



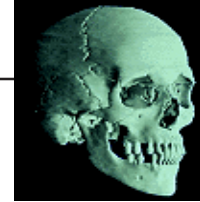
HARBOR BEAM



Michigan City Amateur Radio Club



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News & Events

MCARC ELECTION THIS MONTH

At the next meeting we will be having our election of officers for 2008. Nominations for office will be taken up to call for vote. As of this publication, those seeking are:

VOTE FOR ONE EACH:

- President: Ken Osborne, N9ZIP ****
- Vice President: Todd Miller, N9RKY ****
- Treasurer: Troy Harrison, KC9E ****
- Secretary: Barb Miller, N9VLT ****

VOTE FOR TWO:

- Board Member: John Phillips, KA9PGC ****
- Board Member: Dan Foster, KC9GFO ****
- Board Member: Bill Carter, KC9IRR**

** Denotes currently holding same office.

This is your club. You have a voice in it. We encourage members to attend our next meeting so that your voice can be heard.

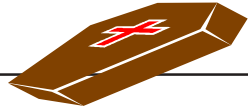
At last's months meeting, Sub Sandwichs and soft cookies were served, It was nice treat. Thank-you KA9IXZ



MEETING NOTICE:

The Michigan City Amateur Radio will hold it's next meeting on Wednesday, October 17th 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. Contact KB9MAS or 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.

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It's Halloween Season again. In a couple of week, many neighborhoods will have Trick or Treat night. We would like to remind every one to take extra care when driving. Children may not see you when you are driving.



WHAT'S YOUR OPINION?

Our Web Forum based Opinion Poll results are in. We asked the question, "Do you feel MCARC web based forums are worth while?"

77.7 percent said I agree 100%
22.2 percent said I agree somewhat
0.0 percent said I never use it

Our next Poll will be what is your favorite brand of radio? Results in next months issue.



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?

BOO!



AMATEUR BEWARE!



The Cot that Talks Code



A NEW VOICE ON THURSDAY'S NIGHT NET

In the 1950's and 1960's my mother's step-father became a ham radio (amateur radio) operator, using Morse code and later getting his license to "talk" to people all over the world. He had a little room for his "ham shack" and kept an old metal cot like an Army cot in the room because of his late hours, so he wouldn't disturb anyone else. After he died in 1969, my grandmother (his wife) got rid of all his radio equipment and turned the room into a guest bedroom, keeping the cot.

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Every time I slept on the cot, I could hear the high pitched beeping of the radio code, although there were no more radios in the house. Later, others who slept there also heard the code. Years later I inherited the cot and moved to the country. My daughter slept on it for a while but the strange sounds of radio code kept her awake so we stored the cot away until recently. I got it out for my three year old grandson as we needed an extra bed.

I slept in my big bed in the same room where I had set up the cot for him. In the early morning hours I was awakened by the loud radio code. I went into the near by bathroom and could still hear it faintly. I went into the kitchen, removed from the bedroom, and could no longer hear it. So it wasn't in my head because it could only be heard in the bedroom where the cot was, not the other rooms of the house.

I can't understand code so I don't know what it's saying, if anything. I have asked others to listen for the code and they usually hear it after lying on the cot for a while when it's quiet.

Dorothy Hauschulz

You may hear a new voice on the Thursday Night Net. If you have checked in regularly, you know that our Net Manager Todd Miller, N9RKY has run the weekly net with out fail for a number of years. When the call for additional NCS's to run the net, N9ZIP took one week out of the month. Now Rich Oberle KC9DJP is among those running the weekly net.

We are still looking for one or two NCS's so that Todd can set up a schedule. If you are interested, you can contact Todd at n9rky@arrl.net

THE HARBOR BEAM NEWS TEAM

We can always use news for the Harbor Beam. We are always looking for submissions. We would like you to join the Harbor Beam News Team. From time to time we have members send us articles of interest. If you have a news story or if you would like to join the news team, drop us an e-mail at w9ly@w9ly.org.

Deadline for submissions is the Wednesday before our regularly scheduled meeting. If your submission does not make it in time, it may appear in the next month's edition.

We will also will take any announcements that you may have that may be of general interest to our readers. The Harbor Beam reaches more then just club members. The Harbor Beam is sent to those who request it and is posted on the club's webpage.

The Michigan City Amateur Radio Club reserves the right to edit or refuse any submission.



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NWS NEWS

The National Weather Service has taken a major step forward by implementing storm-based warnings on October 1, 2007. The storm-based approach will be utilized for severe thunderstorm, tornado, flash flood, special marine, and areal flood warnings. The storm-based warning technique will allow NWS forecasters to warn for specific geographic areas where threats to life and/or property are greatest. No longer will warnings be issued for entire counties for threats which are significantly smaller than county sizes. This reduction in the area unnecessarily warned will provide many important benefits to the American public.

What does this all mean?

If you have weather radio, or cell phone alerts, you will still receive warnings as you have in the past. If one part of the county receives a warning, **all weather radios in the county will be alerted.**

No changes there.

The major change is in the text or weather statement. These statements will narrow the actual warning area.

For some technological limitations at the NWS, there will be no changes in SAME Codes for weather radios.

So for SKYWARN spotters and weather radios, there are no changes.



TOWER PAINTING

Recently members of Michigan City, LaPorte and Porter County Amateur Radio clubs came together to paint the base of the tower where our repeater is located. After words, everyone relaxed to cook out. After we finished, the tower looked 100% better. Danny W9DWS, the tower owner, wanted to thank everyone who came out. Next year bigger and better things are coming that will make Field Day and other events even more enjoyable. Next year we will asking for members to help on new project. Details will be in the Harbor Beam some time next year. Actual details are yet to be finalized.

This project was one of those where I would like to personally thank everyone who came out. As rare as it may sound, it wasn't just a few who came out. At one point we had over 15 painting or supervising. It was great feeling seeing Amateurs comming together for a worth while project. Anyone with photo's are asked to send e-mail them to w9ly@w9ly.org.

73's and Thank - You

MCARC WEB FORUMS

Our Web based forums now has 17 members, and a new poll. Our newest question is, "What is your favorite radio." Club news and general announcements can be found on our forums. Also our Ham Items Wanted or to Sell is a great why to buy or sell among amateurs that you know. We also have forums for Repeater News, ARES, SKYWARN and RACES. If you have idea for a forum let us know. Access the forums at: <http://w9ly.org/yabb>

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