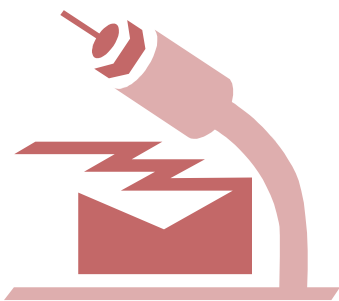


# The Feedline



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## Special points of interest:

- Field Day is June 26 and 27.
- W9VMW will operate in class 2F.
- Operating modes may include SSB, PSK, FM and CW.
- Details will be available at club meetings and over the club's main repeater.

## Field Day 2010 planning has begun

Field Day will be here before you know it and planning can not begin too early. So believes CCARC Hamfest Chairman, Tom, KB9WSL.

“We plan to operate the same number of stations as last year,” Tom reports, “but I would like to become more active on digital modes, like PSK.” Tom added that each digital mode contact counts for two points versus one point per voice contact.

Tom reports that the score can be improved by several other ways including originating a formal message, receiving the Field Day bulletin from ARRL station W1AW, and making a successful satellite contact.

The CCARC will operate club station



KB9WSL keep the contacts coming on 40 meters SSB on club station W9VMW.

W9VMW from the Emergency Management facility on SR 17 in class 2F. This class is for stations operating 2 transmitters, a “Get On The Air” (GOTA) transmitter, plus stations to operate on VHF / UHF.

Field Day is set for the fourth weekend in June. This year that will be June 26 and 27.

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## CCARC Field Day exercise includes eats!

If you want to draw hams to an event, serve food! That seems to be a natural truth that is supported by CCARC members.

The highlight of Field Day weekend for many is the carry-in meal on Saturday evening. Club members on the Field Day planning team are quite

effective in soliciting food donations from area merchants to augment food provided by members’ families.

Merchants have also generously donated items for the evening raffle. Rae Ervin, N9YFW, has quite successfully handled the solicitation in past years.

## Hams help Haitians, Chileans in disaster response

Amateur Radio operators were active immediately following news of the massive destruction cause by the recent earthquakes and numerous aftershocks.

Net frequencies were immediately set up on 80, 40 and 20 meters as appropriate to band conditions to provide communication links in and out of the disaster areas. Amateurs were asked to avoid casual communications on specific frequencies to avoid unnecessary interference.

Following the earthquake in Chile, a tsunami alert was issued for areas of the

Pacific Ocean and certain 80, 40 and 20 meter frequencies were set aside for possible additional emergency communication needs. All frequencies were soon released back to normal ham use.



Haiti was hit with a devastating earthquake, then Chile was also struck. Hams provided vital communications following both events.



**Astronauts can browse and use the Web without assistance from ground personnel.**

## Astronauts get Internet access from space

Thanks to a special software upgrade, astronauts aboard the International Space Station now can reach the Internet from space.

Expedition 22 Flight Engineer T.J. Creamer made first use of the new system when he posted the first unassisted update to his Twitter account. Personal web access, according to NASA, takes advantage of existing

communication links to and from the station and gives astronauts the ability to browse and use the Web without the assistance of ground personnel.

The system will provide astronauts with direct private communications to enhance their quality of life during long-duration missions by helping to ease the isolation associated with life in a closed environment.

## VOA ramps up service to Haiti to get word in

With the devastating earthquakes to hit Haiti, over the air broadcasting in the country was silenced.



sky over the island. FM broadcasts were started to compliment established AM and Short-wave signals.

The Voice of America immediately stepped up its Creole-language broadcasting efforts to provide Haitians news and information. Some broadcasts emanated from the VOA's permanent Marathon, Fla. AM transmitter site, but broadcasts were also begun via U.S. Dept. of Defense aircraft, circling in the

Besides news about rescue and recovery efforts, and information about availability of food, water, and supplies, VOA Creole set up call-in lines to allow callers to send messages to family and friends in Haiti.

## Hospital group seeks blanket waiver for its hams

The American Hospital Association (AHA) has requested that the FCC issue a blanket waiver to Section 97.113(a)(3) of the rules governing amateur radio to allow hospital employees who are also Amateur Radio operators to use their radios during emergency exercises.

The issue came about when a Missouri ham, Jeffery Casselberry, W0WLS, operated an Amateur station at a hospital where he was employed during a state-sanctioned communications drill. This came to the attention of Laura Smith, FCC attorney, who questioned Casselberry about his involvement.

Smith said that as an employee, W0WLS could not operate a ham station on his employer's behalf without violating the Part 97 rule.

The request from the AHA seeks to allow hams employed by hospitals to participate in emergency drills that are not government sponsored since "it is in then public interest to ensure hospital communications operate effectively during emergencies."

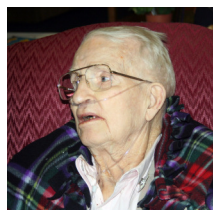
Comments may be sent to the FCC by April 2, and should reference Docket No. 10-54.

## Oldest CCARC charter member now silent key

Randy Lanning, one of the charter members of the Cass County Amateur Radio Club has become a silent key. Known on the air waves as W9CFI, Randy was still an active Amateur until recent years when health issues limited his activities. He was 101 years old when he passed.

Over the years, Randy served in Cass County government in several elected

positions including Commissioner, Clerk, and Treasurer, as well as school board member. Randy was also a Navy veteran serving as a Communications Officer in WWII.



Randy was first licensed while in high school more than 85 years ago.

**W9CFI, a CCARC charter member, had his first amateur license over 85 years ago.**

## New E-911 director chosen from CCARC ranks

Dan McDonald, KV9N, has been selected as the next E-911 Director for Central Dispatch, replacing Lori Forrer. Dan was chosen from a final field of two candidates by the governing board and will be tasked with overseeing the combined city county dispatchers and improving efficiency.

Dan brings a lot of experience to the job including many years with the



Monroe Co. Florida Sheriff's Department. He has also worked as a paramedic and firefighter. Several of his previous positions involved being a trainer.

He began his new duties immediately after being hired.



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## Dots and Dashes

### Repeaters

The primary repeater operates on 147.180 MHz and 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 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. A UHF repeater transmits on 443.650 MHz from the EMA building. All transmit offsets are standard.

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 preferred but not necessary. The CCARC is affiliated with The W5YI Group.



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