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KARS MEETING JULY 1st

The next KARS meeting will be July 1, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital in the public meeting room. As usual, enter at the south entrance.

Following a brief business meeting and final KARSFEST plans, there will be a program will be on "Station Software and DX Information." CU there!

FOXHUNT SEASON

Foxhunt season is finally here and KARS transmitter hunters hope to make the most of the warm weather. Have you ever tried driving with your arm stuck out the window holding an antenna in sub freezing temperatures?

The next hunt is scheduled for July 12th. Contact Clay N9IO, Bill N9OE or Rollie N9RJM if you want information about building an antenna and joining us on the next hunt.

ILLINOIS ARES HF NET

KARS Emergency Communications Coordinator, Harry WD9FYF reminds KARS members to check in to the Illinois ARES HF net on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1630 local time on 3.905 MHZ LSB.

The net is good practice and will be the backbone for emergency communications should the need arise.

NCS FOR JULY

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

July 7	N9LYE
July 14	N9RJM
July 21	N9OE
July 28	N9FD

Don't forget the net!



John N9LYE & Don K9NR present Field day plans and logging at June KARS

KARS KALENDAR

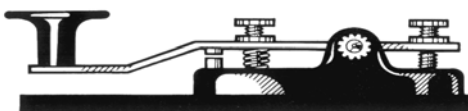
July 1.....	KARS General Meeting
July 12.....	Fox Hunt
July 12-13.....	IARU HF World Championship
July 13.....	Fox River Hamfest
July 15.....	KARS Board Meeting
July 19-20.....	CQ Worldwide VHF
July 19-20.....	NA QSO Party RTTY
July 20.....	KARSFEST
August 3.....	Hamfesters Hamfest
Aug 5.....	KARS General Meeting
Aug 2-3.....	NA QSO Party CW
Aug 9-10.....	WAE DX CW
Aug 16-17.....	SARTG WW RTTY
Aug 16-17.....	NA QSO Party SSB
Aug 19.....	KARS Board Meeting

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	2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters
145.53	KARS DX Cluster



W9AZ

KARS FIELD DAY

It's almost time for the biggest operating event in amateur radio...Field Day! Kevin N9REG has once again graciously invited us to operate from his beautiful rural QTH. Thanks Kevin!

Setup begins Saturday morning June 28th at 10AM. All KARS members who participate actively in Field Day setup/operations are entitled to free burgers and brats cooked up superbly by expert BBQ chef Will K9FO.

Lots of help will be needed Saturday morning to get the antennas up in the air, generators set up, etc.

KARS operations will commence ASAP and run around the clock till 1PM Sunday. We will be operating portable with emergency power. All members are invited to participate.

Camp all night if you like or come and go as you please.

Saturday evening will feature the popular KARS cookout with Will K9FO again manning the charcoal grill. Remember to bring chairs, table service and a dish or desert to share with your fellow hams. [See you at Field Day](#)

[Directions...](#)

"Take Rt.115 past Koerner's Airport, go south about three miles and follow Rt.115 west towards Herscher. After Rt.115 turns right and heads west, go about 1 1/3 miles...you will find the Field Day site on your right!"

Coordinates: N41° 03' 40"
W87° 56' 03"

Alternatively, check out the ARRL FD Locator map at:

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>

KARSFEST IS SUNDAY JULY 20

KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE

Two Rivers Century Bicycling Tour

Sunday, 08/03/2014

KARS has once again been asked to provide communications for the event which is a fund raiser for building and joining up biking/walking trails in Kankakee county. We had great participation 2 years ago, but regrettably the ride's sponsors failed to contact us in time last year so we could fully participate.

This is a great way to get out and enjoy the fresh air, meet bikers from all over the state and get out a positive message about amateur radio. As I have stated many times, the only publicity the ham community gets is through involvement in public service events and emergency communications exercises and actual events.

The ride is configured to start at the Splash Valley water park after the cyclists go through the sign-in procedures. At the very minimum of participation, we'll need 4 fixed locations with ham operators: Registration, Aroma Park, Island Park in Momence, and Plato Bridge in Iroquois County, plus some hams to ride with the SAG service vehicles to provide communications from the mobile positions. If you drive your own vehicle to provide SAG service you will be reimbursed for your gas. The ride starts at 6 AM; SAG ends at 3:30. The ride patrolling will be from 6:00 AM to at least 3:00 PM, but the last time we participated, we had vehicles involved to around 5:30 PM.

