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DEC ELECTION - JAN BANQUET

ELECTION

Following the election of officers the program for December will be a round table discussion of ideas and thoughts you may have about the club's current state and where we are going.

The meeting is Tuesday December 7th at 7pm at **The new Red Cross Facility 20 Heritage Drive in Bourbonnais.**

(Heritage Dr is the street across from the old Krogers west of Rt 45 one block north of Armour Rd)

KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET

The annual KARS winter banquet will be held on **Saturday, January 22nd at 6 PM.** This is in lieu of our regular meeting. The banquet this year will again be in the semi-private room at the **Brickstone Restaurant and Brewery on Latham Drive in Bourbonnais.** The Brickstone has an elegant atmosphere and excellent food.

MENU

Prime Rib	\$20.99
Chicken Amore	\$14.99
1/2 Slab BBQ Ribs	\$14.99
Atlantic Salmon	\$14.99
Pasta Bella	\$14.99

All the above include a garden salad
The club will spring for appetizer trays.

It is necessary that you reserve ASAP to insure your meal. In no event should you reserve later than two weeks prior to the event. Send your check to Francis KE9MG at 326 S. Douglas Avenue, Bradley, IL 60915 or give it to him in person at one of the meetings. Email KE9MG at ke9mg@comcast.net.



Left is W9YNI's S38C Halicrafter rcvr and a digital freq counter he built back in 1972



At right AK9F shows an LP-100 digital vector watt meter (story continued on page 2)

Show and Tell at November meeting projects new to old abound

KARS KALENDAR

Dec 7.....	KARS Meeting
Dec 3-5.....	ARRL 160 Contest
Dec 11-12.....	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Dec 15.....	ARRL Exams Watseka (see pg 2)
Dec 21.....	KARS Board Meeting
Dec 25.....	Merry Christmas!
Dec 18-19.....	Stew Perry 160 Contest
Dec 31.....	KARS New Years gathering
Jan 8-9.....	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Jan 8-9.....	NA QSO Party CW
Jan 15-16.....	NA QSO Party SSB
Jan 18.....	KARS Board Meeting
Jan 22.....	KARS Banquet
Jan 23.....	WRCA Wheaton Hamfest
Jan 28-30.....	CQWW 160 Contest

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 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters

145.53 KARS DX Cluster

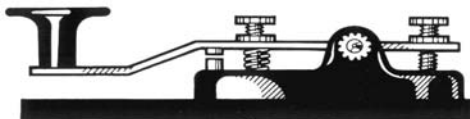
NEW YEARS EVE DINNER

If you and your spouse aren't the types that go out on New Years Eve and drink yourselves blind but you would still like to do a little something to usher in the New Year, we have a suggestion.

Unofficially, a small group of KARS members have been meeting at El Campesino around 6 PM on New Years Eve for dinner and friendly conversation. We then go our own way to party or more often; go home, relax and welcome the New Year in our own way.

As stated earlier, this is an unofficial activity...not to be confused with the annual KARS banquet. While there are no reservations required, we need to have an idea of how many plan to show. Last year, so many KARS members showed up that the restaurant actually ran out of food stuffs to prepare!

This is a relaxing get together. No program. No plans. Just order from the regular menu, visit, enjoy the food and have fun. If you and your significant other plan to attend, send Clay N9IO an email at: n9io@hotmail.com to let him know.



W9AZ



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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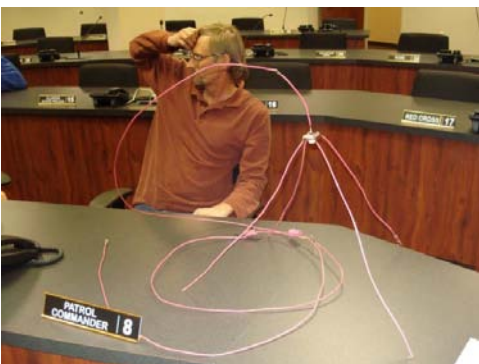
Howard AK9F demonstrating the LP-100 digital vector RF watt meter



Duane KB9ZQU explains the uses of his 20 amp Variac



Another view of Duane's variac
(It should be noted that Duane is a retired television repairman of many years experience)



John N9LYE brought a simple 2 meter wire collinear antenna for use at home and in the field

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
- December 1 WD9AYI
 - December 7 N9LCX
 - December 20 M0SLA
 - December 20 WA9WAQ
 - December 22 N9OE
 - December 24 AK9F
 - December 28 K9JLK

Let the newsletter editors know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.

- NCS FOR DECEMBER**
- Dec 6 KC9FAV
 - Dec 13 K9BYT
 - Dec 20 N9FD
 - Dec 27 N9LYE

- NCS FOR JANUARY**
- Jan 3 KC9FAV
 - Jan 10 N9LYE
 - Jan 17 K9BYT
 - Jan 24 N9OE
 - Jan 31 N9FD

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

EXAM SESSION

Carl, K9CS has informed us that the Iroquois club will be holding an ARRL exam session in Watseka on **December 15th**. The session will be held at the Glenn Raymond School on 101 W. Mulberry. Get in touch with Carl or Troy on either the Iroquois or Kankakee Monday net to find the time and further details.



Will K9FO showed how to build receive antenna transformers and the difference and use of Different types of ferrite cores



Circa 1972 frequency counter built by Ken W9YNI



Inside look at Ken's freq counter



John K9BYT explains this router like device and "open range internet"



El Presidente Bill N9OE showed a dual voltage power supply he built sometime back in the 90's