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Remote Operation at the December Meeting

The [next KARS meeting](#) will be December 3rd 7PM in the St. Mary's Meeting Room. Use the main entrance on the south side of the building. There will be a brief business meeting **including annual elections. (page 2)**

Following the meeting there will be an excellent presentation on remote operation of the home station of Bob NN9T from our meeting room. This will be a great program so be sure to arrive early for a good seat! See you there!

TRANSMITTER HUNTS

Mother Nature has decreed the end of the 2019 transmitter hunt season has arrived!

We had many fun hunts in 2019 and welcomed new hunters to the chase.

Looking forward to the upcoming 2020 hunt season. In the past, this has started as early as late March.

See everyone in the next hunt!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1	WD9AYI
December 6	AC9CZ
December 7	N9LCX
December 13	KD9FVM
December 13	KD9HSD
December 19	KC9OET
December 20	KF9IK
December 20	WA9WAQ
December 22	N9OE
December 25	KD9GLY
January 7	N9IOQ
January 13	KD9CGD
January 17	WD9FYF
January 20	K9XM
January 22	N9TDS
January 25	W9LIZ
January 27	W9KK

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



K9NR's presentation on Contesting at the November meeting

KARS KALENDAR

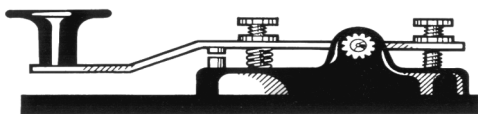
Dec 3.....	KARS General Meeting
Dec 6-8.....	ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest
Dec 14-15.....	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Dec 17.....	KARS Board Meeting
Dec 25.....	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dec 28-29.....	Stew Perry Top Band Contest
Dec 31.....	KARS NEW YEARS DINNER (Pg 3)
	NO KARS GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY
Jan 4-5.....	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Jan 11-12.....	NA QSO Party CW
Jan 18-19.....	NA QSO Party SSB
Jan 19.....	WCRA Wheaton Hamfest
Jan 19.....	KARS BANQUET (Pg 3)
Jan 21.....	KARS Board Meeting
Jan 24-26.....	CQWW CW160 Contest

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access
449.8/444.8 100.0 PL Access
145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters
www.w9az.ddns KARS DX Cluster



W9AZ

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of year. KARS dues have not been raised in over 30 years and they won't be raised this year either!

Adult Member	\$30
Family Rate	\$40
Senior (65)	\$15
Full time student	\$15
Disabled	\$15
Active Military	- waived

New Members who joined in the second half of 2019 are covered for 2020.

As always there will be no January newsletter or regular meeting. Merry Christmas

BOARD MEETING

The [next KARS board meetings](#) will be held on Tuesday, December 17th and Tuesday January 21st at El Mexicano Restaurant. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

New Version of WSJT-X # 2.1.2 announced for general release see page 2 for full details

NCS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 OR 145.130 backup repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

Dec 2nd	K9NR
Dec 9th	K9KSG
Dec 16th	N9OE
Dec 23rd	N9FD
Dec 30th	N9DWE
Jan 6th	K9NR
Jan 13th	K9KSG
Jan 20th	N9OE
Jan 27th	N9FD

Don't forget the net!





K9QT, winner of the November 10th hunt with foxes W9IEY & Terry



Hunters gather at the foxes lair

TRAINING FOR THE HUNT

Jim and I came to fox hunting not being real familiar with the activity. What we did was, ask the experts: K9QT, K9NR & N9FD. They answered our questions and we listened. We found several things we were doing wrong. They helped us along when we didn't find the fox. Oh, how embarrassing sometimes.

They did not dwell on our screw ups, but gave some ideas of what went wrong. That helped us more than anything else. It seemed, the little things that we would get from all 3 of them helped a lot. We are grateful for the help. As you can see, we were successful this year, but not without their help over the last 3 years.

My goal would be for more of our members and non-members to join us for the fox hunting activity. It's fun and the camaraderie can't be beat. We are all hams and we enjoy being together.

