

The Feedline



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Special points of interest:

- Field Day is always the 4th weekend (not necessarily the last weekend) of June.
- The 2-day event begins at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday.
- The annual carry-in supper is around 5PM Saturday.

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Field Day planning nears completion

The CCARC's ARRL Field Day Chairman has announced that plans are nearly complete for the 2013 Field Day exercise. Chairman Marion Bell, KA9BYN, adds that a work session is still needed to complete preparations.



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Marion says he plans to hold the work session immediately following the club's regular June meeting on the 15th. He says, "We can get everything done, if we have the help." The Field Day location remains the same as in recent years, the EMA facility located on SR 17 just north of Logansport, which is also the location of the club's monthly meetings.

The CCARC members will operate as Class 2F with stations planned on 80, 40, 20, 6, and 2 meters, although not all at the same time. This will include the Get On The Air (GOTA) station and operations on SSB, PSK, and FM.

The work session will include repairs to the tri-band beam antenna that broke lose from it's mounting a few months ago and fell to the ground. It will be reinstalled with a much sturdier mounting bracket. With the local event held at the permanent EMA building, antennas may be installed ahead of time and other preparations completed as well.

ARRL Field Day is June 22, and 23.

Carry-In supper again a Field Day feature

Part of the CCARC's Field Day tradition goes beyond operating stations in a simulated emergency situation. It includes the Saturday evening carry-in meal at the Field Day location.

Supported by donations from area merchants, family members as well as club members are welcome.

This is set for around 5PM Saturday evening and is being coordinated by CCARC member Rae Ervin, N9YFW.

Boy Scouts approve amateur radio uniform patch



Scouting and Amateur Radio have had a relationship almost as long as scouting itself. Now Boy Scouts with an interest in ham radio can have a uniform “rating strip” that recognizes the Scout’s ability as an Amateur Radio Operator and his or her availability during scouting events or emergencies.

The uniform patch is available for adult scouts as well. Scouts must hold a valid Amateur Radio license to qualify to wear the strip.

This comes just a year after the Boy Scouts offered a similar uniform rating strip recognizing proficiency in International Morse Code seen here.



Wearers must demonstrate they can carry on a five minute conversation at a speed of at least 5 words per minute, being able to accurately copy at least 5 WPM, and accurately send a 25 word document.

(Info from CQ Newsroom and ARRL)

“If anyone knows the location of missing equipment, let KA9BYN know.”

Do you know where any club equipment is?

Over the years, much of the CCARC-owned equipment has wandered off, likely with the help of members and former members.

Marion, KA9BYN, is attempting to get the club inventory accurate again, and he has a request. If anyone either has, or knows where any club-owned equipment is located, please contact him. Missing or unaccounted for are items up

to transmitters and receivers. It is feared that much of it may be “lost.”

In the past, club officers have loaned equipment to members in need but that equipment was not readily returned and then it was forgotten.

If you know the location of any club-owned property, contact Marion, or any other club officer.

Morse code plays role in Lincoln movie

The recent Stephen Spielberg movie “Lincoln” had a role played by Amateur Radio. CQ Newsroom reports that nine of the 16 telegraph stations shown in the movie were operational. Equipment was on loan from members of the Morse Telegraph Club.

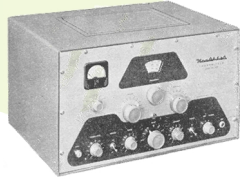


The Morse Telegraph Club is an association of retired railroad and commercial telegraphers, Amateur Radio Operators, historians and others who wish to

keep the traditions and history of Morse code alive. Club president Jim Wades, WB8ISW, served as a technical advisor for the film.

Possible return of Heathkit shrouded in secrecy

Decades ago, most ham shacks contained ham radio equipment from the Heathkit Co. The Benton Harbor, Michigan, kit maker produced everything from amateur transceivers and test equipment, to stereo receivers and TVs.



But an investigation of Michigan public records by the staff at CQ Newsroom revealed no hard evidence of who might be behind the new company, or where it might actually be located. The website offers no information.

Now, with the return of a single page website, “heathkit.com,” rumors are circulating that the famous kit builder may be returning. A survey from the site asked questions about preferences of potential customers for the types of kits they’d like to see a new company make.

This is the second possible comeback for Heathkit. In 2011, another resurrection attempt failed in bankruptcy. The name, logos, and equipment designs were auctioned off, but the successful bidders are not known.

Mandy Baxter gets (fictional) callsign on TV show

Viewers of the ABC TV network show, “Last Man Standing” know that the lead character played by Tim Allen is depicted as a licensed Amateur Radio operator. Functional stations are often seen in the background.

In a couple of episodes, Amateur Radio played a more prominent role, including one featuring daughter Mandy operating one of the rigs.

Sharp viewers noticed that there was no callsign used, sparking rumors that the operator may be operating “unlicensed.” That will be corrected next season, according to John Amodeo, the show’s producer and who is also a ham.

Mandy will have the callsign KF0XIE in future episodes, Amodeo says.

(via *CQ Newsroom*)

“Daughter of the lead character appeared to operate without a callsign.”

Is attendance down at Dayton?

Has the attendance at the Dayton Hamvention tapering off? Although crowded at times, some attendees felt that the attendance numbers, reported at just under 25,000 for the three day event, were a bit optimistic.

Visitors noted that there were empty spaces inside Hara Arena as well as in the flea market. In years past, there would be no vacant spots.

The Dayton Amateur Radio Associa-

tion (DARA) on the Hamvention website says that there were 245 vendors this year vs. 261 last year. Forty one spots remained unsold this year, up from last year’s 18. Vendor numbers don’t equate to booth spaces since many vendors use more than one space.

Flea market activity remained about the same, the DARA reports, with 731 unique vendors this year. There were open spots in the flea market.



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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.