

# KARS KEY KLICKS

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## WINLINK & ELECTIONS IN DECEMBER

The [next KARS meeting](#) will be Tuesday, December 3rd, 7PM at the community meeting room at St. Mary's Hospital. After a brief business meeting, the annual club elections will be held.

N9LYE will present a program about Winlink.



Brian W9HLQ describes some of the salient features of SDR radio

### KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET

The annual KARS winter banquet will be held on Sunday, January 19th at [The Homestead Restaurant](#) across RT. 45 from the Shapiro Developmental Center entrance. The actual street address is:

1230 S East Avenue  
Kankakee, IL

**Cocktails at 6PM Dine at 7PM**

The waitresses will keep separate checks as needed. You may order drinks from your table via the waitress or purchase them from the main bar as desired.

There will be cheese, cracker & veggie trays with ranch dip and olive & pepper relish.

**MENU ON PAGE 2.**

Please [contact Francis KE9MG](#) with your menu choice and number attending in a timely fashion, so he can let the Homestead know how much food to prepare.

**\*\*\*Change of Venue: It has been decided to hold a January 7th general meeting and cancel the Jan board meeting.**



**Tornado damaged remote repeater receiver antenna on the Diamond tower**  
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### NCS FOR DECEMBER

The [net meets every Monday](#) at 2100 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 OR 145.130 backup repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

December 2 N9LYE  
December 9 N9FD  
December 16 N9OE  
December 23 N9RJM  
December 30 N9FD

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

### KARS KALENDAR

Dec 3.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
Dec 6-8.....[ARRL 160 Meter Contest](#)  
Dec 14-15.....[ARRL 10 Meter Contest](#)  
Dec 17.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
Dec 25.....**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
Dec 28-29.....[Stew Perry Top Band Contest](#)  
Jan 1.....**Happy New Year**  
Jan 4-5.....[ARRL RTTY Roundup](#)  
Jan 7.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
Jan 11-12.....[NA QSO Party CW](#)  
Jan 18-19.....[NA QSO Party SSB](#)  
Jan 19.....[KARS BANQUET \(see this page\)](#)  
\*\*\*Jan 21.....**Board Meeting Canceled**  
Jan 19.....[WRCA Wheaton Hamfest](#)  
Jan 24-26.....[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  
145.130      107.2 PL Access

*Additionally, KARS sponsors:*

144.39      Two Wide Area APRS digi-peaters  
145.53      KARS DX Cluster

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1      WD9AYI  
December 7      N9LCX  
December 20      M0SLA  
December 20      WA9WAQ  
December 22      N9OE  
December 28      K9JLK  
January 7      N9IOQ  
January 17      WD9FYF  
January 20      K9XM  
January 25      W9LIZ  
January 27      W9KK

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



# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



**BANQUET MENU**

**Broasted Chicken**

Plump and tender 1/2 chicken lightly battered until golden crisp. Accompanied with a baked potato.... \$14.95

**Poor Man's Lobster**

Lean whitefish broiled to perfection, served with melted butter And lemon. Accompanied with a baked potato....\$18.95

**Baked Lasagna**

Homemade and smothered with meat sauce and mozzarella Cheese....\$18.95

**Rib Eye**

Lean and flavorful 12 oz. Rib Eye broiled to your liking. Served With a baked potato....\$22.95

**Queen Prime Rib**

Our Queen cut Prime Rib bursting with flavorful Au Jus. Served With a baked potato....\$22.95

All dinner prices include Tax and Gratuity as well as Tea and Coffee.

**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 6PM 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.

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 Don K9NR an email at: [don.k9nr@gmail.com](mailto:don.k9nr@gmail.com) to let him know.

