

W9JOZ

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The President's Corner

Weather has been TERRIBLE around here lately. I have been having visions of Texas but its cold down there too. February meeting will be on the 19th. Agenda for the meeting will be F.D. activities, Foxhunts, Parades and classes we will be having. We will also have all the officers on board by then.

We have to get going on Field Day activities if were going to answer the challenge. Think about the Indiana QSO party as a primer?

I know there are many of us waiting on the weather, so we can put up all our new towers and any antennas that came down over the past months. Hang in there spring is right around the corner I just don't know what corner.

Be radioactive.

CU at the meeting

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TONY W9AL

Be Ready, Register with ARES!

Meeting Feb. 19th

Agenda is new officers inducted and discussion of a field day challenge, see page 3, foxhunts, classes and parades.

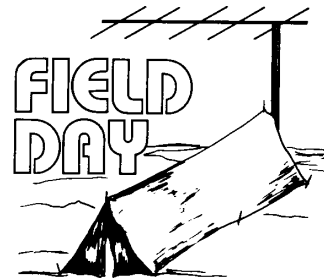
Election Results

Vice President

Randy, KC9ISJ	15 VOTES
Mike, WB9L	11 VOTES
Gary, KB9OLZ	3 VOTES

Public Information Officer

David, KC9MRS	19 VOTES
Bob, KC9ISI	10 VOTES



It is coming Soon! Are you ready to beat the other counties again? Get on the air and practice making contacts, staying up late working the bands. Get ready!

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From their January Newsletter:

“Michigan City Amateur Radio Club
JANUARY 2009

HARBOR BEAM

It's Only January

OK, I know it is January but Field Day is only six months away. We are starting to pour over our notes, suggestions and ideas. This year Field Day is should be better the ever with exciting changes.

Even though we have not treated Field Day as contest, we have to beat Starke County in the points. It's not a contest for most of us, it's just personal to some of us.

The snow may be blowing, the wind bone chilling, and your nose hairs may be freezing, but if you think Field Day hard enough. It will come. Field Day June 27th and 28th. Plan now to be there.”

NO EDITING WAS DONE TO THIS. IT IS WRITTEN JUST AS IT APPEARED IN THEIR NEWSLETTER.

NOTICE THE LINE ABOVE: “IT’S NOT A CONTEST FOR MOST OF US, IT’S JUST PERSONAL TO SOME OF US.”

THEY ARE REALLY UPSET THAT WE BEAT THEM LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR WE MUST DOUBLE OUR POINTS TO INSURE VICTORY AGAIN.

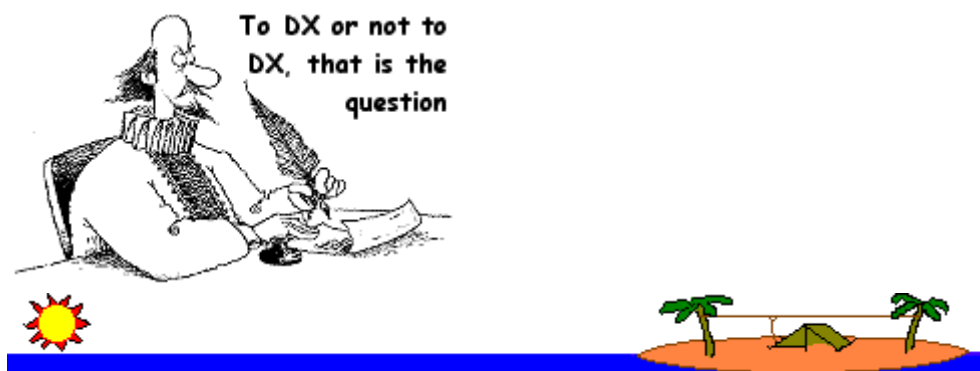
**2009 DUES ARE DUE NOW!
THEY ARE STILL ONLY \$5.00.
YOU CAN'T BEAT THAT DEAL.
PLEASE PAY A CLUB OFFICER,
OR MAIL IT TO ME AND I WILL THEM
FOR YOU. ADDRESS IS OKAY ON QRZ.**

DX CLASS

The DX Class was held last month and we had a good turn out from the members. Doc Lockner, K9CIV and John, W3ML presented the class using PowerPoint and the Internet on the new equipment that the club received via the grant.

They explained about how to work DX (listen and listen more) and the procedure for QSLing and using the LOTW.

Hopefully more club members will now get on HF and start searching for their DX contacts to catch up with K9CIV and W3ML who are approaching the 300 contact made and confirmed.



LaPorte Amateur Radio Club

CABIN FEVER - HAMFEST!!!

Saturday February 28, 2009

LaPorte Civic Auditorium
1001 Ridge St. LaPorte, IN. 46350
7:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. CST (Chicago Time)

Talk-In: 146.610 (131.8 PL) 146.52 simplex

From: Michigan City

From: South Bend

10 SUGGESTIONS OF - "HOW TO KEEP THE INTEREST UP"

Since much of amateur emcomm is provided from home stations, we begin with what emcomm volunteers can do as individuals at home.