Ideally, it would be good to have enough hams to allow each of the fixed location stations at least one relief operator. This helps alleviate operator stress and possibly some hams might not have the whole time available. The hams riding with the SAG vehicles could be more relaxed, **4 – 6 hams needed, as they anticipate 4 – 6 vehicles.**

I know this can work since I have participated in several and also found them to be very enjoyable. Please consider this activity and sign up to help us out. 73, Harry WD9FYF

Contact me ASAP at WD9FYF@arrl.net / 815-928-8918.

Crimea (Ukraine) is Not a New DXCC Entity!

Courtesy of Bill Moore, NC1L, DXCC Administrator

The ARRL Awards Committee has evaluated the current situation in Crimea in light of the DXCC rules and has determined that Crimea is not a DXCC entity. Neither Russia nor Ukraine is a rare entity and the vast majority of confirmations used for DXCC credit for either entity do not involve Crimea.

DXCC Rule 4 reads: "Confirmation data for two-way communications must include the call signs of both stations, the entity name as shown in the DXCC List, mode, date, time and band.

Except as permitted in Rule 1, cross-mode contacts are not permitted for DXCC credits. Confirmations not containing all required information may be rejected."

Bottom line: A QSL with a call sign issued by the administration of Ukraine and showing the entity name as Ukraine counts as Ukraine. A QSL with a call sign issued by the administration of Russia and showing the entity name as Russia counts as Russia. A QSL that satisfies neither condition does not count for either entity.

ARRL Repeater Directory App for Android

ARRL has introduced its first Android app for locating Amateur Radio repeater frequencies in the US and Canada...The ARRL Repeater Directory®...Powered by Travel Plus™. Android phone and mobile device users can download the app at no cost from Google Play™ (an Apple iOS version is coming soon).

The free app provides limited access to The ARRL Repeater Directory database. Users may purchase a subscription to the complete database of 23,000 repeaters.

A full version of the app is included in the price of the print version of the The ARRL Repeater Directory.

KARSFEST 2014

Calling all KARS members. Your help is needed at our annual Hamfest on July 20th. See you at the Will County Fairgrounds in Peotone bright and early in the morning. This is our only fundraiser of the year, and we have several repeaters and lots of equipment that rely on this fundraising event. KARS Emcomm camper that we purchased and outfitted with emergency communications equipment will be at the fairgrounds for you check out.

CHECK OUT THE KARSFEST LINK

<http://www.w9az.com/karsfest.html>

Also the printable [karsfest.pdf](#) flyer

BOARD MEETING

The KARS board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15th at El Mexicanos. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 2 N9FD
July 10 K9SAT
July 10 WC9B
July 11 W9CD
July 13 K9UNO
July 18 KE9MG
July 20 NV9X
July 23 N9OKX
July 24 KX9J
July 25 N9REG
July 25 KB9VR

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815 651-7336

Happy Independence Day!

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Before hunt at Meadowview Rollie N9RJM and XYL Jane; Craig N9FD; Crystal W9IOU & Rodney K9UNO



Fox at May 31st Hunt, Craig N9FD fooled many hunters when he hid in secluded park in Bourbonnais. He had hunters literally going in circles trying to find him. Clay N9IO won with 3.9 miles. Bill N9OE, son Andrew and friend Diane were second with 6.8 miles. Everyone else was in double digits.



Smiling winner of June 14th Fox Hunt, Billie K9QT found Fox in 5.9 miles. She claims to have used the Crystal and Craig technique..”Slow and Steady”. Bill N9OE was a very close second with 6.4 miles. Craig N9FD was also in single digits with 7.3 miles. Center picture shows 1st and 2nd place winners posing with Fox Clay N9IO. Last picture is Bill N9OE with his very fine hunting setup complete with computer for triangulating fox’s position.



Don K9NR finds that being first to find the Fox doesn’t count, it’s all about the mileage. The picture on the right shows the lineup of cars who all arrived at the Fox’s location where 3000 W. Road dead ends just north of the river, near Davis Creek.

See you at:
 Field Day!
 Transmitter Hunt!
 KARSFEST!
 Two Rivers Century Bike Ride!