

SHORT SKIP FROM THE PARADE STAND

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Friday March 8th 7:30 PM Club Meeting: We will have two great programs for your ham radio pleasure!

The first will be presented by Charlie Sufana AJ9N Melbourne Florida
“How To Receive and Decode SSTV Images With Your Smart Phone”.



Charlie will have a live how-to demonstration using images sent from The ISS. Android phone owners should download an app called “**Robot36**” iPhone users should download an app called “**CQ SSTV**”

The second program concerns our upcoming April 8th solar eclipse.

Paul Petrie KD9NPC Deputy Director Lake County Homeland Security/EMA and Mark Carlo Deputy Director Porter County EMA will discuss how amateur radio operators can help with the anticipated extra local eclipse traffic.



Club Meetings are now on the 4th floor of the 7 story EMA/Lake County health department building at 2900 W. 93rd Ave Crown Point Indiana.

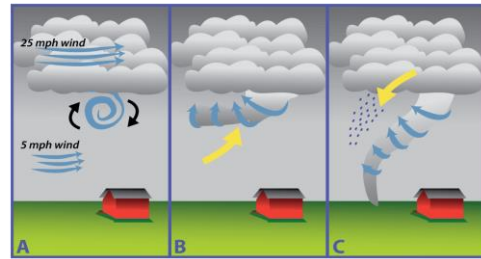
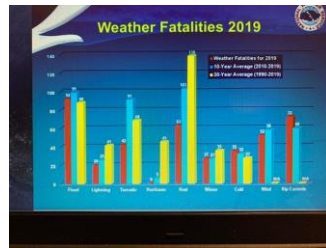
Ample parking - Handicap accessible - You do not need to be a LCARC member to attend.

Don't be left out! New Club members receive 2024 Club membership for just \$20... or 3 full years of membership for \$50

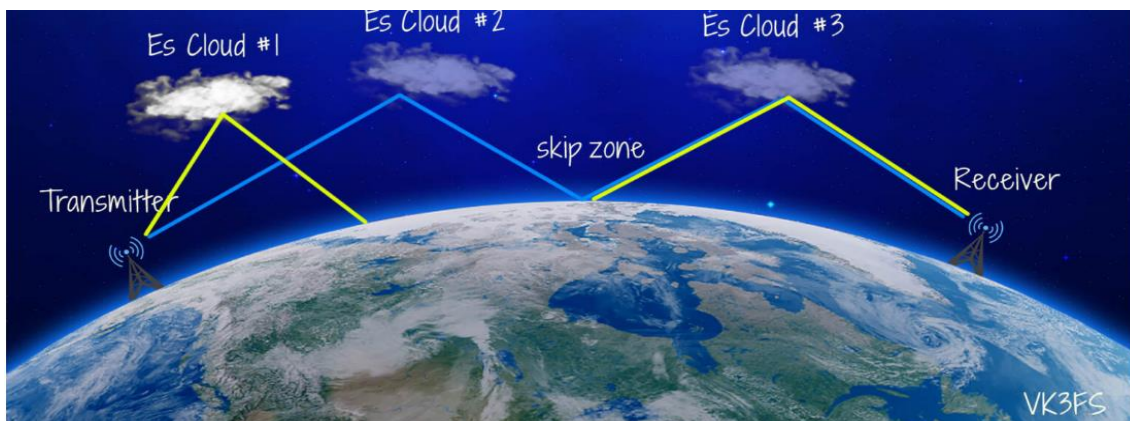
The LCARC Information Net

Wednesday's NET - 8:00pm 147.000 or 442.075 pl 131.8

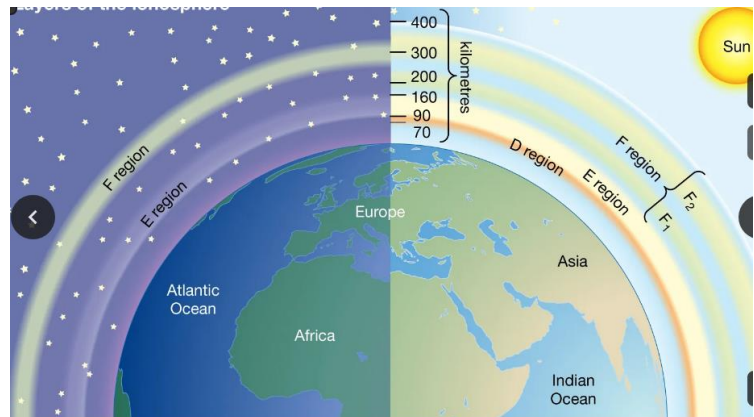
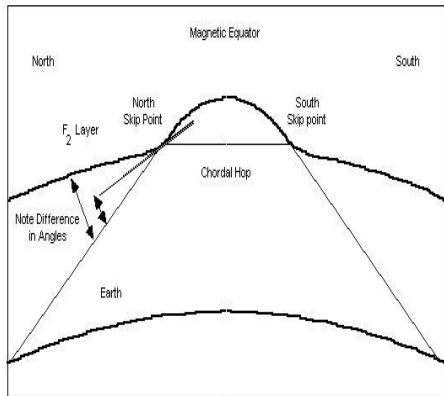
Short 30 minute net. Get to know your local hams. All hams are welcome. You do not have to be a Club member to check-into the Net.



NOAA is holding a free local "**Weather Spotter Training Program**" Tuesday March 12th at the Lake Central High School in St. John from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Plan to arrive early to register and find your seat.



By now, you have heard 10 meters has been open to the world daily especially using FT8 and other digital modes. This has to do with clouds of atmospheric ionization of Earth's ionospheric "E layer" producing coast to coast single hop E-Skip from 500 – 1500 miles.



Earth's "F1 layer" and Earth's F2 layers allow double hop e-skip across Earth's equator TEP (Trans-Equatorial Propagation) allowing 2500-5000 mile radio paths. For best results, point directional antennas due south.

***ALL** ham licenses have CW, Digital, and SSB privileges on 10m.

HAMFESTS

03/09/2024 - Michigan Crossroads Hamfest & Radio Swap

Location: Kalamazoo Twp, MI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: SMARS

a 2 hour drive east on I-94 they're on EST

Website: <http://www.w8df.com/hamfest>

Learn More

03/17/2024 - Sterling Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society Hamfest

Location: Dixon, IL

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Sterling Rock Falls Amateur Radio Society

a 2 hour drive on they're on CST

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MARCH 30th is the WVARA Spring 2024 Hamfest

Location: Brazil, IN

Type: ARRL Hamfest

a 2 hour drive. They're on EST

Sponsor: Wabash Valley ARA, Inc.

Website: https://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest/hamfest_2024.pdf

Learn More

Valparaiso VE license test March 9th

The Porter County Indiana Club is offering a VE Test session Saturday MARCH 9Th in the Valparasio Public Library downtown starting at 9:15 SHARP !

Walk-ins are welcome... just be sure you have your FCC FRN number, a photocopy of any current license or even if it expired with in the past 2 years, a photo ID, and money to pay for the examination. More details at ARRL.org by typing in "VE session" into the upper left search box



Local SKYWARN Spotter Nets

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

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.

VarAC V8.6.2 is here!

With adaptive broadcast speed, Special CQ types + Locator, VMail relay indicator, New settings screen, UI multilingual support and much more!



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<https://www.varac-hamradio.com/so/110sq5b66?languageTag=en&cid=f115bb3a-0c71-4453-9b5f-c3554eb704e7>

73, Tim/N9CA
