

SHORT SKIP - FROM THE PARADE STAND

By Tim McGillen/N9CA 2023 LCARC President

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*Click on [blue or underlined wording](#) to open the internet topic links

Last Months Meeting: "Solar Cycle 25" was presented by renowned Amateur Radio authority Carl Leutzelschwab K9LA www.K9LA.us He has many videos on YouTube and HR topic links on his website. Carl is one of our two ARRL Central Division State Directors along with Brent Walls N9BA.

There was a free raffle drawing for LCARC members with prizes courtesy of



"For all things ham radio"

www.DXengineering.com

Congratulations to all of the item winners. Congratulations to Jim Harney KF9EX for both having a milestone birthday to celebrate and for achieving DXCC. Thank you to Pat and Andy Finick for supplying Jim's celebratory cake. It was delicious! Way to go Randy Knerler KD9WFF on passing your Amateur Extra Class test !!!

2024 Club Officer Nominations were made and voted upon. Here are the results;

Tim McGillen	N9CA	President
Paul Petrie	KD9NPC	Vice President
Russ McComb	KB9HO	Secretary
James Harney	KF9EX	Treasurer

2024 LCARC Board Directors

Pat Finick	N9FXT
Andy Finick	W9FXT
John Litton	KI4CFH
George Pazak	KD9FCI
Mark Skowronski	K9MQ
Adam White	KD9JCX

December's Holiday Club Meeting: Friday evening December 8th (always the 2nd Friday of the month) at 7:30PM.

This informal casual meeting is to; celebrate 2023, to gather, share, and make friendships. You do not have to be a Club member to attend. Plus 1's are welcome.

It will be at Tyler's Tender Restaurant in Schererville. If you haven't been, Tyler's Tender is on the north side of US Rt 30 between Austin and Cline Ave. There is ample parking.

The restaurant is well known for their delicious sandwiches and sides. The Club will be providing cake and coffee too. <https://tylerstender.com/menu.html>

Other Club News

Save on mailing costs and hassle. We anticipate having an optional on-line method of paying Club dues up and running very soon. More on this later.

Our new Club Facebook Group is taking off. To sign up, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/w9lragchew>

Calling all VEs. The Club will host several live license test sessions in 2024. We need your input to pick the dates and help share this great hobby.

District 1 ARES

D1 net is on the N9IAA repeater 146.685 pl 173.8. Each Tuesday evening at 8:00pm. You do not need to belong to ARES to check into the net.

*There have been reports of N9IAA repeater audio distortion with some amateurs attempting to check in. The ARES NCS may decide to QSY to the LaPorte K9JSI repeater 146.970 pl 131.8.

The ARES D1 website has changed to: <https://aresd1.wixsite.com/aresd1>

Local VE Live Exam Session

12/09/2023 | Valparaiso IN 46383-4820

Sponsor: Porter County ARC

Location: Valparaiso Public Library

Time: 9:15 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Learn More

If testing to upgrade or renew, bring a photocopy of current license or a copy even if your license expired less than 2 years ago.

Exam Candidates: You are **REQUIRED** to register in the FCC CORES system and receive a FCC Registration Number (FRN) before exam day. For FRN registration information, see item #4: **Exam Session Requirements**

Candidates could go directly to the FCC CORES User Account and Registration page: <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>
Click [Here](#) for FCC CORES Tutorial Videos.

ARES HF Statewide Indiana Net

Beginning in December, the “ARES *Indiana Section Net*” is moving from 40 meters to 3.900 MHz +/- LSB. SSB phone 4:00 pm CST



SKYWARN Spotter Net

Wednesday, all check-in welcome 7:00pm W9SRC/r 146.640 pl 107.2

ARES D1 Skywarn Recognition Day Object: contact as many NWS stations, and/or *Skywarn Spotter* NCS's as you can between Friday 6:00pm December 1st thru Saturday the 2nd, ending at 5:59 PM.

AM/PM	Zulu	Day	10 Meters	20 Meters	40 Meters	80 Meters	2 Meters	N9IAA [^]
7-9 PM	0100 - 0300	Friday				KA9EFD Allan Lloyd #	KD9UOW David Velickoff #	
9-11 PM	0300 - 0500	Friday			KA9EFD Allan Lloyd #	AC9EB Allen Bottorff *		
11 PM- 1 AM	0500 - 0700	Fri / Sat		KA9EFD Allan Lloyd #				
8-10 AM	1400 - 1800	Saturday				KA9PGC John Phillips *		
12-2 PM	1800 - 2000	Saturday	KB9HMR Brian Salzer *	AC9EB Allen Bottorff *				
3-5 PM	2100 - 2300	Saturday			KA9EFD Allan Lloyd #			
4-6 PM	2200 - 2400	Saturday					KD9UOW David Velickoff #	
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[^] Alternate - K9JSI		INARES D1	2023 SRD Skywarn Spotter NCS schedule					

[Chicago Area Net List](#)

Paste & search with your browser: [Chicago area Net Directory](#) by Ben KC9UNS

[A Cheap and Cheerful SPOTA Antenna](#) From www.QRPer.com
<https://qrper.com/2023/11/gw4okts-cheap-cheerful-telescopic-spot-a-antenna/>

[Nasa Launches “Spot The Station App”](#)

On the Apple App Store and Google Play. The APP will send you a notification each time the ISS passes over your location.

<https://daily.hamweekly.com/2023/11/nasa-spot-the-station-app/>

[How To Build a Mini HF Loading Coil](#) (no tuner required)

YouTube <https://youtu.be/GTx-YeoFPBg>

[The Oms On QRZ Said “That Antenna Won’t Work”](#). They were wrong!

YouTube <https://youtu.be/EB4uztvf1k>

[What’s Up With NVIS Antenna That’s Just 6 Feet Off The Ground !](#)

<https://kk4z.com/2023/11/22/whats-up-with-nvis/>

[Will AI Help Us Have More Fun With Amateur Radio?](#)

<https://www.kb6nu.com/will-ai-help-us-have-more-fun-with-amateur-radio/>

[Medium Speed CW Contest](#) by Mike Weir VE9KK

Each Monday morning at 1300Z and 1900z I take part in the 1-hour [medium-speed CW contest](#) or MST as it is called. Medium speed is 25wpm or less and the exchange is your name and progressive contact number or serial number as they call it in contesting. During the mini contest this morning I was calling "CQ MST" and as always I also have loaded on my PC screen the reverse beacon network website as seen in the picture above. This allows me to see how my signal of 100 watts is getting out. This morning as I was calling on 20m I was shocked to see my signal strength into ZL4YL New Zealand and MM0ZBH Scotland.

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See You Friday December 8th at Tyler's Tender 7:30 ish

73, Tim/N9CA

