



# KARS KEY KLICKS



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## SEVERE WEATHER PROGRAM FOR APRIL MEETING

The next KARS general meeting will be Tuesday, April 3rd, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital. Enter via the South entrance. The program, presented by John K9BYT will be on severe weather and how we can prepare ourselves as citizens and communicators.

### REPEATER RESTORED TO FULL POWER

Don K9NR of the KARS repeater committee reports that the .34/.94 repeater is back in action at full authorized power. Due to technical problems, the system was running at about 1/4th power.

The repair is timely now that the 2007 storm season has arrived.

A near future improvement will include: remote activation of the on-site Emergency Weather receiver's digital recorder.

### NEED YOUR HELP

If anyone knows how to contact Tom Skube N19I, please remind him that his Extra Class license expired almost 2 years ago and he has only a few weeks to renew before he loses his license and call.

### NCS FOR April

April 2 KC9FAV  
April 9 K9BYT  
April 16 KE9MG  
April 23 K9NR  
April 30 WD9FYF

Don't forget the net!  
Mondays at 2100 hrs. local time

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 5 K9CWF  
April 17 N9MBR  
April 25 W9YNI  
April 25 KA9FRQ  
April 26 K9CS  
April 28 N9NAH

If we miss your birthday, or get it wrong, please let us know!



Mark Thompson WB9QZB presented an excellent program on D-Star at the March KARS meeting

### KARS KALENDAR

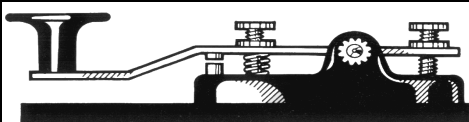
April 3.....KARS General Meeting  
April 10.....KARSFEST Planning Meeting  
April 17.....KARS Board Meeting  
April 21.....Illinois Repeater Assoc. Meeting  
April 29.....Dekalb Hamfest  
May 1.....KARS General Meeting  
May 5,6.....Indiana QSO Party  
May 15.....KARS Board Meeting  
May 18-20.....Dayton Hamvention  
May 27-28.....CQWW WPX CW Contest  
June 5.....KARS General Meeting  
June 9-11.....ARRL June VHF QSO Party  
June 10.....6 Meter Club Hamfest  
June 19.....KARS Board Meeting  
June 23-24.....Field Day  
July 8.....Fox River Hamfest  
July 15.....KARSFEST

*The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:*

**146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access**  
**449.8/444.8 114.8 PL Access**

*Also, co-sponsors:*  
**145.130 107.2 PL Access**

*Additionally, KARS sponsors:*  
**144.39 Wide Area APRS digi-peater**  
**145.53 KARS DX Cluster**



# W9AZ

### CODE PRACTICE NET

K9YA Code Practice Net - SLOW  
Date: Wednesday March 14, 2007  
repeats every Wednesday  
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Local  
Frequency: 7.121 MHz +/- QRM  
WWW: <http://www.k9ya.org>  
We're here to help you increase your code speed/proficiency (and to have fun).

K9YA FAST NET:  
Every FIRST Wednesday of the month, we operate the K9YA Fast Net. The Fast Net is called at 20+ wpm.

K9YA SLOW NET:  
The slow net operates on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. local. Typically, the Slow Net is called at 10 to 13-wpm. Listen for CQ Slow Net and then send your callsign at YOUR speed. The net will QRS (slow down) to the speed of the slowest op.

73 de Mike, N9BOR

### DAYTON UPDATE

As this issue goes to "press" the Dayton Hamvention is only 50 days away!

This year's "KARS early departure" caravan is even larger than usual. Leaving Wednesday to take in the awesome Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB are: K9FO, K9NR, WR9L, W9DX, NI9H, KB9PEA, N9REG, N9QXZ, K9CS, W9LIZ, AK9F & XYL, W9YNI & XYL. K9FO is still working on ND0M!

Other possibilities for a later departure are: N9MBR, K9XM & WA9WAQ.

AK9F continues to tantalize everyone with his frequent photos and "gospel truth" storylines of actual incidences that occurred to KARS member at past Hamventions. See page 3 for some samples.

For the latest information on the show itself, visit: [www.hamvention.com](http://www.hamvention.com).

See you in Dayton!

# KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE

## KARS HISTORY BYTES

By Bill W9VQC

The club participated in a Hobby Show during December 1953 which sponsored by the Kankakee Park District.

Radioteletype was demonstrated by Beryl Dassow, W9HKA at the January 1954 meeting (wonder what kind of computer he used?).

Membership was at a high point at the February 2, 1954 meeting with 25 present.

Kankakee Radio Club joined with the Iroquois County Club in a transmitter hunt on May 21, 1954. The frequency of 3920 kilocycles was used. The club became interested in joining Civil Defense activities about this time.

At the May 4, 1954 meeting, an employee of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company demonstrated how microwave equipment works with "The Magic of Microwaves." There were 35 in attendance for this most interesting program.

## ILLINOIS REPEATER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Illinois Repeater Association will be held Saturday, April 21, 2007 at the Eastland Suites Lodge and Conference Center, 1801 Eastland Drive, Bloomington, IL.