(Some examples are: monitoring multiple frequencies to alert an emcomm net of relevant information, handling/relaying message traffic, maintaining a net incident log, assisting an emcomm leader with scheduling of volunteer personnel, logistics support, and much more.)

AS AN INDIVIDUAL AT HOME

1. Keep your home station in good order, including maintaining an emergency power back up system.
2. Know, practice (and thereby demonstrate) proper operating procedures.
3. Know, practice and use the universal message format (RADIOGRAM)
4. Learn and practice Morse code. One short QSO a day will work wonders!
5. Participate in a public service and/or traffic nets at least once a week.

AS AN "EMCOMM TEAM"

1. Train, practice and function as a TEAM! Ideally you will form or be a member of ARES/RACES
2. Set up classes on various skills. RADIOGRAM training can take up two evenings, and should be reviewed annually
3. Many hams have never soldered two wires together, much less solder on a PL-259 properly. Workshops are VERY helpful and promote camaraderie. Consider setting up soldering stations. Teach/learn basic soldering skills.
4. For a long-term project we can obtain a trailer and build a mobile field communications unit.
5. Providing public service communications for local community events has great value towards promoting team work, experience in portable/field operations

ARES/RACES Should Include FEMA Courses

Successful completion of the FEMA courses IS-100a, IS-200a and IS-700.

These courses provide the basics that every ARES/RACES member should have if they are to work effectively with served agencies and each other.

Here is a link for them <http://www.training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>

W9AL

Starke County Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report January 2009

Balance from December 2008:

Club Balance \$219.20

Balance Grant Money \$168.32

January 15, 2009

Dues collected and deposited \$65.00

Raffle money collected and deposited \$17.00

Club Money Account

\$301.20

Balance of Grant Money

\$168.32

Total \$469.52

Club authorized to purchase a W5YI Extra Book and Ink Stamp

Janet, KC9HUG

Treasurer

Starke County Amateur Radio Club

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January 2009 Minutes

It was -18 degrees on Thursday, January 15 at 7 p.m. when the Starke County Amateur Radio Club held it's meeting at the Knox Library.

In attendance was WC2O Bill, KC9GKZ Garland, KC9HUB Roy, KC9HUG Janet, KC9ISI Bob, KC9ISJ Randy, KC9KPG Mike, KC9KTV James, KC9MRS David, KC9NEB Nancy, KC9MFD Joseph, W3ML John, W9AL Tony, W9MTE Ken, WBb9CAO Levi, WB9L Mike, WO0P Hugh.

Meeting was called to order; the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Old news:

Radioville QSL cards were talked about. John, W3ML needs anything interesting for the newsletter.

New news:

Election ballots were passed out and we needed ½ of the membership to vote (we have 39 members in the club) we only had 17 members at the meeting. So W3ML (John) will send emails to the rest of the members and we will have total when the voting is complete or at the next meeting, which will be held on Thursday February 19th. Tony ran unopposed for President and Janet also ran unopposed for Secretary and Treasurer.

Nominations for Vice President are: Mike WB9L, Randy KC9ISJ, and Gary KB9OLZ.

PIO: Bob KC9ISI and David KC9MRS. Good luck to all.

Tony told us that the club received an Educational grant for the amount of \$1,500.00. With some of the grant money the club purchased a laptop computer, a projector, carrying case for the laptop, and a suitcase to store and carry it all in. The club will purchase a W5YI Extra book and a self inked stamp with the club's name and call sign.

We talked about buying logging software to help keep track of the contacts we make at our field day events, more discussions on the purchasing the logging software at the next meeting.

A basic electronic class was talked about and we will send everyone an email when and at what time it will be. There was discussion about having a General class or Tech class.

John, W3ML talked about becoming an ARRL member for more information contact John.

Our Wednesday simplex net control operators will be WO0P Hugh, or KC9MRS David. Thanks guys.

Discussion about the May 2nd Indiana QSO event was talked about. More details at the next meeting.

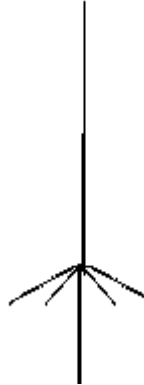
Field day 2009 was discussed, we talked about where to have the event, and a committee will be formed so that one person doesn't have to do it all. We have a challenge from another club this year for field day. More details to come. We talked about having more Fox hunts.

Tony told us that our club has been noticed by the Starke county tourist bureau and other agencies in the county due to our participating in the Bass Lake parade.

More discussions about upcoming events will be talked about in February. We need to get things going and make reservations for upcoming places and events.

Our meeting ended at 8:30 pm with Garland, John, and Randy motioning to close the meeting.

73 kc9hug



We have had great antenna weather lately. As you all know they always say, "An antenna will only work great when installed in sub-zero temperatures."

Until next month,
73
John, W3ML