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Michigan City Amateur Radio Club

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The Front Page

News & Events

Last Month the Michigan City Amateur Radio held its annual election of officers. Your officers and board members for 2008 are:

President: Ken Osborne, N9ZIP

Vice President: Todd Miller, N9RKY

Treasurer: Troy Harrison, KC9E

Secretary: Barb Miller, N9VLT

Board Member: John Phillips, KA9PGC

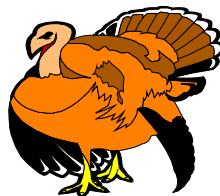
Board Member: Dan Foster, KC9GFO

Our Web page now has over 11,000 hits.

The Michigan City Amateur Radio Club wishes every one a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

In this issue, Motorola buys Yaesu, looking for the MCARC Amateur of the year, Skywarn Recognition Day, a new simplex net, a letter from K7BV and our X-Mas party.

At our next meeting, we will update members on our 2008 fund raisers events.



MEETING NOTICE:

The Michigan City Amateur Radio Club will hold its next meeting November 21st at 7:30pm. Meetings are held at Queen of All Saints School, Woodland Ave & Barker, Michigan City.

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.

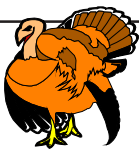
SIREN TESTS

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 its members and those interested. Inquires and submissions should be sent to the Harbor Beam Editor at our e-mail address w9ly@w9ly.org.

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2007 MCARC Amateur of the Year

Nominations for the Amateur of the Year are now being accepted. This award will be announced in December. If you have a nomination for this award, e-mail the club at w9ly@w9ly.org. 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?

PICTURE OF THE MONTH



1st day at school



ARRL INDIANA'S WEB PAGE

Check out this web site from time to time, it's a great way to see what is happening in Indiana.

<http://www.inarrl.org/index.html>

2007 SKYWARN

Recognition Day

This year the Skywarn recognition day will be December 1, 2007 (0000 - 2400 UTC.) Mark your calanders. More information will be listed as it becomes available.

SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League. It celebrates the contributions that volunteer SKYWARN radio operators make to the National Weather Service. During the day SKYWARN operators visit NWS offices and contact other radio operators across the world. It is estimated that around 100 NWS stations will participate this year.

MONTHLY SIMPLEX NET

Beginning this month, we will be holding a simplex net once a month. This net will be informal, and will run on the Thursday after our club meeting, at 7:30 pm. Each month a different band will be selected and posted in the Harbor Beam. The main purpose is to have fun, but it will allow us to test our means of communications with out the aid of a repeater. From time to time, we may ask you to run on emergency power only.

NOVEMBER 22nd we will be 146. 520 MHz

If you hear any distance station, please relay.

ARES NEWS



YABBA DABBA DO!

For those who may be new to the hobby, you may have wondered what ARES is all about.

ARES provides emergency communications because it is exciting, adventurous, and serves the public. We work side by side with disaster relief officials from the Red Cross, Salvation Army, government emergency management and other entities, supplementing their communications of potentially life and property saving messages. "EmComm" is a long-standing function of Amateur Radio over decades, and is what hams are most famous for. There is the thrill and the deep camaraderie that results from working with our colleagues in what sometimes are desperate circumstances.

Unlike RACES, ARES handles 99 percent of the emergency communications through out the county. ARES also provides communications for various organizations for their events. ARES is the group that picks up communications when SKYWARN weather nets close.

All you need is a simple 2-meter H-T to start your participation. For more information about ARES you can contact Todd Miller, N9RKY - LaPorte County Emergency Coordinator at his e-mail address: n9rky@arrl.net

MOTOROLA BUYS YAESU?

Motorola USA has announced its intention to launch a tender offer to acquire a controlling interest in Vertex Standard Co, Ltd. Vertex Standard is the parent company of Yaesu. Motorola will own 80 percent of Vertex Standard; Tokogiken, a privately held Japanese company, controlled by current president and CEO of Vertex Standard Jun Hasegawa, will retain 20 percent, forming a joint venture. The total purchase price for 80 percent of the outstanding shares on a fully diluted basis will be approximately US \$108 million.