The Conference Center is located at Eastland Drive and Prospect just off Veterans Parkway (Business 55). Exit Veterans Parkway at Route #9, which is also Empire Street. Proceed east approximately one block to Prospect then south to Eastland. For Map to Conference Facility:

<http://www.eastlandsuitesbloomington.com/html/map.asp>

IRA Delegate check-ins and any dues payments will start at 9:00 AM, with the meeting starting at 10:00 AM sharp. When dues are paid in advance the check-in process is quicker and eliminates much of the delay. As in the past we anticipate the meeting to conclude around 1:00 to 2:00 PM.

An IRA "Membership Information" form on file listing the delegates (max of two) and signed by the president and/or trustee and showing paid up

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**Crystal W9IOU from her 2004 KARS Transmitter Hunt winning photo as featured in the April 2007 issue of CQ Magazine**

## KARS MEMBERS FEATURED IN CQ MAGAZINE AGAIN!

The Kankakee Area Radio Society has again been featured in the annual CQ Magazine Transmitter Hunt article. For at least the fifth time in recent years, KARS members have been honored with pictures and/or glowing text describing our exploits in one of our favorite pastimes...fox hunting!

Congratulations to Crystal W9IOU for her first place win and to Clay N9IO (her proud dad), the KARS Fox Hunt Coordinator for his efforts in organizing and promoting transmitter hunting.

With the arrival of beautiful spring weather, everyone's hearts turn to...fox hunting! So dust off your gear and watch for the next scheduled KARS hunt.

## A NEW "IO" HARMONIC!

Chip K9IOC & XYL Mickey proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Lindsey Marie, 8 lbs 1 oz, 21 inches on March 29, 2007. Baby and mother doing fine.

Proud Aunt is Crystal W9IOU & proud grandparents are Clay N9IO and Cindy N9IOQ.

No word yet on Lindsey's code speed!

## ILLINOIS REPEATER (CONT)

dues for 2007 are all that are needed to vote at the meeting.

Every vote is important so that **your association** can effectively represent you in the multi-faceted problems facing the repeater owners of the country and Illinois in particular. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to have a subject placed on the agenda please contact the Secretary/Treasurer at the address below or the President, Rich Ranson, N9YAY.

## KARS WEBPAGE GETS BETTER AND BETTER!

Hello All,

This is to inform everyone that the KARS website now has a fully functioning Google Search window on the MAIN PAGE, it only searches the KARS web site for content requested.

After setting up the google account I played with the settings a couple days until satisfied before uploading to the web site.

I will also continue to link pages as before with no changes, this is only an enhancement to navigating the web site.

73 de Clay N9IO

KARS Web Page Pope



L to R

**Will K9FO, Ken W9YNI, Bob K9CWF, Sparky KK9R, Carl K9CS, Paul W9IEY, Howard AK9F**

## 350+ YEARS OF KARS RADIO EXPERIENCE!

A group photo of no less than seven KARS members taken at this years banquet. The attribute they all have in common is over fifty years each as licensed amateurs! Impressive!

KARS also has many members with over 20, 30, and 40 years experience.

If you think that's a lot of gray hair...it is! However, KARS has never lost its technology edge and with its many fine members at the helm over the years, KARS has always been one of the most active amateur radio organizations in the Midwest!

KARS is also about youth. We have many fine new hams who have a burning interest in the history and rich traditions of amateur radio as well as the latest technologies.

If you've been a ham for 60 years, or you just got your ticket last month, you're a part of a special group!





**Danny WA9WAQ**  
Boy is Karen gonna wipe that grin off Danny's face...when she finds out he drank six margarita's then dropped \$10 grand for a new Icom IC-7800



**Clay, N9IO** found out that all it takes is a cow, a salty scalp from a hot day at the Hamfest and you gotta Cowlick!



**Kevin...N9REG**, "Hey I just ate Jim's Taco, and he hasn't figured out yet what happened to it!" **Jim, K9BIG**, "Hey who ate my Taco?" ...that cost me \$3.00!!!

**The DAYTON EXPERIENCE?  
PRICELESS!**



Last months busy exam session  
Quiet please!

### DAYTON HYJINKS

Enjoy these pictures and captions courtesy of Howard AK9F, and his unique sense of humor. These are but a small example of the Dayton pictures he has been E mailing to the Dayton regulars. If you are not on the list, be sure to give your E mail address to Howard at the next club meeting.



**Don K9NR** says, "My feet are killing me. I've been coming here for 85 years, and today I walked 45 miles in the flea market...just like when I was a kid and walked 14 miles to school through 12 foot snow drifts, being chased by a pack of wild dogs and...yada yada yada...!" **Brandon K9BAC** replies, "Yeah, sure Don... we've only been here one hour and we just covered the first row! Let's get going!"



Talk about celebrities! Here are two of the most famous hams in Braceville, Illinois. In case you're heard them, but never met them...That's **Jess AI9L & Patty AF9H**



**Dangerous rowdies** from the Midwest on a tear at the 2006 Dayton Hamvention. Left to right **Howard AK9F, Will K9FO, Brandon K9BAC, Don K9NR** and **Steve W9DX**



**Bill N9QXZ, Krister KB9PEA & Bob N9MBR** on their best behavior! Here's evidence that kids can go to Dayton and will actually grow up! Here's **Bill, Krister and Bob** acting their ages (7 years ago!)