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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.



While our president is on temporary leave, this article was written by Tim McGillen, N9CA.

SAVE THE DATE !

Saturday September 10th the LCARC will be activating the Indiana Dunes State Park for; Indiana Parks On The Air – INPOTA. We will be using the event call N9D, and have very cool QSL cards for contacts made to commemorate the event.

LCARC has reserved the TREMONT SHELTER in the Park. Drive into the Park on I-49 to the entry gate and they will direct you. There is a few dollars Park admission fee per car.

As a Thank You for attending, cool coffee mugs, nifty pens, or a magnificent mouse pad will be bestowed upon all ham operators attending plus a firm and hardy handshake!

(I was hoping for a Laurel and Hearty Handshake - ed)

Further, we will be operating from 10:00 am til dusk or until our voices give out whichever comes first.

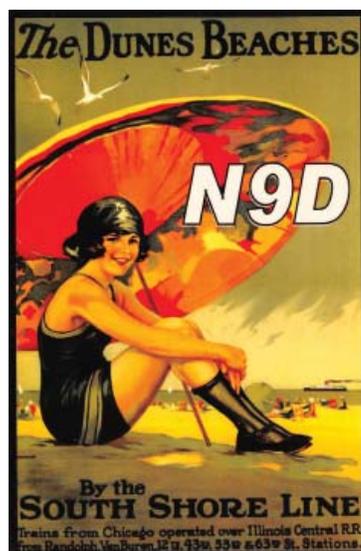
Fun filled antenna raising at 9:00ish to proceed operating. We will be operating SSB on the HF phone bands and we will each take a turn at the microphone. I am practicing my phonetics as even as I write this: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Fox.....

Further still, we will be grilling tasty food stuffs and have really really great non-alcoholic refreshments.

All family members are invited to this LCARC annual picnic/operating event. Bring a chair.

RSVP to Tim/N9CA email: tim2020@sbcglobal.net

Shown below is our custom designed QSL card that will be sent to anyone who completes a QSO with the club and requests one.



For our September meeting Gary McKay, the director of emergency preparedness, safety, and bioterrorism is going to talk to use about surviving an active shooter situation.

This meeting will begin at 7:00 PM rather than our normal meeting time.

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2016

- Meeting called to order at 7:32PM
- Introductions made with 15 attending meeting.
- Minutes read and accepted as read.
- Treasury's report was read and accepted as read.
- Meeting times have been put in the Post and the Times.
- INPOTA discussion and what will be needed. A generator will be needed so we can operate. Time will look into renting a generator.
- Two meter net had 13 check-ins on August 4 with the next net at August 18 at 7:30PM.
- Program started at 7:50PM
- Program was on propagation and the earth layers above the stratosphere producing skip conditions and the effect on the different bands.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM



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September Program

Great Program coming in September. Gary McKay, the director of emergency preparedness, safety, and bioterrorism is going to talk to use about surviving an active shooter situation. I have seen Gary's presentation before and it is **VERY** informative.

Tell everyone you know the September meeting will start promptly at 7:00 pm rather than the normal meeting time.

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Children Tangled in Dipole After Special Event Station Becomes Pokéstop

By K5KAC, on the scene



VERMILION, OREGON – The Vermilion City Amateur Radio Club awoke early yesterday morning to the cries of local children tangled in their 80m dipole. “From far away I could see the screens of their iPhones glowing as they called out for help in getting untangled. It was the loudest racket I’ve ever heard,” said Ash Allman, who lead the effort in freeing the kids.

The children were caught in the dipole after the S.S. Anne Park and Marina was named a Pokéstop in the popular mobile game Pokémon GO. A Pokéstop is an area, typically a landmark or park, where Pokémon Trainers can converge to get prizes and set lures to attract rare Pokémon characters. A player must physically visit these locations to collect the rewards.

“We were all set up to work into the night, but the band conditions went south so we decided to get some rest,” lamented Misty Brock, the event organizer. “It wasn’t until morning that we found about a dozen kids wrapped up in the legs of the dipole.”

At press time, the special event station had been forced to cease operation due to lack of participation, with one member finding a high-level Charmander character in his tent and the rest wandering the nearby tree line looking for a Clefairy.

Technical Specialists

Brent Walls, N9BA, ARRL Section Manager



Technical Specialists – Helping Hams July was the doldrums of summer for amateur radio in Indiana with less activity than normal for our Technical Specialists. But that certainly doesn’t diminish the amount of great technical information being reported this month, which is as interesting and diverse as usual. Our newest Technical Specialist who was appointed this month is Mark Skowronski, K9MQ who hails from Lake County. Mark has been licensed for 20 years and has been actively on the air the entire time; his first interest was with packet, and has steadily grown into other modes and aspects of amateur radio. His broad interests and continuing progression in amateur radio including DMR positions him to be a great asset for our northwestern amateur community. If you’re looking for any assistance in the northwestern corner or just want to say hello send him an email to mark@k9mq.com.