**Results  
Transmitter Hunt**

October 27 2013



**First place entry John N9LYE (I knew she was there! I knew! I knew it)**



**Third place went to Jim KB9VR & crew**



**Bill N9OE & Emily KC9ELV strike a handsome pose for the camera**



**Craig N9FD enjoying the near perfect weather of the hunt**



**Foxy fox with Billie K9QT**



**The entire crew of hunters. Is Rollie N9RJM growling at the stuffed fox?**

**Fox Hunt Results**

In the final transmitter hunt of the 2013 season, a respectable showing of six hunting teams enjoyed the beautiful autumn weather. As in the past everyone finished in a pretty tight grouping. Mileage this time ranged from 14.8 to 20.1 miles. The location was at the River Valley Animal Rescue east of Moomence.

**1st Place: John N9LYE 2nd Place: Don K9NR 3rd Place: Jim KB9VR**

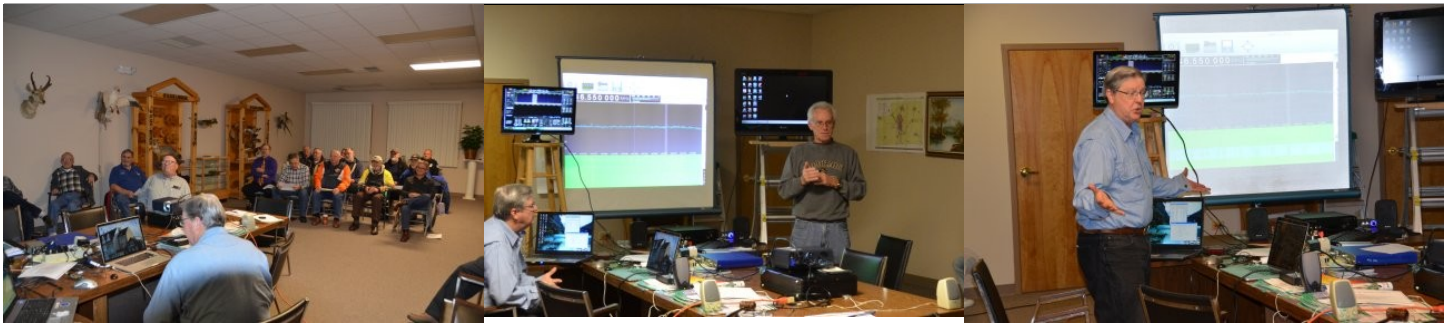
**See everyone next season!**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**







**KARS November meeting program:  
The crowd listens carefully to the  
program on SDR radio  
(looks a bit like a Possum Lodge  
meeting!)**

**Software Defined Radio  
Presented by Ken W9IE and Brian  
W9HLQ**

**Brian W9HLQ makes a point during the  
program**



**Ken W9IE describes the many  
advantages of SDR Radio**

**TORNADO DAMAGE BLUES!**

Jerry WB9Z knew that he would have a mountain of work piled up when he returned from the [Wake Island DXpedition](#). However, he couldn't have foreseen the damage caused by the November 17th tornados! Jerry has three crews out trying to repair/restore numerous AT&T and Verizon sites plus many other broadcast and telecommunication tower installations. He also has to close his business books for the year and be ready for the six week journey and operation on [Amsterdam Island](#) in the Indian Ocean! WOW! Watch your health Jerry!

Along those lines, the 500ft tower in Diamond that holds the KARS remote .34 receive antenna was hit by the tornado. The tower survived but the KARS antenna didn't. A replacement is at the site.

The new cavity has been installed in the .34/.94 repeater. The results were immediate. The repeater now has the wide area coverage it had in the past.

Next project...the 440 repeater!

**2014 W9AZ BALLOT FOR OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

**President Don K9NR  
Write-ins:**

**V President Harry WD9FYF  
Write-ins:**

**Secretary Ken W9IE  
Write-ins:**

**Treasurer Francis KE9MG  
Write-ins:**

**Directors (vote for 4)**

- Carl K9CS
- Rollie N9RJM
- Tom KC9ZKA
- John N9LYE
- Paul W9IEY
- Don KC9QPM
- Craig N9FD
- Write-ins:

Write-in candidates are accepted right up to the election. Retiring president, Bill N9OE is automatically a board member.

**2014 KARS Membership Dues are *Í 8 i Y Î***

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