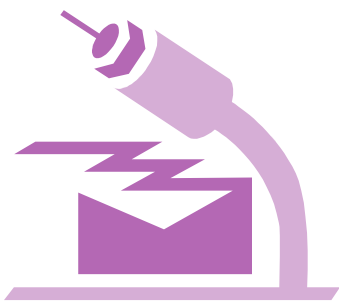


The Feedline



Summer, 2011

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Special points of interest:

- Carry-in meal, prize raffle, are set for 5PM Saturday.
- Stations will operate the same bands and modes as last year.
- Location will be the same as last time, at the EMA building.

Field Day planning nearly completed

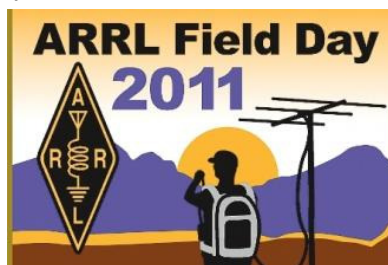
Planning for the CCARC Field Day event is right on schedule. Field Day Chairman, Marion Bell, KA9BYN, reported at the latest club meeting that the Field Day features popular over the years will remain, including the carry-in meal on Saturday evening and the prize raffle.

As in past years, Rae Ervin, N9YFW, is actively pursuing donations from area businesses for food and prizes.

Marion announced that a planning session is set for June 11 at 1 PM for the purposes of testing cables, equipment, and assessing the parts and equipment inventory for Field Day operations. Besides radios, computers are needed to handle logging chores

and to operate PSK mode.

Modes planned include SSB, PSK, and possibly FM and CW, if operators are available to operate the stations.



Marion plans stations on HF, and possibly satellite. Missing this year will be the bob-tail curtain antenna, which in the past, has allowed the club

stations to have a serious presence on 40 meters. Marion says there were problems getting the antenna to load last year and it was not effective. Instead, the club will rely upon the recently installed loop antenna, plus other dipoles and beam antennas.

Field Day officially runs the fourth weekend of June each year.

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Field Day information

- ◆ Field Day begins 1800 UTC Saturday, June 25 and runs through 2059 UTC Sunday, June 26.
- ◆ Carry-in Saturday evening is set for approximately 5:00 PM.

◆ Location will be at the Cass Co. EMA building on SR 17, just north of Logansport.

◆ Monitor the 147.180 repeater for timely information concerning set-up and any changes.

Do you read the Feedline?

OK, it is assumed that you do read the Feedline or you wouldn't be reading this. Perhaps a better question is *how* do you read it?

The Feedline is mailed out to members, unless a specific request has been received to not do so. Many members view the CCARC publication on-line, in glorious color, whereas the club can only afford black and white printing for mailing. This is an ongoing expense for the club and many members are receiving the Feedline twice.

What about converting to an electronic version only? Is there anyone who does not have Internet access, or would have trouble reading the Feedline on his computer screen, or printing it out?



The change to electronic distribution is likely soon with only very few copies printed for those members who cannot get it otherwise.

Currently, Dave, N9WCQ, handles the mailing chores. Let your opinion be known via the survey form inside the mailing cover.

“Members voted to offer an underused repeater pairing to WIRES.”

Attempt to share repeater pair halted

A generous offer by the Cass County Amateur Radio Club to assist the Tippecanoe County ARES group get a new two meter repeater on the air has been stopped before it got started.

The Western Indiana Radio Emergency Services (WIRES) plans to put a new repeater on the air from the WLFV TV transmitter site at Rossville. Although a 440 MHz frequency pair has been

secured, the group still wants to use a two meter frequency pair, according to Stephen Parker, WR9A, WIRES president.

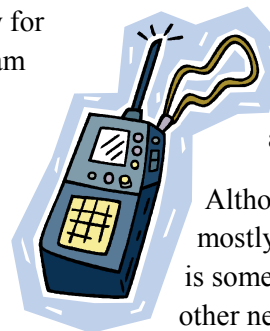
At a recent meeting of the CCARC, members voted to allow club president Phil Snider, W9LVY, to offer an underutilized repeater frequency pairing of 144.750 / 145.350 to the group with the

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Member sets up own repeater to keep it alive

Tom Murray, KB9WSL, secretary for the CCARC and the Fulton Co. ham club now has a repeater on the air.

The Rochester repeater, operating on 146.805 MHz, needed to be moved from its former location and was also for sale. To keep the frequency alive, Tom bought it and moved to his house on the northwest side of Rochester. After some challenges getting the controller programmed, Tom reports that the repeater



is now identifying with his call sign and is transmitting from an antenna up about 50 feet.

Although reliable coverage is mostly within Fulton Co., there is some reception from Cass and other neighboring counties.

The repeater is accessed with a PL tone of 131.8.

FCC rolls out alert PLAN

FCC chairman, Julius Genachowski, says current communications technology has the potential to revolutionize emergency response and save lives.

He made this comment recently in New York, adding that one shortcoming exposed during the 9/11 attacks was that authorities didn't have the capability to send alerts and instructions to individuals via their mobile devices.

That, he says, is changing with the introduction of the Personal Localized Alerting Network or PLAN. PLAN will allow government officials to send text

alerts to people in a specific geographic area.

New York City will be rolling out PLAN before the end of the year, thanks in part to a public-private collaboration between the city, the FCC, FEMA, and several wireless carriers.

By April, 2012, it will be deployed in cities across the country using cell phone providers including US Cellular.

The new tool is meant to supplement broadcast and cable providers by reaching people on their personal devices.

CCARC Remailer switches to Yahoo Groups

For many years, the CCARC has utilized a remailer through the Culcom.net site in Culver, Indiana, also the host site of the club's web page. The remailer allows members who have signed up to send and receive messages to other members of the group.

But with the sale of the host site, a change was necessary, since the new owner was making a change in the

hosting parameters and would no longer be able to offer the remailing feature.

A new remailer has been set up through Yahoo Groups that works basically the same as the former system. Messages appear in a users inbox as before.

Those on the current remailer received instructions on how to change. The web site did not change.

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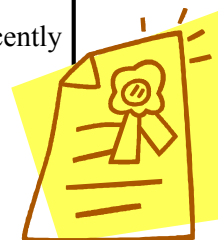
details of the partnership to be worked out later.

But, Indiana frequency coordinator Charlie Sears has determined that the Rossville location would be too close to an existing repeater that operates in Terre Haute.

With regard to the CCARC's gesture, Parker stated, "It is most pleasing and quite refreshing to see a group of hams willing to contribute to such a cause that would benefit the amateur community at large and serve the greater good. We are honored by the gesture".

Members Making News

Don Hyman, K9EQT, was recently recognized by the ARRL with a certificate for his 50 years as a member. Don was first licensed in 1956 and joined ARRL shortly after.





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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.

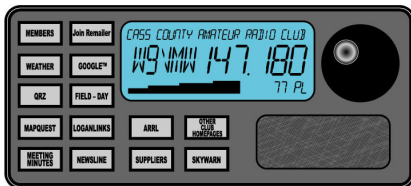
CCARC Meetings

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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