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From the Oval Office

by Marv, WV9O, LCARC President

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Freq	Location
147.000	Merrillville
147.240	St. John
442.075	Merrillville

All Lake County ARC Repeaters are open to all amateurs. All repeaters must have a PL of 131.8 set in order to access.



What a way to start 2016 with great presentation by Tim N9CA on "show and tell" on 2 HF antennas. The first one was a 133 foot Carolina Windom off center fed 80-6 meter wire antenna. The other was a 125 foot 80-6 meter Doublet Dipole fed with 600-ohm open wire ladder line utilizing a balanced line auto tuner. He touched a bit upon; theory, baluns, RF chokes, as well as instillation ideas for these "old school" but effective antennas. It was everything you wanted to on wire antenna and was afraid to ask!

The club is looking at having three-club event for 2016. I was wondering who would be interested in participating. If we have enough participation, we will schedule them.

- Indiana QSO Party
- Field Day
- IPOTA {Indiana Parks on the Air} and club picnic

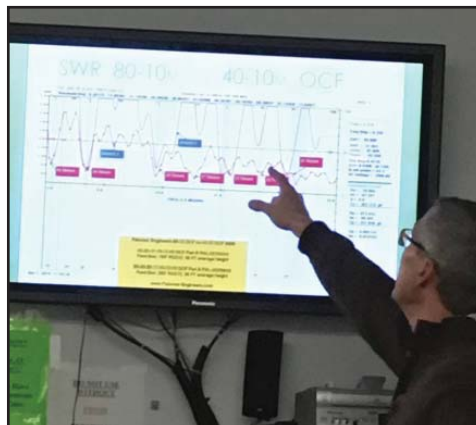
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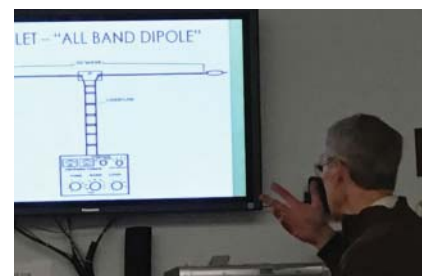
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It looks like a busy night and another great meeting, "Be there or be square"!

From the Oval Office, 73 Marv WV9O



Tim, N9CA presents a very interesting presentation on wire antennas!



Minutes LCARC

January 8, 2016

Introductions were made with 12 members attend with 1 visitor

- Treasury's report was read and accepted as read.
- Minutes were read and accepted as read.
- Activities for club, Indiana QSL, Field day, INPOTA and other activities. Will bring up discussion later before events.
- Club contest will continue for a free year membership.
- Reports RACES Feb 13 will have test for state and check in at EOC.
- Red Cross no report and repeaters are OK
- Dan KD9ARD will do club net with help.
- Break for program at 8:00PM about antennas by Tim N9CA

Meeting adjourned at 8:56PM

February Program

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- MLA 2500 Dentron Linear Amp
- Dentron 160-10 Transmatch
- Yaesu SSB Transceiver FT-100EE
- Yaesu 2- meter
- Heathkit SB634
- Heathkit AC Power Supply
- Curtis Deluxe Keyer Model EK420A
- CW Key
- Speaker
- Wilson WR-1000 directional antenna
- Turner Plus 3 Microphone

If interested please contact
Lynn Jacobs, WB9SCS
7125 E 157 th Street
Hobart, IN 46341

Why Join an Amateur Radio Club

by Ron Hashiro, AH6RH

Tonight, a person asked "Why should a person join a radio club like the EARC? What are the benefits of joining an amateur radio club? The answers may surprise you.

The key benefit of joining an amateur radio club is to join up with other people who have the same interests and have a good time exchanging information and experiences relating to amateur radio. And, it's not only amateur radio, per se, but also an open door to many related and non related activities.

At one recent meeting, there were hams ranging from Novice to Extra class. There were the usual 2m handie and mobile enthusiasts. In addition, there were HF'ers, satellite, packet, tropo, repeater and other enthusiasts present. Those who've rolled their own radios, feedline and antennae to those who seemed to have bought just about every radio around.

Among them were teachers, RF and wireline communications technicians, doctors, executives, computer and networking specialists, the military, nurses, nature enthusiasts, airline pilots, financial experts and university professors. Within that mix, it seems you can understand and solve almost any radio situation with the talent present.

There are chances to try out and expand your radio horizons at the gatherings. Field Day is an excellent time to pitch in and build an HF station from scratch in the field, where one must improvise and leverage every advantage from the terrain. Similarly, at our periodic outdoor gatherings, one gets to see and operate a no-fuss HF, VHF and UHF station that's powered by deep-cycle batteries.

There are other benefits, such as the newsletter, repeater systems and frequent public service events that round out the offering.

Keep in mind that the greatest benefit of joining an amateur radio club is a regular and ready mutual access to experienced technical information, references and learning experiences. The more you pursue and interact, the more you get out of your membership. And that translates to a chance to nurture and grow your knowledge and radio horizon -- whether it's amateur, commercial or personal.



TIMEWAVE PK-232 WITH ALL THE UPGRADES. Works on HF and VHF built in sound card, rig control and USB. Has radio 1 for HF radio 2 for VHF. Has all the bells and whistles for digi, fsk or afsk and other digital modes, very good tech support via internet or phone support. Call Nick for price if you are interested. 219-924-7559

Lake County Amateur Radio Club Membership Application



Please complete this form and return (address below) with your dues. Make all checks payable to LAKE COUNTY ARC. You may also return this application at one of our club meetings, held the 2nd Friday of each month at the Lake Co Dept of Homeland Security Office, 2900 W 93rd Ave, Crown Point, IN.

Lake County ARC -- PO Box 90 -- Crown Point, IN 46308-0090

Name	Call	License Class	ARRL Member
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Family Members covered by membership (living with you)

DUES ENCLOSED (please choose)

- Full (\$20)
 Family (\$25)
 Associate -- Non Ham (\$10)

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Membership forms can be downloaded from our web site at www.w9lj.org. If you download the file from the web you can use your computer to fill in the blanks (makes our secretary happy) and then print the form with your information filled in.

Thursday Night Net Resumes!

The W9LJ Thursday night club net will resume on Feb. 4th. The net will start 30 minutes earlier at 7:30 pm instead of 8 pm..

Perhaps having the net a little earlier that night will encourage more people to check in and participate. The format for the net will remain basically the same, just slightly reworded. I will also make announcements for the DMR and Races net.

If things go well, I'll consider doing the net every other week. Hopefully with a little time, we can get the club net back up to every week. Dan, KD9ARD