Declassified Memos Reveal Debate Over Naming the Shuttle "Enterprise"

By Mark Strauss



NASA had initially planned to name the first Space Shuttle Constitution. Now, declassified White House documents reveal what convinced President Gerald Ford to overrule that

The CB radio that Gorog refers to was a PR success for the White House. Betty Ford (in addition to donning a mood ring) embraced the 1970s trend, chatting on her CB with the handle "First Mama." Gorog himself was a tech-savvy entrepreneur. Before working at the White House, he was a founder and chief executive of the Data Corporation, which created the computerized information retrieval system that later became LexisNexis. From his perspective the name Enterprise was a win-win, since it was both a pop-culture icon and a reference to America's can-do spirit.

Four days later, a follow-up memorandum was sent from James Connor, the Secretary of the Cabinet, to President Ford, summarizing the opinions of White House officials.

Jim Cannon, the Domestic Policy Advisor to the President, said: "It seems to me "Enterprise" is an excellent name for the space shuttle.

It would be personally gratifying to several million followers of the television show "Star Trek", one of the most dedicated constituencies in the country.

Moreover, the name "Enterprise" is a hallowed Navy tradition. An "Enterprise" was in action against the Barbary pirates in 1803. During World War II, an "Enterprise" served with the Wasp and the Hornet in the carrier fleet in the Pacific. And the Navy's current "Enterprise" is the first nuclear carrier."

Robert Hartmann, counselor to the president, disagreed: "This is an especially hallowed Naval name - going back to the Revolution - I think Navy should keep it."

And Jack Marsh, a national security advisor, gave his reluctant endorsement:

"I have no objection to this selection of a name, however, I am not enthusiastic about the rationale for the selection. "Enterprise" is a famous name for vessels since the early days of the Republic. I think that is a far better reason than appealing to a T.V. fad."

Ten days later, NASA unveiled the first space shuttle, the Enterprise.

decision and thrill Star Trek fans by calling it Enterprise.

On September 3, 1976, William Gorog, a senior economic adviser to Ford, sent the president a decision memorandum:

Next Wednesday you will meet with Dr. James Fletcher of NASA for a substantive meeting at which time you will be presented with a mock-up of the space shuttle, the full scale version of which will be rolled out in California later this month. NASA has not announced a name as of yet for the shuttle, and they are holding this announcement until your meeting with Fletcher.

Dr. Fletcher is not adverse to the name "Enterprise" for the space shuttle, and I suggest that you ask that it be so named for the following reasons: ·NASA has received hundreds of thousands of letters from the space-oriented "Star Trek" group asking that the name "Enterprise" be given to the craft. This group comprises millions of individuals who are deeply interested in our space program. ·The name "Enterprise" is tied in with the system on which the Nation's economic structure is built. ·Use of the name would provide a substantial human-interest appeal to the rollout ceremonies scheduled for this month in California, where the aeronautical industry is of vital importance.

In short, this situation could provide the same public interest as the CB radio provided for Mrs. Ford.

New Time-Saving QSO Program Announced

By WBØRUR, on the scene

NEWINGSTEAD, VERMONT – The National Radio Retransmission Legion (NRRL) today announced a new program designed to save amateur radio operators time and irritation on the ham bands.

According to NRRL Executive Director Bob Gilligan, the "Know Before You QSO" program authorizes US-licensed ham radio operators to identify with a special callsign suffix dependent on the operator's political party affiliation.

"We think this is going to be just dynamite for hams!" exclaimed Gilligan, sipping from his glass of Courvoisier and adjusting his ascot. "How many times have you started a friendly QSO only to have it escalate out of control moments later because of something the other ham said?"

"Like minded individuals will be able to identify and find each other on the air," stated FCC spokesman Pontus "Smokey" Blumenthal, joining Gilligan at the speaker's podium.

"The NRRL – working hand in hand with the FCC's 'One Kilo-hertz at a Time' program – is taking steps to clean up HF. From this point forward, you can be assured that your QSOs will be friendly, opinions will be the same, and joviality will be the new normal on the air!"

Gilligan states that the NRRL will soon be selling various "Know Before You QSO" merchandise like caps, pins, mugs, drink glasses and t-shirts to help fund the initiative.

"You should buy some," he says.

On a related note, the NRRL says Logbook of the Globe confirmations will now appear in color – Republican QSLs illuminate RED; Democrat QSLs illuminate BLUE. All QSLs with other political party affiliations remain without illumination since most people do not care about them.

