



# The Feedline

Newsletter of the Cass County Amateur Radio Club, Logansport, IN



## Club's Field Day tradition continues in June

The CCARC will once again participate in the annual Field Day exercise, sponsored by the ARRL. KB9SIR, John, offered his location west of Logansport as the site, but his was one of several sites being considered.

The club's Field Day Chairman, Chuck Henderson, N9PMW, believes that the site most suitable for Field Day will be the QTH of Don Hyman, K9EQT.

"The location offers enormous possibilities for Field Day," says Chuck.

With improved drainage, flooding is not a problem as in the past, says Don, and there is plenty of room for parking and for the installation of antennas.

It is expected that the station setup will be the same as in the past, featuring the 40 meter SSB station loading the "bob-tail curtain" antenna, another HF station and a VHF/UHF station.

Field Day 2005 will be held June 25-26, 2005. Operation begins at 1800 UTC



Saturday and ends at 2100 UTC Sunday.

Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June which is not necessarily the last weekend.

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## CCARC Field Day location

A new location is planned for the Cass County Amateur Radio Club's 2005 Field Day exercise. Club President, Don Hyman, K9EQT, has offered his QTH for use this year. The address is 2818 N. Indian Creek Rd., north-

west of Logansport.

Don says barring a heavy rain, his location should be well able to support vehicle parking and the foot traffic of members and visitors.

Preliminary set-up is planned for Friday.

As always, a good way to stay current on the club's Field Day plans is to monitor the 147.180 repeater and also to participate in the weekly nets.

A map and directions to the site are inside.

### Special points of interest:

- Field Day is June 25-26 and runs from 1 PM Saturday to 4 PM Sunday.
- The carry-in is Saturday 5 to 6 PM but time is approximate!
- Licensed operators are needed to man each station.

# Dayton Hamvention to host ARRL

The third weekend in May will again be the date for the annual Hamvention held in Dayton, OH. It is also set as the location for the ARRL's "Expo 2005," a collection of activities that will allow visitors to learn more about the League.

A special area of Hara Arena will be set aside for the ARRL, where visitors can meet authors of publications, view software demonstrations, and discuss current issues like BPL. Visi-

tors can even have their pictures taken and inserted on a cover of QST magazine.

There will also be a series of forums covering topics from DX to dealing with the legal issues concerning Amateur Radio.

The theme of Hamvention 2005 is "Bringing hams together from around the world." Around 25,000 people are expected to attend, visiting the vendors and large flea market.

(Some info from ARRL)



# BPL goes QRT in TX after complaint

A BPL pilot project that was the target of an ARRL complaint has shut down and removed its equipment. In mid-March, the League called on the FCC to shut down the system in Irving, TX, and issue fines for causing harmful interference to Amateur Radio communications.

North Texas Section BPL Task Force Chair Jory McIntosh, KJ5RM,

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regularly commutes through the BPL test zone in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He said that interference had been 20 db over S-9 or stronger on all ham bands from 40 to six meters.

ARRL became involved when the

FCC failed to respond to McIntosh's complaint.

The site was using Amperion BPL equipment that had been implicated in other BPL interference cases.

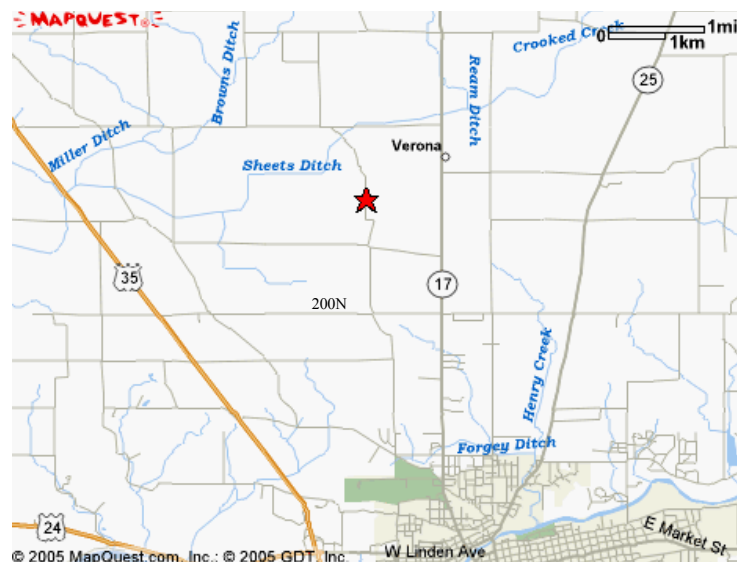
Via ARRL

# Map to Field Day

The CCARC's Field Day site is just a few miles North of Logansport at 2818 Indian Creek Rd. just North of 275 N. You can either travel North from Dykeman Park, or travel SR 17 North to CR 200N, then West to Indian Creek Rd. It's about three miles from downtown Logansport.

