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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.



Thanks to Tim N9CA, for conducting, the meeting last month while I was recuperating in the hospitals. I hope to make the meeting this month.

What a great program from the speaker Rich Loslo speaking on solar observing and its effects on our radios. Hope you all caught the great article on ham radio and the LCARC in the Post Tribune. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/post-tribune/opinion/ct-ptb-davich-ham-radio-operators-st-0523-20160522-story.html>

Coming LCARC Events

2016 ARRL Field Day is June 25-26. To work as many stations as possible on all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations

IPOTA {Indiana Parks on the Air} club picnic September 10, 2016 o Indiana Parks on the Air (INPOTA) is an awards program for radio amateurs and shortwave listeners that encourage portable operation in Indiana State Parks..

It looks like a busy night and another great meeting for June. Next the 2016 ARRL Field Day is June 25-26 "Be there or be square"!



Man Found In Hara Arena, Days After Hamvention Ends

By K5KVN, on the scene

DAYTON, Ohio — A Vermont amateur radio operator was found today in a remote hallway within the Hara Arena complex,



three days after the end of Hamvention. Officials at a news conference identified the man as Gerry Mapleshire and described him as being found “disoriented, hungry, and with three days of beard growth.”

Ham Found in Hara Arena Days After Hamvention EndsAfter medical technicians on the scene revived his blood sugar by providing him a leftover \$6 Hamvention Hotdog, Mapleshire recalled what happened.

“It was shoulder-to-shoulder on the arena floor. I remember a nice-looking lady handing me a free Kenwood cloth bag full of brochures and a lapel pin, then the crowd shifted and I was pushed into the MFJ booth,” said Mapleshire.

He says that’s when his “survival instincts” kicked in.

“I got on my hands and knees and crawled out of the MFJ booth. I got to the arena floor ramp but the crowd was so thick. I somehow ended up in a hall by the loading docks, without my Kenwood bag,” he said.

He wandered through dark hallways trying to find his way out of the vast complex for three days before a maintenance worker found him. “I called for help on 146.520 but no one answered,” said Mapleshire.

Hamvention information deputy Ned Doubtman investigated why his radio call went unanswered. “Turns out he was transmitting WITHOUT a PL tone. Everyone here blocks out QRM by using a PL tone on transmit and receive. It’s no wonder he wasn’t heard,” said Doubtman.

Mapleshire says he’s still recovering from the traumatic experience, but would like to get in touch with someone from Kenwood so he can get his lapel pin.

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Electricity and Circuits

Dave Barry

“Electricity originates inside clouds. There, it forms into lightning, which is attracted to the Earth by golfers.

After entering the ground, the electricity hardens into coal, which, when dug up by power companies and burned in big ovens called 'generators,' turns back into electricity...where it is transformed by TV sets into commercials for beer, which passes through the consumers and back into the ground, thus completing what is known as a "circuit"Dave Barry

May - June Program

The JUNE program will be about home brewing a tube linear amplifier.



RFinder – Worldwide Repeater Directory Now Lets Users file jamming reports

From ARRL Letter



RFinder, the creator of a web and app-based directory of Amateur Radio repeaters worldwide, now includes the ability to report radio jamming anywhere. This feature is already available in RFinder's Android app and should be available for iOS devices by the time of Dayton Hamvention®. Those without a device or subscription can file reports online. Individuals or entities responsible for coordinating anti-jamming activities can also

request access to view jamming reports for their area.

"Repeater jamming is a problem worldwide, [and] we've created a way of organizing anti-jamming activities worldwide," says Bob Greenberg, W2CYK, creator of RFinder. "We are evaluating some automated monitoring technology to integrate in the near future.

This new feature just extends RFinder's social features even further."

