and participation. **We will need members to help set up and teardown.**

Date	Event	Location
June 27-28, 2026	ARRL Field Day	Concrete Tower at HWY35 and Schultz Rd.
July 13, 2026	Monthly Club Meeting	La Porte Seventh Day Adventist Church
July 18, 2026	Tailgate Swap Meet	Concrete Tower at HWY35 and Schultz Rd.



Field Day operating assignments will be distributed at the event. Contact the club at info@lpcarc.org for more information.

Member Spotlight

Featuring: [Member Name], [Call Sign]

Know a member who deserves the spotlight? Contact the newsletter editor at newsletter@lpcarc.org.

Technical Tips & Articles

Getting Started with APRS

APRS — Automatic Packet Reporting System — is one of amateur radio's most practical real-world tools. It uses the AX.25 packet protocol on 144.390 MHz (the North American standard) to share position reports, weather data, messages, and more over a nationwide network of digipeaters and I-gates.

To get started you will need:

- A VHF/UHF transceiver capable of 144.390 MHz FM
- A TNC or a sound card interface with software TNC such as Direwolf
- APRS client software (APRS.fi, APRSdroid on Android, or PinPoint APRS on Windows)
- A valid amateur radio call sign configured as your SSID (e.g., W9XYZ-9 for mobile)

Visit aprs.fi and search for your call sign after your first beacon to confirm you are getting out. Questions? Bring your rig to the next club meeting — several members are happy to help you get set up!

The good news for LPCARC members is that the La Porte area is exceptionally well-covered. A digipeater and I-gate at the tower site on HWY 35 and Schultz Road, owned and maintained by Les Turner, W9LRT, provides excellent regional coverage — and we extend our sincere thanks to Les for making that infrastructure available to the community. The club itself operates two additional digipeater sites: one hosted at Springfield Township Fire Department and another at the Noble Fire Station in Union Mills, giving our members solid coverage across the area. *Have a technical article or tip to share? Submit to newsletter@lpcarc.org*

On the Air Activity

Club Nets

LPCARC maintains the following regularly scheduled nets. All are open to any licensed amateur:

- Wednesday Evening LPCARC Information Net — 7:00 PM Central, 146.970 MHz (–600 kHz, PL 131.8) — All licensed amateurs are welcome to participate!

Repeater & Net Status

The club currently sponsors and maintains the following repeaters:

- 146.970 MHz (-600 kHz offset, PL Tone 131.8) — W9LY AllStar/EchoLink Connected
- 441.950 MHz (+5 MHz offset, PL Tone 131.8) — W9LY C4FM/WiresX Connected
- 146.610 MHz (-600 kHz offset, PL Tone 131.8) — K9JSI Analog

All repeaters are currently operational. The Club would like to extend thanks to Curt Yeater & Dan Sheetz for their continued maintenance work. If you notice a repeater issue, please report it promptly to the repeater committee at repeatertrustee@lpcarc.org or on the repeaters if you hear a trustee or club officer on the air.

Welcome, New Members!

LPCARC is proud to welcome the following new members who recently joined or upgraded their licenses. Please give them a warm welcome on the air and at our next meeting!

- [New Member Name], [Call Sign] — [License Class], [City, IN]
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The LPCARC Roundtable is published as news warrants by the La Porte County Amateur Radio Club. If time allows, we will try to make this monthly unless there is nothing new to report.

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