



# HARBOR BEAM

Michigan City Amateur Radio Club

**MARCH 2006**

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News & Events

**MICHIGAN CITY AMATEUR  
RADIO CLUB, SPRING FLING  
HAMFEST, SATURDAY MARCH  
25, 2006 - Mark you calendars!!!  
DON'T MISS THIS  
GRAND EVENT!!!**

While our VHF Contest marks the end of summer for our members. Our Spring Fling Hamfest marks the beginning of warmer weather and summer fun. As always, we need your help. We need your help Friday night for setup, we also need help Saturday. This is our main source of income for the club. Without you we can not have a Hamfest. Without our Hamfest, we could not sponsor all the fun events that we have during the year, not to mention maintaining a premier repeater system for all to use. Club dues are barely enough to pay for the club's insurance expenses during the year. To keep our dues low we need your help. We are need of members to check in Vendors. We need members to collect admissions. We also need members to stay afterwards to help clean up as per our contract. Please don't let a handful of members do all the work. Jump in, lend us a hand. Please attend the club meeting for more information.

### MEETING NOTICE:

**The Michigan City Amateur Radio will hold it's next meeting on Wednesday, March 15th at 7:30pm. We meet at Queen of All Saints School, Barker and Woodland Ave.**

**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.

**Saturday Morning Breakfast is held at the old Wildwood Rest. 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.**

### SATURDAY BREAKFAST MOVED

**CQ CQ CQ - Saturday's breakfast has moved to the old Wildwood Rest. on US 20 East of Michigan City. Come and join us, and give it a try.**

See you there

# Michigan City Amateur Radio Club

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## NOAA WEATHER RADIO UPDATE!



**KJY-62 162.500 Mhz**

As of press time of this news letter the new National Weather Service NOAA weather radio transmitter located in LaPorte County is scheduled to go on the air next week. Soon you can monitor NOAA weather broadcast, alerts and warnings on 162.500 MHz for LaPorte County. **If you have a NOAA weather radio at home or at work, you should wait change to the new frequency until testing is done. Testing will take about 30 days.**

Weather radio's with the current South Bend frequency will still receive broadcast for LaPorte County. With the new 1,000 watt transmitter is located on one of the highest point in the county, every one in LaPorte County will soon be able to receive weather warnings and alerts. This transmitter will also serve the boaters on Lake Michigan, and those in Berrien County Michigan.

At the next club meeting we should have more up to date information.

## HOTTEST NEWS

The FCC has launched a new information registry that you can sign up for. This registry will keep you updated by e-mail with news and announcements from the FCC. The best feature is that you select news and announcements you want to receive. You can fully customize this registry to fit your needs. Simply go to the following website:  
<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/contacts/welcome.html>

With the renewal window about to open for the first Amateur Radio licenses assigned vanity call signs in 1996, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) has attempted to clarify filing procedures. The WTB says vanity call sign holders whose licenses expire on or after June 4, 2006, must file electronically or on paper via the Universal Licensing System (ULS)

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/> to renew their licenses.

Amateur Radio renewal applications may only be filed within 90 days of the license expiration date.

"Licensees of stations assigned vanity call signs have the option of keeping the vanity call sign or requesting that it be changed to a sequentially assigned call sign," the WTB points out. Those opting to keep their vanity call signs for the new 10-year license term must pay the current regulatory fee, now \$21.90, when renewing (the vanity call sign regulatory fee may change in August or September). If the licensee no longer wants to keep a vanity call sign, no fee is required, and the applicant should request a sequentially assigned call sign instead.

### March's City Wide Siren Results

This month Amateurs reported all early warning sirens in Michigan City were functioning normally. Thank you for time and efforts. With out you we can't do all that we do. **A new siren is now installed at Lowes in Michigan City.**

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 SPRING FLING HAMFEST SATURDAY MARCH 25, 2006

**TIMES: 8:00AM - 12:00PM Central  
9:00AM - 1:00PM Eastern**



**EASY ACCESS FROM I-94  
(exit 40-B)**

**AMPLE FREE  
PARKING**

**TALK-IN: 146.970 131.8 PL**

**ADVANCE SETUP FRIDAY 5PM BY  
REQUEST ONLY**

**VENDOR DOOR OPENS  
5:00AM CENTRAL  
6:00 AM EASTERN**

**WHERE: DIAMOND COVE  
EAST SIDE OF US 212  
NORTH OF THE AIRPORT  
MICHIGAN CITY, IN**

**GENERAL ADMISSION: \$5.00  
TABLES \$1.00/FT 8' TABLES  
ELECTRIC \$5.00 ADDITIONAL**

**VE TESTING SESSION  
REGISTRATION & TESTING WILL BE-  
GIN AT 8 AM CST, REGISTRATION  
CLOSES AT 9:30AM**

**FOR TABLE RESERVATION CONTACT:  
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**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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<http://www.w9ly.org>  
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**This HAMFEST has Approved  
Sanctioning By the ARRL**

