



# HARBOR BEAM

Michigan City Amateur Radio Club

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What's new?



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## MEETING NOTICE:

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The Michigan City Amateur Radio for December 19th is Cancelled. Instead we will be having our annual X-Mas party.

News & Events

## MCARC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec 19th, 7 pm at Tin City

Plans for our 2008 fund raisers are becoming finalized. Details to be discussed at our Christmas Party.

All of us at MCARC wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



ARES & SKYWARN Information Nets are on Thursday Nights at 8:00pm. Please check in and show your support, or even just to see if your radio still works. Nets are held on 146.970 the W9LY repeater.

## SIREN TESTS

Michigan City and LaPorte County conduct the Emergency siren test on the first Saturday of each month at 11:00am. LaPorte County wide net is 146.610, and Michigan City Local is on 146.970. Early warning sirens saves lives, and we need your help each month to assure they are working. For more information contact Jim KB9MAS or Ken N9ZIP.

Saturday Morning Breakfast is held at Memo's at 8:00am in the morning. Come and join some good friends and club members for breakfast. The numbers are growing, and seats fill fast.

The Harbor Beam is published the Saturday, before the next monthly club meeting, 12 times each year, by the Michigan City Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 148 Michigan City, Indiana 46361; for it's members and those interested. Inquires and submissions should be sent to the Harbor Beam Editor at our e-mail address [w9ly@w9ly.org](mailto:w9ly@w9ly.org).

# Michigan City Amateur Radio Club



## 2007 MCARC Amateur of the Year

Nominations for the Amateur of the Year are in. This award will be announced at our annual Christmas Party. Like those who have been named in the past, we look for members who give back to the club. We look for members who give back to Amateur Radio. Those who were selected in the past know that what they want to get out of the club is what they put into it. Who will join this group this year? Join us at our Christmas Party and see who won this award.

## PICTURE OF THE MONTH



One of members took a break from the cold and was seen tanning on a beach. His H-T is laying by his side.

You Lucky Dog!



## 911 MERGER

In 2008, changes will be seen in LaPorte County's 911 system and police dispatching. No longer will Michigan City have it's own 911 dispatch system. All police and fire dispatches will be handled at the counties communication center. While this may not be news for most of us, this change will improve our SKYWARN program. Starting in 2008 construction of Michigan City's EOC will begin. One advantage to this is that SKYWARN will be able operate weather nets directly from the EOC. SKYWARN reports that were sent to Michigan City's 911 will now be shared with the county. This will increase the sharing of information for all of LaPorte County.



## RACES MEETING

A informational meeting will be held for Michigan City RACES Tuesday January 8th at 6:30pm. The meeting will be held in the basement of Michigan City, City Hall.

Rostered members and those interested are encouraged to attend.





# YABBA DABBA DO!

## Looking for a tax deduction?

How about a donation to the Michigan City Amateur Radio Club? Did you know your dues may be tax deductible? MCARC is 501 (c) (3) Public Charity. Donations to the club may lower your tax bill. Maybe you may have some old gear you want to get rid of. For your doantion, you would recieve fair market value for your donation. While we may not be out ringing bells for donations, your donation to the club could go along way.

One of our goals is to provide a scholarship. Your donatation could be the start of this fund. Even though our club supports others in time of need by providing emergency communications and other services, we could do more with your help.

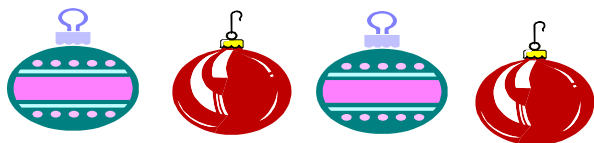
When you make your charitable contribu- tions, consider donating to MCARC.



Donations can be mailed to our P.O. Box.



The moral to Fred's story is, don't buy her Rocks for Christmas.



In last months opinion poll the results are in. The question was, What is your favorite Band? Local Amateurs responded as follows:

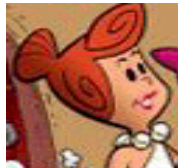
- 80 M 8.3 %
- 40 M 20.8 %
- 20 M 4.1 %
- 15 M 8.3%
- 10 M 0 %
- 2 M 29.1%
- 70 cm 16.6 %
- FLEETWOOD MAC 12.5 %



## What is your YABBA DABBA DO?

Check out our new opinion poll. "I would like to see the following activities more persued." It is an interesting way to find out what other local hams think. If you have not signed up yet, it is easy. Visit <http://w9ly.org/yabb> and register. Just another service from MCARC.

Yabba Dabba Do now has 21 members and growing range of topics. If you haven't figured it out yet, Fred Flintstone is the forum's Adminis- trator. The forum name was suggested by one of our members. If you have a suggestion for one of our opion polls, let Fred know. Wilma has serveral opinions about Fred, but we can't list them here. I guess that is why Fred bought her those rocks after he saved all that money on his car insurance. Fred should have purchased a new radio instead.



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**Rocks minus a radio equals**



**a sad Fred!**



# MCARC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

This year our party will be held at **Tin City**, formally known as Jenny Rae formally known as Wildwood Inn. **Tin City** is East of I-94 on US 20 just east of US 35.

Our Date : **DECEMBER 19th**

The Time: **7 pm**



We will order from the menu, each party pays for their own meal.



Looking Forward To  
Seeing You There!





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AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

**Join or Renew  
Your  
ARRL  
Membership**

**TODAY!**

## **ARRL MEMBERSHIP**

**Is your ARRL membership comming due? Or do you finally want to join the ARRL? Either way, if you process your renewal or application through the club, the clubs keeps a portion of the membership fee at no extra cost to you. Joining or renewing is simple, at any club meeting we have applications forms. Simply make your check payable to the club (MCARC) and we handle the rest. It's that simple.**