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Stamp Collecting and Ham Radio

By Bill Young, N9QLS



Sent from Moscow, USSR. This cover represents the Sarsat program of the USA, Canada, France and the USSR. Collectively the four nations had satellites which could detect and locate emergency beacons anywhere on the earth's surface. Sarsat is an abbreviation for Search and Rescue.

Sent from Moscow, USSR. This cover commemorates the 30th anniversary of Sputnik, the world's first artificial satellite. In Russian, sputnik means "satellite."



FOR SALE!

The following is from Fred Zimmerman, K9WRH. — ed

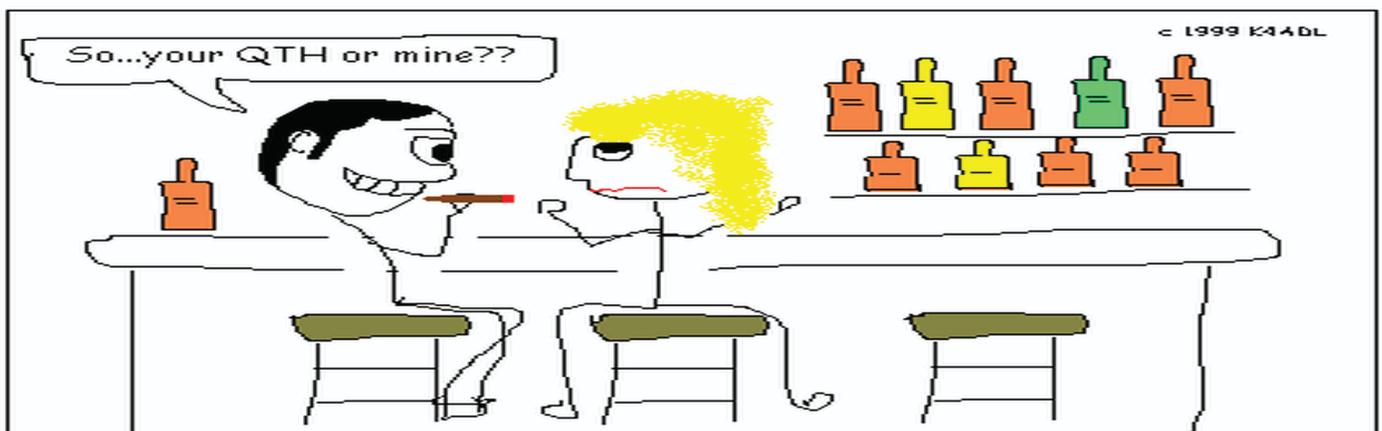
“I am retired so I am home most of the time for viewing the equipment. I don't get much chance to go to local Hamfest standing out side for hours in the sun is hard on this old body. I hope someone can make good use of this equipment as it is just sitting on the shelf.”

If you are interested in any (or all) of this equipment contact Fred. His information, including email address, is below.

- Alinco 2 Meter Transceiver Model 203-T ----\$80
- Ten-Tec Omni D Transceiver 160 thru 10 Meters 100 Watts out ----\$400
- MFJ CW Keyer / Reader MFJ-464-----\$100
- MFJ Electronic Keyer with Bencher Paddle MFJ-422C-----\$130
- Micro Match Power Meter Model 711 25 to 1000MHz 300 Watts Max -----\$60
- RFC 2-32 2 Meter Power Amp; 2 watts in 30 Watts out with Receive Amp ----\$85
- Hallicrafters Receiver Model SX-100 Mark 2 .538MHz to 34MHz ----\$200
- Heathkit Volt Meter Model V-7A ----\$5
- Heathkit Audio Generator Model G-2 20Hz to 20KHz ----\$10
- Heathkit RF Signal Generator Model LG-1 .1MHz to 31MHz ---\$30
- Heathkit High Voltage Probe Model #336 Measures up to 30KV ---\$10
- Heathkit Antenna Tuner Model SA 2040 80 thru 10 Meters ---\$100
- National Receiver Model HFS 27MHz to 250MHz ---\$100
- Instructograph Code Practice Machine with 15 Tapes ---\$30
- Triplet Volt Meter Model 601 ---\$5
- Power Pac 12 Volt Power Supply with Battery Back up ---\$25
- Millen Grid Dip Meter James Millen Model 90651 ---\$35
- B and K Volt Meter Model 290 -----\$75
- Measuring Tape 300 Feet Fiber Glass Empire Model 6830 ---\$10
- Motor ---\$10
- Drill Press ----\$5
- Speaker ---\$2
- Antique Radio and Audio Amp ---\$100

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WHY HAROLD RARELY GETS LUCKY AT THE SINGLES BAR

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