

# KARS KEY KLICKS

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## REPEATERS & EMCOMM FOR JULY

The [next KARS meeting](#) will be July 7th, 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 on how repeaters function and a roundtable discussion of emergency communications net procedures. This is a great opportunity to brush up these important skills. CU there!



June meeting at the ESDA Center

### FOXHUNT!!!

The [next foxhunt](#) will be Saturday, July 11th at 11AM. Hunters will start at the usual place...the east parking lot at the Meadowview Shopping Center. The fox will be Mike WU9D. Mike won the Wednesday mid-week hunt on June 24th.

### 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 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/94 repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

July 6 N9LYE  
July 13 WD9FYF  
July 20 N9OE  
July 27 N9FD

Don't forget the net!

HAPPY  
INDEPENDENCE  
DAY!

### KARSFEST 2015

Calling all KARS members. Your help is needed at [our annual Hamfest](#) on July 19th. 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 event. KARS Emcomm camper that we purchased and outfitted with emergency communications equipment will be at the fairgrounds for you to check out.

CHECK OUT THE  
KARSFEST LINK

<http://w9az.com/karsfest.pdf>

### BOARD MEETING

The [KARS board meeting](#) will be held on Tuesday, July 21st 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

Let us know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.

### KARS KALENDAR

July 7.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
July 11.....[Fox Hunt](#)  
**July 11-12**.....[IARU HF World Championship](#)  
July 12.....[Fox River Hamfest](#)  
July 21.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
**July 18-19**.....[CQ Worldwide VHF](#)  
**July 18-19**.....[NA QSO Party RTTY](#)  
**July 19**.....>>>.....[KARSFEST 2015](#)  
August 2.....[Hamfesters Hamfest](#)  
Aug 4.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
**Aug 1-2**.....[NA QSO Party CW](#)  
Aug 2.....[Two Rivers Bicycle Tour](#)  
**Aug 8-9**.....[WAE DX CW](#)  
**Aug 15-16**.....[SARTG WW RTTY](#)  
**Aug 15-16**.....[NA QSO Party SSB](#)  
Aug 18.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)

*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  
145.53 KARS DX Cluster

## KARSFEST IS SUNDAY JULY 19

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



**Wheelmen (and women) at the Momence River Island food & water stop during the 2014 Two Rivers Century Bicycling Tour**

**TWO RIVERS CENTURY BICYCLE TOUR  
Sunday, 08/02/2015**

KARS has once again been asked to provide communications for this event which is a fund raiser for building and joining up biking/walking trails in Kankakee County.

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.

The ride will start at the Splash Valley water park at 6AM but that doesn't mean we all need to be there that early. The sign-up for bikers begins at that time. There will be starters for about 2 or 3 hours.

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.

There will be food stuffs at the rest stop locations. Good stuff --- don't pig out! It is primarily for the cyclists, but we may indulge.

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**TWO RIVERS CENTURY BI-CYCLE TOUR**

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There are a couple changes in the routes this year. Harry WD9FYF is our point man in this operation and he will be getting that information soon. Expect hundreds of riders....some of the friendliest folks you'll ever meet.

Mark Steffen is the president of the Cycling Club and he would like for us to provide him with the names and shirt sizes of our participants so they can order event shirts for them!

This is a really fun operation and even if you can't do the entire day, we can still use you part time. If you miss this event, you will really miss out on a great time! Harry will be working up a list of participants at the July General KARS Meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, contact Harry at:

[wd9fyf@arrl.net](mailto:wd9fyf@arrl.net) or 815-928-8918

**EMCOMM UNIT GETS WASH & SHINE**

by Ed W9EJM

Thursday, May 28 was the KARS EmComm trailer clean up day. Ed, W9EJM; JR, K9KSG; Rollie, N9RJM; and Kevin, KC9QXV manned the brooms, mops and scrub brushes and gave the trailer a thorough cleansing. The trailer received a good cleaning, both inside and out. Fresh sealer was applied on the roof and minor repairs were done to get the trailer ready for the ARRL Field Day held June 27 and 28. The objective of Field Day is to work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands (excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands) and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. Field Day is open to all amateur radio operators.

**Have a safe and happy Fourth of July and thank a VET for making it so!**

**EMCOMM**



**Kevin KC9QXV applying fresh roof sealer**



**JR K9KSG, Rollie N9RJM & Kevin KC9QXV work over the EMCOMM Unit like a championship pit crew!**



**JR K9KSG emerges carrying a pad while tending to the interior**

**Thanks Guys!**



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**TRANSMITTER HUNTS!**



May 31st hunt  
Fox: Billie K9QT

**TRANSMITTER HUNTS!**



June 13th hunt  
Fox: Rollie N9RJM

**TRANSMITTER HUNTS!**



June 24th hunt  
Fox: Terry & Paul W9IEY



May 31st hunt  
Winner: Don K9NR



June 13th hunt  
Winner: Terry (& Paul W9IEY)



June 24th Hunt  
Winner Mike WU9D



Will K9FO at the Chiburban Radio  
160 Mobileers Spring Picnic



Another view of the  
Momence river cottage



Group meets Tuesday morning  
160 meters. Yep...it had RAINED!



**HEAVY HARDWARE**  
The June KARS meeting was held at the invitation of the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department / ESDA center. On display were new incident command vehicles and other emergency / disaster equipment. KARS enjoys a good relationship with the county ESDA office.

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