



# KARS KEY KLICKS



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## IMPEDANCE MATCHING IN FEBRUARY

The next KARS meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5th, at 7 P.M. in the first floor meeting room of St. Mary's Hospital.

Following a brief business meeting, there will be a presentation on the subject of impedance matching, particularly as it applies to antennas and transmitting systems. See you there!

### 2019 DUES ARE DUE

You can pay your dues in person or send to the KARS Treasurer:

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

Regular:	\$30
Senior:	\$15
Family:	\$40
Family Senior:	\$20
Student:	\$15
Disabled:	\$15

Active military dues are waived  
Make out your checks to: "KARS"

### HAMVENTION 2019

Are you going? Make sure you get your plans and reservations in order. In spite of the current weather, the date is rapidly approaching!

### NCS FOR FEBRUARY

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

February 4	N9FD
February 11	K9KSG
February 18	N9OE
February 25	K9NR

Don't forget the net!

Mondays at 2000 hrs. local time



Taking care of business at the December KARS meeting

### KARS KALENDAR

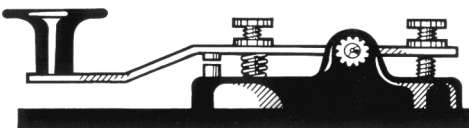
Feb 5.....	<a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a>
Feb 9-10.....	<a href="#">CQ World Wide WPX RTTY</a>
Feb 16-17.....	<a href="#">ARRL International DX CW</a>
Feb 19.....	<a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>
Feb 22-24.....	<a href="#">CQ 160 Meter SSB</a>
Feb 23-24.....	<a href="#">NA QSO Party RTTY</a>
March 2-3.....	<a href="#">ARRL International DX SSB</a>
March 5.....	<a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a>
March 16-18.....	<a href="#">BARTG RTTY</a>
March 17.....	<a href="#">Sterling Hamfest</a>
March 19.....	<a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>
March 30-31.....	<a href="#">CQ World Wide WPX SSB</a>

*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 Two Wide Area APRS digi-peaters  
KARS DX Cluster w9az.ddns.net



# W9AZ

### KARS ELECTION RESULTS

The 2019 KARS election resulted in two new officers and a new board member...

President	N9FD*
Vice President	N9IO
Secretary	K9QT*
Treasurer	N9DLD*
Director	K9CS
Director	KD9FVM*
Director	K9NR
Director	N9OE
Director	W9IE

\*Newly Elected

Congratulations to the newly elected officials.

### BOARD MEETING

The next KARS board meeting will be held on Feb 19th in the banquet room at El Mexicano's Restaurant on Riverstone Parkway off of I-57 Exit #308.

All KARS members and spouses are welcome to attend.

Eat at 6:00. Meet at 7:00

**SMCFEST 2019** has been set for Saturday August 24.

The popular event has received **ARRL endorsement!**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 3	K9XI
February 4	K9QT
February 8	KM9Z
February 11	N9ETT
February 13	KC9UNR
February 14	KC9QXV
February 14	K9BAC
February 15	NI9H
February 20	N9LYE

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

## *It's time to plan for Hamvention 2019!*

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



## N9MBR's SHACK

Current Station Includes:

**FLEX 6300** HF XCVR  
**KENWOOD 930sat** HF XCVR  
**YAESU FT-100D** HF XCVR mobile  
**HALLICRAFTERS SX-111** Receiver  
**HALLICRAFTERS HT-37** exciter  
**HALLICRAFTERS HT-41** amplifier  
**HALLICRAFTERS HA-1** T.O. keyer  
**HEATHKIT SA-2040** tuner  
**MFJ-949** tuner  
**ALINCO DM-330mv** power supply  
 Antennas:  
**80 Meter** dipole  
**40 Meter** dipole  
**20,17,15,12,10M** Cushcraft R-5 vertical

I was first licensed as a Technician in 1991 just before moving from Elmhurst to Wilmington to purchase our first home. The reason for getting my ham license was to be able to keep in touch with a friend of mine back home. Back then it would have been a toll call and I didn't have the money to pay for toll calls back then. I got my license and he didn't. But that is another story. I upgraded to general in 1995 and have had a ball playing radio ever since.

I enjoy working contests and DXing. But one of my favorite things is Field day. Playing radio outside with friends is always a good time.

In the last year or so I have really got into working FT8 using my Flex 6300 radio. With my setup I can work DX on FT8 and not wake up my wife late at night. I love the silent mode on my Flex radio.

The way things are going right now Dayton is not in the picture. Like the Cub's fans use to say, "Maybe next year"

**73 Bob N9MBR**

Be sure to send a picture of your shack to: [donk9nr@gmail.com](mailto:donk9nr@gmail.com)

Include a little write-up of your gear, and your favorite activities.

**We want to hear from everyone! Do it today!**

## KARS SHACK OF THE MONTH—N9MBR

## W9IE's LATEST HOMEBREW PROJECT



Einstein once said that an uncluttered desk was the sign of an uncluttered mind. Ken W9IE takes Einstein seriously! While Ken's operating desk is impeccably clean, his test bench is...well...functional! Just as you can't make an omelet without breaking a few eggs, you can't build cool ham projects without a little constructive clutter. Einstein would approve! Ken is incorporating his automated remote antenna control projects into a very neat package. A marriage of traditional home brew and state of the art. Very neat indeed! "Has anybody seen my reading glasses?"



## 2018/2019 KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET

A great evening, wonderful people & prizes



Some big smiles there!



Clay N9IO presents retiring President  
Don K9NR with his 50 year plaque



WA9WAQ enjoying the evening



A house limit crowd!



Little ones had fun!  
What's her code speed?



The table closest to the prizes!

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## 2018 New Years Eve Dinner

Good Food, Good Fun, Nice People!



That's a lot of smiling faces



We hope everyone had  
a good 2018 as we  
look forward to  
2019!

Transmitter Hunts!



We hope you were able to attend and had a safe and happy new year!