

The Feedline



Late Summer, 2010

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Special points of interest:

- Logansport Mayor Mike Fincher issued a Proclamation.
- The 2010 point total exceeded 2009.
- Contacts modes were SSB, CW, BPSK.
- The carry-in on Saturday and the raffle remain member favorites.

CCARC Field Day site draws lots of visitors

The visitor log for the CCARC Field Day site filled multiple pages.

variety of foods brought by members and families.

“We had a lot of visitors,” said Tom Murray, KB9WSL, CCARC Field Day Chairman. Although no public officials made it to this year’s event, Logansport Mayor Mike Fincher did issue a city proclamation in honor of the club’s activity.



KB9WSL photo

Here is a look at some of the prizes awarded during the club raffle Field Day Saturday. Winners took home anything from tools and food items to ARRL merchandise or one of five weather radios.

There were a lot of prizes, in addition to food, donated by county businesses. Rae Ervin, N9YFW, and Anna, KC9IDO, solicited a

The carry-in for club members, their family members and guests seemed to be the highlight of the weekend once again. Plenty of food was available from burgers and hotdogs on the grill, to a

wide array of raffle items. Tickets were sold and proceeds went to the club treasury to support expenses of the club.

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CCARC Field Day: by the numbers

1346 - Total points for contacts.

830 - Total bonus points.

2176 - Number of total points.

630 - Total number of contacts made on all modes used, SSB, CW, PSK, and the Get-On-The-Air station. Contacts made on CW or PSK

counted double. Bonus points were added for such added activities as being set up in a public place, having media publicity, having emergency power available, and offering information about the event.

The results exceeded 2009’s total score of 1,452.

Hams big part of Chicago Marathon

This will be the second year that ham radio volunteers have supported the Chicago Marathon by providing communications. The marathon, in its 33rd year, attracts around 45,000 participants and a million and a half spectators over the 26 mile course.

Hams help provide reliable communications support between multiple aid and medical stations and to the event command center. Aid stations may have medical staff including a doctor, plus non ham volunteers to monitor runners. Hams will relay information back and forth via a net control station.

Aid stations need to have at least one mobile and a directional antenna, plus HTs, and be able to operate on 2 meters, 220, and 440 MHz.

Volunteers with previous experience, FEMA ICS courses completed, and their own equipment, are being sought. Info may be found at www.chicagofmclub.org/news.html

The event is scheduled for Sunday, October 10th, Columbus Day weekend.



The ruling adds a new paragraph to Section 97.113(a)(3) and limits drills to two per year.

FCC says OK to ham emergency participation

The decision came faster than usual when the FCC adopted a Report and Order in July to allow hams employed by both government and non-government agencies like hospitals, to participate in emergency and disaster drills on behalf of their employers.

The ruling adds a new paragraph to Section 97.113(a)(3). Participation is limited to the duration of the drill

including operational testing prior to it. Drills not government-sponsored are limited to one hour activity per week, with no more than two drills per calendar year. Participation in each drill is not to exceed 72 hours.

The decision is expected to become effective as soon as it's published in the Federal Register.

(Info from CQ Magazine)

CW passes 160 years as communications mode

International Morse Code (also referred to as CW) being used by Amateurs today began as the only practical method of communicating messages. Although no longer required, CW is still a preferred mode of many hams.

It is the only mode that can be decoded by three of the five human senses: sight, sound, and touch. There have been documented stories of POWs communicating with pencil taps or even eye blinks to create dots and dashes.

CW, first developed as landline telegraphy in Germany in 1848, made the transition to radio around 1880.

It is no myth that CW remains the only mode can still get through when other modes fail. Although BPSK comes close to getting through under weak conditions, it still requires specialized equipment to decode and can be subject to distortion.

(Info from WorldRadio)

Field Day 2010 in pictures

Dan, KV9N, prepares for another PSK contact on 20 meters (right) while Todd, N9PVQ, logs contacts on 40 meters SSB (below). The club members operated under the club call sign, W9VMW.



Stations also were heard on several other bands. Tom, KB9VMW, snagged a contact in the Caribbean during a band opening on six meters Saturday.

Fulton Co. Hams reactivating local club

A reorganizational meeting of Fulton Co. area hams drew ten members, according to CCARC Secretary, Tom, KB9WSL. Tom, a Rochester resident, was also chosen as the Fulton Co. club's Secretary / Treasurer.

The group calling itself the Fulton Co. Radio Club, plans monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at Alejandra's Restaurant near the intersec-

tion of US 31 and SR 25.

Dues are to be \$10 per year or \$15 per family. Stated goals of the revitalized group are to promote Amateur Radio, provide communications for the community when needed, and to have fun.

The group is continuing the operation of a 2-meter repeater on 146.805, standard offset, with a PL of 131.8.

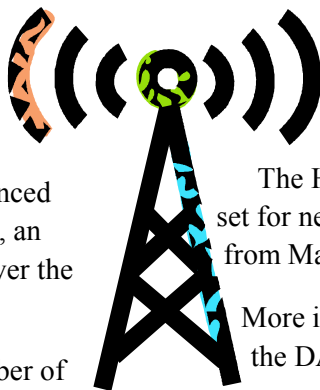
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Hamvention attendance numbers bouncing back

More visitors attended the 2010 Dayton Hamvention than the previous two years.

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) announced attendance figures at 19,750, an increase about a thousand over the attendance total in 2009.

The DARA reports the number of Hamvention visitors in 2008 was about 2,500 less than this year, which was said to be an all-time low.



But this year, vendors were reporting a noticeable increase in sales.

The Hamvention dates have been set for next year. The event will run from May 20 through May 22, 2011.

More information can be found at the DARA Hamvention website at www.hamvention.org, or the DARA web site, www.w8bi.org.



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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.

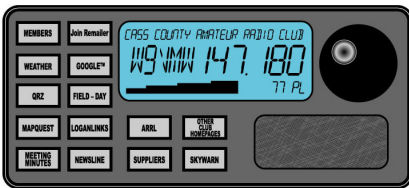
CCARC Meetings

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.



The Cass County Amateur Radio Club is an Indiana Not For Profit Corporation in continuous existence since 1953.