RFinder includes more than 60,000 repeaters in some 170 countries around the globe. RFinder is integrated directly with Echo-Link on both Android and iPhone and provides the ability to share repeater check-ins on Facebook, Twitter, and APRS. RFinder is integrated with RT Systems and CHIRP radio programmers and has a routing feature, where users can find repeaters worldwide over a given route. Video demos of RFinder features are available on YouTube.

In February, ARRL announced it had established an agreement with RFinder to be its preferred online resource of repeater frequencies. Subscribe to RFinder from your iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch, or from your Android smartphone or tablet. The annual \$9.99 subscription provides access to repeater data worldwide through RFinder's collection of apps for Android and Apple devices, and from nearly any web browser. RFinder will have an exhibit in the ARRL EXPO at Dayton Hamvention, May 20-22.

Obama Installs Antenna: Disbands Park Service

By WBØRUR, on the scene



WASHINGTON, D.C. – In a move that surprised Washington insiders, President Barack Obama has issued an executive order immediately disbanding the Federal Park Service (FPS), the agency responsible for maintaining the country's parks and forests.

The FPS drew fire from Obama, a newly licensed ham radio operator (see Ham Hijinks story), after it blocked the Chief Executive's attempt to erect a G5RV HF antenna atop the White House.

"As your leader, it is my job to remove obstacles which face the American people in their daily lives and stand in their way of liberty and happiness. If government regulations say I can't hang a dipole on top of my house, then I must act accordingly," said Obama in a hastily called mid-morning news conference.

Ham Hijinks Ham Radio News Obama told reporters his extension ladder was leaning against the South Portico and he was headed up with coax and G5RV tied to his belt, when stopped by a FPS field agent.

"The agent said the White House grounds are considered a federal park and I would need approvals from Congress to set up my transmitting apparatus," said Obama.

Obama hoped to participate in the weekend's sideband contest, but was unable to get on the air in time due to the agent's persistence.

Former spokesman of the Federal Park Service, Pontus "Smokey" Blumenthal says regulations regarding antenna erections in parks are clear, but the agent "probably should have looked the other way on this one."

The President has established his ham radio "shack" on the top floor of the White House in the space formerly used to house Dwight Eisenhower's orchid collection.

After getting his antenna up and coax routed, Obama says his next project is creating a state-by-state online marketplace to assist hams needing to purchase radio gear. He exclaims: "WE WILL CALL IT OHAMACARE! IT WILL BE GREAT!"

Look for the President daily on the 75 meter "Washington Insiders" net. (Net control station for the month is John Boehner; check his QRZ page for times and frequencies.)

Pirate alert!

'The Daily DX' reports: The ever-persistent Hassan, the pirate from Baghdad, Iraq, continues to plague the Amateur Radio bands.

This guy has been pirating and bootlegging multiple calls for several years. He has been heard bootlegging the calls YI1HR, YI1H, YI1HRP and YI1HI and pirating the calls YI1BGD, YI1IRQ, YI1DZ and most recently TA7/YI1RZ.

Unfortunately in Iraq there does not seem to be any enforcement to take Hassan off the air, much less do anything about the situation.

Therefore let's get the word out not to work or spot Hassan, who operates on 20 Meters SSB, usually around 14178-14188. In fact the best policy is to ignore him completely on the air.

Hams Upset Field Day Has Lost Spirit

By K5PO, on the scene

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS — Billy Putnam is a ham radio purist. And he feels his club has lost their way and it's ruining their annual Field Day event.

Putnam is a senior member of the Hopeless Flats Radio Club from Leavenworth County, Kansas. The largest amateur radio club in the area has hosted a highly successful Field Day event for the last 27 years, but Putnam says success is in the eye of the beholder. "So many of the new guys... they just seem to love nothing more than to operate."

"They arrive bright and early and slave and sweat over raising the antennas and then promptly sit down and laugh and operate for hours. They talk to visiting elected officials about the value of emergency communication, and then they offer to elmer some youngsters. These guys just don't get it!" said Putnam.

Putnam notes that "back in his day" Field Day was about far more than operating and ham radio.