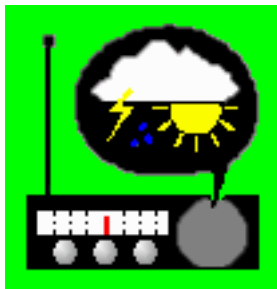
## AMATEUR WORD OF THE MONTH

### J-Pole

An antenna design that is relatively easy to assemble yourself. For more information, see <http://www2.arrl.org/tis/info/JPole-V.html> (Courtesy of ARRL). Note: The basic J-pole design can be applied to any frequency, as long as measurements are proper for that frequency. Furthermore, a 2-meter J-pole will also resonate on the 440 MHz (70 cm) ham band, making for a reasonable dual-band antenna.

Hey Guys, we are running out of the Word of the Month words. Our feed back has been great on this. This has been one way for new commers to the hobby to learn the lingo of our hobby. It may be old stuff to you, but for new hams and members it is source of information. So come on Elmer's, send us a word of the month.

Share the Brain Within



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### AREA HAMFESTS

## MCARC - Spring Fling Sat. March 25th

There are no local hamfest listed for the end of March and into April.

Our is the only one in the area. So come on out.

## WEBPAGES

Thanks to Barb Miller, N9VLT our Internet Chairperson, we have moved our web pages to new server. As many of you have reported, the web pages, which were hosted on our computer at the repeater site, was down most of the time. After doing some intense research, Barb found that the our streaming audio of the 2 meter system and the server just did not like being on the same machine. In short one of the two had to go. Because the streaming audio was working very well, it was decided to move the web pages. The service that we have now has so many options, it gives us of lots of possibilities. The best part our URL did not change. It is still:

<http://www.w9ly.org>

The url that changed was Skywarn's. Skywarn's new URL is:

<http://www.skywarn.w9ly.org>

All e-mails to the w9ly.org address are not effected by this change.

If you find a link on any of the webpages that does not work, please send us e-mail. We think we found all of them and have then fixed.

It took Barb several weeks of researching this, and testing to finding the best deal and service.

Thanks Barb  
A.K.A. 9 VOLT

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### NEW AMATEUR REPORT

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# Michigan City Amateur Radio Club Membership Roster

## CLUB OFFICERS:

**President - Ken Osborne, N9ZIP**  
**Vice President- Todd Miller, N9RKY**  
**Secretary - Phil Geoffrion, WD9BDW**  
**Treasure - Troy Harrison, KC9E**  
**Club Trustee - Dan Vanderplough, K9RQ**  
**Board Members: John Phillips KA9PGC**  
**Wayne Dudley, WA9YNE**

## Committee Chairs:

**Internet - Barb Miller, N9VLT**  
**Field Day - Todd Miller, N9RKY**  
**VHF QSO Contest - Ken Osborne, N9ZIP**  
**Repeater Operations - Dan Vanderplough, K9RQ**  
**Hamfest 2006 - Ken Osborne, N9ZIP**  
**Todd Miller, N9RKY**  
**Hamfest Reservations - Ron N9TPC**  
**News Letter - Ken Osborne, N9ZIP**  
**Weekly Information Nets - Todd Miller, N9RKY**  
**Membership - Open**  
**Activities - Open**  
**Tower Cleaning - Ken Osborne, N9ZIP**  
**VE Testing - Bob Lyles - K9ET**  
**MARS - Troy Harrison, KC9E**  
**Fox Hunts - John Phillips, KA9PGC**



If you would to a part of any of these committees, please contact the chairperson listed. Some committees are seasonal, others are all year a round. Members of the Repeater Committee are selected by the Trustee, for legal reasons, since they serve as control operators as well.

## MEMBERS

BILL JONES, K9URA  
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TROY HARRISON, KC9E  
BRIAN SALZER, KB9HMR  
MIKE BROVIK, N9MIK  
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AS OF 03/2006