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

Alinco 7.1%
Kenwood 28.5 %
MFJ 0.0
Yaesu 21.4 %
RCI 7.1 %
ICOM 33.7%
Homebrew 0.0



What's at your YABBA DABBA DO?
Check out our new opinion poll. **What is your favorite band?**

If you have not signed up yet, it is easy. Visit <http://w9ly.org/yabb> and register. Just another service from MRCARC.



A Photo of the tower by K9RQ

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Friends,

By now, many of you may have heard that Vertex Standard Co., Ltd, (Vertex Standard USA's parent company) announced that they have agreed to form a collaborative joint venture with Motorola, Inc. I personally believe the most important words in this sentence are "collaborative joint venture" a business relationship that indicates a far different outcome intent than the demise of one of the venture partners.

Since Yaesu is the Amateur Radio Division of Vertex Standard, I am sure you are just as curious as me, a Yaesu employee with a job at stake, to know what this business transaction will mean to all of us in the hobby. Predictably, I see that the news about the pending new Motorola relationship with Vertex Standard, hence Yaesu, is giving life to all sorts of misinformation and "doomsday". Internet postings by the usual cast of characters who always seem to know so much more about things than the rest of us mere mortals. After studying public announcements and considering the internal information that is made available to me in my role as the leadership individual for North American sales at Yaesu, I would like to offer the following FACTS about this exciting development.

Motorola, Inc. (NYSE: MOT) will launch a tender offer to acquire a controlling interest in Vertex Standard Co., Ltd. (JASDAQ: 6821). Upon successful completion of the tender offer and subsequent restructuring process, Motorola will own 80% of Vertex Standard and Toko Giken, a privately held Japanese company, controlled by Jun Hasegawa, current president and CEO of Vertex Standard, will retain 20%, forming a joint venture. On 5 November 2007, the Board of Directors of Vertex Standard expressed their support of the tender offer. Yaesu, of course, as one of the Vertex Standard operations, will be included in this exciting development.

I want our Yaesu customers and concerned others to know the following about the proposed merger:

Vertex Standard (meaning Yaesu to us in the Amateur Radio hobby) will remain a separate, global organization with distinct resources governed by the Board of Directors comprised of four Motorola representatives and one Toko Giken representative. Toko Giken is a privately held Japanese company, controlled by the founder's family. It currently holds 29.2% shares of Vertex Standard.

Mr. Jun Hasegawa (my boss), son of Sato Hasegawa JA1MP, the founder of Yaesu will continue to take part in the management of Vertex Standard in his capacity as the Representative Director, President and CEO of Vertex Standard after the Tender Offer. The day-to-day management of the joint venture will be the responsibility of Mr. Hasegawa and his senior leadership team, who are also expected to continue. Count me as one of those who will continue with Yaesu.

Our business will continue to be operated as is, and we will continue to actively develop new products and operate the business as a leading manufacturer of amateur radio, marine, land mobile, and airband radios.

The Vertex Standard brand of equipment (Standard brand in Japan) will continue to exist. The current Vertex Standard brand strategies are highly respected by Motorola and will be continued. Since Motorola appreciates our Yaesu brand strategy, there will be no change to it. There will NOT be a Motorola brand of Amateur Radio equipment replacing or competing with Yaesu.

Yaesu customers can expect to see positive benefit from the fact that:

Vertex Standard has an experienced engineering team that, combined with Motorola's extensive engineering talent, will develop new innovative products. Personally, I cannot wait to see what this joint engineering effort will bring to Amateur Radio!

Cost synergies will be realized through the use of Motorola's buying power to reduce the joint venture's costs for raw materials. Hams are known to enjoy seeking out the best buy for their hard earned money - expect to see Yaesu products remain highly competitive and providing excellent value for your investment.

Because Mr. Hasegawa will continue to manage the day-to-day operations of Vertex Standard, we do not expect to see changes in the existing Yaesu dealership, pricing and rebate philosophies as a result of the joint venture.

These are historic exciting times for Yaesu, our customers, and Amateur Radio. The future is bright and the potential for incredible technological advancements for Amateur Radio are immense. We are glad you will be there with us as the positive affects of the Vertex Standard / Motorola joint venture unfolds.

73,

Dennis Motschenbacher K7BV
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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!

