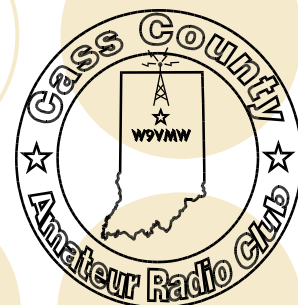




The Feedline



Fall, 2007

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Special points of interest:

- Despite rain, Field Day goes as planned.
- Mayor Fincher was on hand to witness the annual event.
- The Mayor issued a Proclamation celebrating ham radio.
- Operators were active on multiple modes from HF to UHF.

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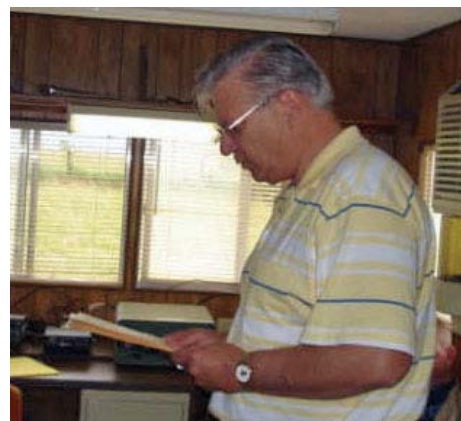
Despite rain, field day goes on as scheduled

Even the rain couldn't dampen the spirits of Cass County Amateur Radio Club members who participated in Field Day. Set up went pretty much as planned but the rain made for some muddy conditions.

The site visit by Logansport Mayor Mike Fincher counted as a major highlight. The Mayor issued a Proclamation honoring Amateur Radio week with a special recognition for the club.

A tent provided shelter from the rain for the traditional Saturday evening cook out / carry in.

Because the weather did put a damper on the Saturday evening cookout, Anna, KC9IDO, is organizing a September event for members. The



Logansport Mayor Mike Fincher was on hand as Field Day got underway. The Mayor issued a Proclamation to the club.

combination cook-out and carry-in, is slated for the lower pavilion in Spencer Park, on September 9, at 1:00PM until the park closes. A raffle is planned to award prize items not presented during Field Day.

Field Day, by the numbers

Field Day contacts totaled like this:

488 phone contacts, 19 digital contacts, 7 CW contacts, adding up to 514 total contacts. There were 540 QSO points.

65 out of the possible 80 ARRL Sections were contacted.



Club members make final adjustments to one of the Field Day antennas.

Storm damages main Chase repeater antenna

Severe weather took its toll this summer on the Chase water tower antenna site for the CCARC's main two meter. Age may also have been a factor as the antenna support broke away from its base. As expected, repeater performance



Antenna repairs require a "volunteer" to climb the tower ladder with tools in tow.



The CCARC's main repeater antenna broke away from its base following high winds.

suffered and observers from the ground notices that the installation just "didn't look right."

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"There are 18.7 million homes that receive only over-the-air analog TV."

February 17, 2009 - Why is this date significant?

This is known as "transition day," the day analog TV broadcasts are to cease and all over-the-air TV will be digital.

Broadcasters have known for years that this day was coming, and was to occur before this. Many TV stations are already broadcasting on a separate channel assignment in digital mode while still maintaining an analog (conventional) signal.

Without a digital TV receiver or a set-top box with digital capability, TV viewers will see little more than "snow" and hear just noise, if anything at all. Cable ops will provide proper signals.

There are presently 18.7 million homes that presently receive only over-the-air analog TV, another 1.3 million that have digital capability, and more than 44 million analog TV sets in use.

CCARC adds support to weather radio project

When severe weather threatens, weather spotters swing into action to assess the risks. If severe weather is identified, local officials will activate warning sirens.

But often for various reasons, some people don't hear the sirens. Cass Co. EMA Director, Alvin Beckman, is working on a solution: to offer weather radios for a low cost to citizens.

retailer to sell the radios. Club members could be available to program the alarm feature when needed, so that the



Weather radios with alert features could be provided to county residents at low cost.

alarm will sound if conditions warrant.

The project would include an area

Storm damages Chase repeater antenna site

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Several work sessions will be needed to accomplish antenna repairs. First it was necessary to assess the damage. Now the required materials are being assembled to complete the job. Preliminary work will be done on the ground as much as possible.

Meanwhile, the 147.180 MHz repeater remains in operation. All work is to be completed before winter weather arrives and climbing the tower becomes too dangerous.



You can see for miles from the top of the Chase water tower antenna location, even with the haze. Note the abnormal antenna position.

Word Scramble

Rearrange the following letters to spell the title of a popular TV show. (Hint: It airs on Thursday nights.)

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“Several work sessions are needed to make antenna repairs.”

Youngest member helps CCARC treasury grow

Marisa, KC9JFU, pays attention at club meetings. Listening to the Treasurer’s report, she was concerned that the treasury wasn’t growing.



So after consulting with her Dad, Chuck, N9PMW, who also happens to be club president, she decided she would take matters into her own hands and help her club.

She decided that a lemonade stand would be just the thing. It was something she could do and get set up in short order on her front steps.

Out came a pitcher, cups, and ingredients to make lemonade. She even set everything up in a red wagon she had. In about four hours, the 15 year old had made \$9.00 in sales and donations for her club!



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Dots and Dashes

Repeaters

Primary repeaters operate on 147.180 MHz, and 443.650 MHz. The VHF repeater is located at the Chase Park water tower with an open receiver. An additional receive site is located at the Cass County EMA building. These are accessed with a 77 Hz sub-audible tone. The UHF repeater is located at the EMA building. The VHF transmitter also transmits a 77 Hz tone. Setting your receiver to *decode* will reduce unwanted signals. A

second VHF repeater also is located at the Emergency Management building and operates on 145.230 MHz. Repeaters may be out of service from time to time for repairs or upgrades. The club station is W9VMW.

CCARC Meetings

Meetings are held the third Saturday of each month at 9:00 AM at the Cass County Emergency Management Agency building, 2 miles North of Logansport on SR 17. Dues are \$15.00 per year. Immediate family members may join for an

additional \$5.00.

Amateur License Tests

Test sessions for all classes of amateur radio licenses are offered the third Saturday of each month at approximately 10:00 AM, immediately following the club meeting. Testing is held at the Cass County EMA building, 2 miles North of Logansport on SR17. Pre-registration is not necessary. The CCARC is affiliated with The W5YI Group.

Photos provided by
CCARC members.



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