73, John N9DWE



Winners W9IEY and Terry at the October 19th hunt with fox WD9GXU



Hunters gather at the October 19th hunt

WSJT-X 2.1.2 UPDATE

Some of the bug fixes and updates...

- Log duplicate contacts in FT8 DXpedition Fox mode.
- Fix message parsing to properly handle 4-character directed CQs
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- Add an option to highlight unworked 2-character grid fields rather than 4-character grid squares.
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- Fix bug that caused unwanted disabling of "Enable Tx" in Fox mode.
- Fix the behavior of double-clicking on a decoded message with first callsign displayed as an unresolved hash code <...>.
- Fix a problem with determining "worked before" status after a band change.
- Updates to the WSJT-X 2.1 User Guide. To install the current version (2.1.2), go to: <https://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjsx.html>



KARS November general meeting



2020 KARS SAMPLE BALLOT

President:	Craig Cahan N9FD	write-in: _____
Vice President:	Don Kerouac K9NR	write-in: _____
Secretary:		write-in: _____
Treasurer:	Diane Dau N9DLD	write-in: _____

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Board of Directors - Vote for a total of five - select from below or write-in

Director:	Bill Dau N9OE	write-in: _____
Director:	Joe Marcotte KD9FVM	write-in: _____
Director:	Clay Melhorn N9IO	write-in: _____
Director:	John Krueger N9DWE	write-in: _____
Director:	Jim Boothe KB9VR	write-in: _____
Director:	Harry Seyfert WD9FYF	
Director:	Art Reis K9XI	

Nominations accepted right up to the voting

SAMPLE ballot—Actual ballots to be distributed at December general meeting



2018/2019 KARS Banquet pic [archive]

KARS 2020 HOLIDAY BANQUET
is Sunday January 19th 2020
N9DLD must have your payment and reservation by December 28th.
Come celebrate another great year!
(See the menu and all info on page 3)

KARS HOMEPAGE— **WWW.W9AZ.COM** —KARS HOMEPAGE

KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET

Sunday January 19th 2020 — Time: 5:00PM - 8:PM

**The Brickstone Brewery & Restaurant
557 William Latham Drive
Bourbonnais**

Choose one of the following:

Buffet: Tomato Vodka Rigatoni, Lemon-Peppered Roasted Chicken, Roasted Sirloin of Beef, Red-Skin Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables - Includes Garden Salad & French Vanilla Ice Cream
Total including tax and tip: \$22.85

Prime Rib: Slow roasted with Red-Skin Mashed Potatoes & Vegetables - Includes a Garden Salad
Total including tax and tip: \$32.30

Reservations and check, payable to KARS, must be in by December 28th!

Bring or mail your check & reservation info to:

**Diane Dau N9DLD
2397N 10,000W Rd.
Bonfield, Illinois 60913**

You must order and pay for your drinks on site.

The Board has approved \$300 for door prizes and the club will sponsor Hors d'oeuvre trays...cheeses, veggies, etc.

NEW YEARS EVE DINNER

Unofficially, a group of KARS members have been getting together around 5 PM on New Years Eve at El Mexicano's Restaurant for dinner. 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 or commitments 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 K9NR an email at: donk9nr@gmail.com so we can give the restaurant an idea of how many to expect.

Don't forget to get on the air and give KARS members a contact in the ARRL 160 contest on the weekend of December 6-8



Bill Doran N9OKX SK

We regret to report the passing of Bill Doran N9OKX on November 6th. Bill served with the US Air Force during the Korean War and later served in the US Navy.

Bill was a KARS member and held an Extra Class license.

Aside from Amateur Radio, he enjoyed raising rare, exotic fish and birds. Bill was a Master Mason, 32nd Degree Shriner and member of the Kankakee Shrine as well as various social clubs and organizations.

Bill had many children, grand children and great-grand children who were at his side.

From all the hams at KARS to all the hams of the world...

**Have a very
Merry Christmas!
and a Happy New Year!**