"I remember in 1991, we had three potluck tables under the big tent we rent from Ed's Tentery," said Putnam. "It was amazing, with

ribs, brisket, baked beans, lasagna, deep fried chicken, and mounds of mashed potatoes. That was how Field Day was done. This year they wanted to set up the radios under the tent and the only food

these guys brought was two bags of Tostitos corn chips!"

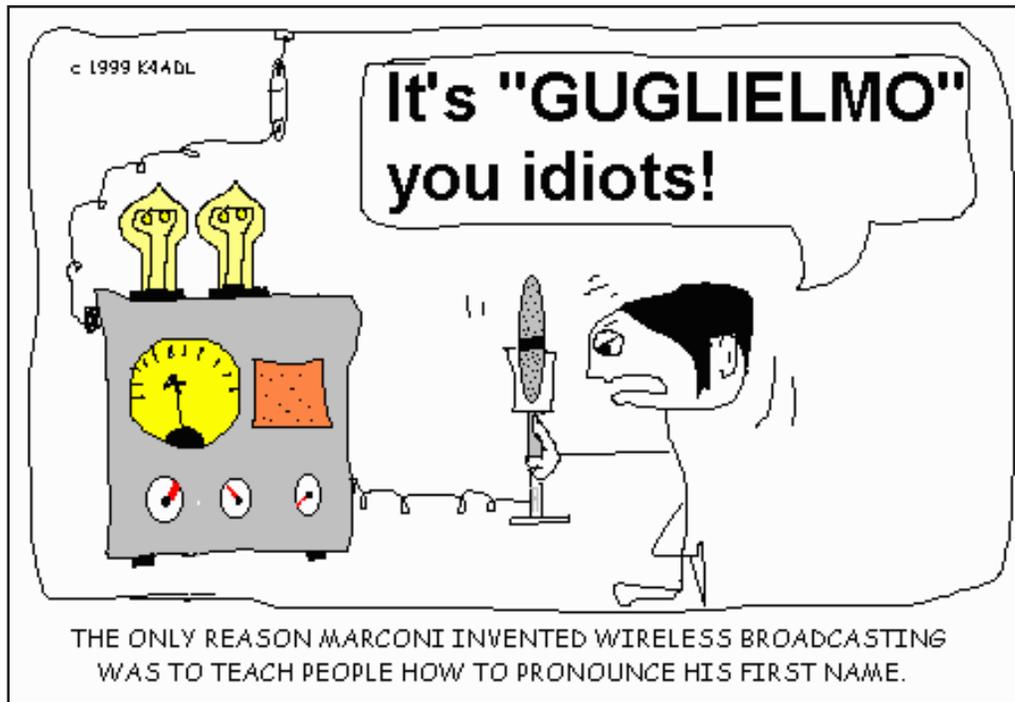
"A bunch of unlicensed youngsters showed up around Noon and ate all fried chicken I brought, he said. "They all built dipoles for the band of their choice and then operated on Martin's old Collins. They didn't even have them take turns flipping burgers on the grill! Heck, they didn't even bring the grill!"

"If things don't change next year," threatened Putnam, "I'm just not going to bring my famous Mystery Jell-O anymore!"

Field Day notes from the past seven years indicated literally no one had ever eaten any of Bill Putnam's Jell-O, citing an odd "fuzziness" that all felt was unwelcome in a gelatin product.

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One good thing. This would never happen to the LCARC group. -- ed.



I know this feeling — John, W9WY

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

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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 Lake County Amateur Radio Club has restarted the Thursday night net.

The net will be on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. The net will begin at 7:30 PM on the club's 2 meter repeater, 147.000 MHZ, +, PL of 131.8. The net control operator will be Dan, KD9ARD. As you plan for your upcoming week, mark Thursday, Feb 18, 7:30 PM on your calendar. Hope to hear you Thursday. Joe K9JJK