The carry-in dinner will be Satur-

day evening as in the past. Many local businesses will be donating food to the club through the efforts of Rae, N9YFW.



# Bogus e-mail contains serious virus

Some ARRL members have reported receiving e-mail messages purporting to be from the ARRL and suggesting that the recipient's account has been used to send "a large amount of unsolicited commercial e-mail" and "now contains a hidden proxy server" or similar wording. The messages may bear the signature, "The arrl.org team" or "The arrl.net team. These messages, which include a file attachment, do not originate from ARRL, and

recipients of such messages should never attempt to open the attached file.

Opening the attached file on one of these spurious messages could unleash a nasty computer virus, quite possibly the W32/MyDoom mass-mailing worm. This recent MyDoom incarnation will attempt to disable anti-virus program updating and help a remote user to hijack an infected machine.

The worm spreads using stolen e-mail addresses harvested from victim PCs and search engine queries.

Messages may show up as e-mail bounces from "Postmaster" or Mail Administrator."

As a defense, install and keep anti-virus software updated regularly.

Typically, the ARRL only sends e-mail to members who specifically request mailings, such as W1AW bulletins and The ARRL Letter. (ARRL)

# More attendance at meetings?

How do you entice more members to attend meetings? That was the question posed at the February meeting of the Cass County Amateur Radio Club.

Although membership remains fairly constant, attendance at club meetings is not as high as some past years.

"It may just be a sign of the

times," offered one member. Another suggested that cell phones and the Internet has had a negative impact on interest in Amateur Radio.

Among the suggestions: offer refreshments at meetings and maybe go back to having breakfast or dinner meetings at a local restaurant.

"Food always brings them out," said one member.

Although nothing was decided, it was evident that members want the club to remain active and not suffer the decline of some clubs.

Perhaps offering food at meetings, or meeting at a local restaurant would entice attendees.

# Club votes to retain officers

At the annual election of officers in December, the members present voted to retain the current slate.

The officers remain: Don Hyman, K9EQT, President; Todd Ervin, N9PVQ, Vice President; Tom Murray, KB9WSL, Secretary; and Dave Wandrei, N9WWCQ, Treasurer.

The Directors at Large, are Dave

Rothermel, K9DVL; Ed Norris, K9PSR; Bob Minnick, K9AWH. The appointed offices did not change and can be found on the back page.

The CCARC still offers amateur license testing and maintains several open repeaters for amateur use.



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## Bits, bytes and beyond

- "Our bands deserve better treatment than just serving as a substitute for a dummy load." W3BE, John Johnston, FCC.
- Need to brush up on your CW skills? W1AW, the ARRL's amateur radio station, offers a regular code practice schedule. Check on the League's web site at ARRL.org for specific information as to times and frequencies. Morse code is sent at a variety of speeds with the text taken from QST magazine, allowing one to check his copy.
- FCC Commissioner Kevin J. Martin has been named to replace Mi-

chael Powell as Chair of the FCC. Martin, 38, is a North Carolina attorney with close ties to the White House and has served as a Commissioner since 2001. Powell stepped down in March.

- According to the FCC, the numbers of hams in the US is declining. Total licensed amateurs as of March 2005 was 668,163. This is down from 674,788 recorded six months earlier. The highest number of hams at one time was 687,860 counted in April, 2003. Extra licensees have the highest percentage of the total at 35% followed by Generals, Technicians, and Advanced classes.

### 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. Additional receive sites are located at the Cass County EMA building and in Delphi. 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 located at the Logansport Municipal Airport operates on 145.230 MHz. Autopatch is available on the main VHF repeater to members. 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 SR17. 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 first Friday of each odd month at 6:30 PM at the Cass County EMA building, 2 miles North of Logansport on SR17. Pre-registration is not necessary.

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