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Mobile Installations Program for July

The next KARS meeting will be July 5th, 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 mobile installations, a Power Point presentation on the proper way to do the job. To be followed by an walk through of various KARS member mobile setups, HF & VHF/UHF. CU there!

SALVATION ARMY EMERGENCY DISASTER SERVICES CLASSES

By K8EDS

The Salvation Army will be offering classes in July on emergency and disaster volunteer work. Participants will be taught how to prepare and equip themselves for a disaster deployment.

Round out your disaster volunteer skills by attending this class!

Classes to be held at the Salvation Army center at:

148 N Harrison Ave, Kankakee, IL
Friday, July 8 2016, 8:30-5:00
Saturday, July 9 2016, 8:30-5:00

To register:

Contact: Erin Martin
309-655-1334

erin.m.martin@usc.salvationarmy.org

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 4 N9RJM
July 11 K9KSG
July 18 N9OE
July 25 KD9CBC

Don't forget the net!



The June KARS meeting on fox hunting. Fox N9FD on left

KARS KALENDAR

July 5.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
July 9.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
July 9-10.....[IARU HF World Championship](#)
July 10.....[Fox River Hamfest](#)
July 16-17.....[CQ Worldwide VHF](#)
July 16-17.....[NA QSO Party RTTY](#)
July 17.....[KARSFEST 2016 - 33rd Annual](#)
July 19.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Aug 2.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
Aug 6-7.....[NA QSO Party CW](#)
Aug 7.....[Hamfesters Hamfest](#)
Aug 7.....[Two Rivers Bicycle Tour](#)
Aug 13-14.....[WAE DX CW](#)
Aug 16.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Aug 20-21.....[SARTG WW RTTY](#)
Aug 20-21.....[NA QSO Party SSB](#)

*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 2016

Calling all KARS members. Your help is needed at our annual Hamfest on July 17th. See you at the Will County Fairgrounds in Peotone starting at 6:00 AM. This is our only fundraiser of the year, and we have several repeaters and lots of equipment that rely on this event. KARS Emcomm trailer 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>

FOXHUNT!!!

The next foxhunt will be **Saturday**, July 9th at 11AM. Hunters will start at the usual place...the east parking lot at the Meadowview Shopping Center. The fox will be Don K9NR. Don won the, June 29th hunt!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 2 N9FD
July 10 K9SAT
July 10 WC9B
July 11 W9CD
July 13 K9UNO
July 14 K9KSG
July 16 KC9VWP
July 18 KE9MG
July 20 NV9X
July 24 KX9J
July 25 N9REG
July 25 KB9VR
July 25 KD9AUK

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

KARSFEST IS SUNDAY JULY 17

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, 08/07/2016

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 cyclists from all over the state and get out a positive message about amateur radio.

The ride will start at the Ice Valley Centre Ice Arena park at 6AM but that doesn't mean we all need to be there that early. The sign-up for riders begins at that time. There will be starters for about 2 or 3 hours. We'll need operators all day. You can help out at the start (6AM) or later in the morning or afternoon and participate as long as you can.

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 at the rest stop locations. Good stuff! It is primarily for the cyclists, but we may indulge.

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TWO RIVERS CENTURY BICYCLE 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.

Complete info, including maps is available online at:

<http://www.tworiverscentury.com/>

Mark Steffen, a local attorney, is the president of the Cycling Club. 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 or 815-928-8918

**There's one thing about humility
- the moment you think you've
got it, you've lost it...**

JUNE 18TH TRANSMITTER HUNT RESULTS

Another great hunt! The fox was the very sly N9FD. No less than eight teams hunted him down:

N9HJR & KD9GHM—Winners!

Remaining hunters in no particular

order

WU9D

K9NR

K9QT

KB9VR & crew

N9RJM & N9SEW

W9IEY & Terry & Daughter

N9DWE

Honorable mention goes to N9RJM & N9SEW. K9QT suffered a flat tire and N9RJM stopped to help out (careful of that back!). He then went on to find the fox! Nice work Rollie and thanks!

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

EMCOMM UNIT GETS TLC

Many thanks to the EMCOMM crew again! Thanks to N9RJM, K9KSG, KC9QXV and W9EJM the KARS Communications Kamper was in tip-top shape for Field Day operations. It even smelled nice! Thanks guys!

FB KARS FIELD DAY!

The KARS operation in the 2016 ARRL Field Day was one of the best. Good weather, good food and great camaraderie made for a great event.

Stats:

80M CW—126 80M SSB—0

40M CW—415 40M SSB—25

20M CW—311 20M SSB—71

15M CW—60 15M SSB—40

10M CW—0 10M SSB—1

6M CW—0 6M SSB—6

TTL CW—912 TTL SSB—143

TTL QSO's—1,055

TTL CW Points—1,824

TTL SSB Points—143

Bonus points for natural power source were earned.

Bonus points for elected official visit from N9LAH earned.

During the course of the event, several out of town visitors stopped by, including Matt WA8AQS and Neal N9NL who brought everyone ice cream sandwiches. Thanks guys!

Many thanks to Kevin N9REG for hosting KARS FD at his beautiful, rural QTH yet again. Kevin's demo of his new Phantom 3 drone was a big hit. A fun time with great memories!

Pictures on pages 3 & 4

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.

BOARD MEETING

The KARS board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19th at El Mexicanos. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE Field Day 2016



**KARS EMCOMM
Operating Positions**



**K9FO cranking them out
On 20 meter CW**



**N9DLD & N9OE working
SSB on the bands**



**K9FO manning the grill
for feeding time**



**K9CS, W9IE & FD host N9REG
enjoying the Saturday cookout**



Erecting the skyhooks

The June 18th Transmitter Hunt



N9DWE & XYL MJ ready to hunt



N9SEW—Half of the N9RJM Team



Hunters gather around the fox



N9FD The Fox



N9HJR & KD9GHM - The Winners!



The W9IEY, Terry & Daughter Team

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Man found in Hara Arena, days after Hamvention ends

DAYTON, Ohio — A Vermont amateur radio operator was found today in a remote hallway within the Hara Arena complex, three days after the end of Hamvention. Officials at a news conference identified the man as Gerry Mapleshire and described him as being found “disoriented, hungry, and with three days of beard growth.”

After medical technicians on the scene revived his blood sugar by providing him a leftover \$6 Hamvention Hotdog, Mapleshire recalled what happened.

“It was shoulder-to-shoulder on the arena floor. I remember a nice-looking lady handing me a free Kenwood cloth bag full of brochures and a lapel pin, then the crowd shifted and I was pushed into the MFJ booth,” said Mapleshire.



He says that’s when his “survival instincts” kicked in. “I got on my hands and knees and crawled out of the MFJ booth. I got to the arena floor ramp but the crowd was so thick. I somehow ended up in a hall by the loading docks, without my Kenwood bag,” he said.

He wandered through dark hallways trying to find his way out of the vast complex for three days before a maintenance worker found him. “I called for help on 146.520 but no one answered,” said Mapleshire.

Hamvention information deputy Ned Doubtman investigated why his radio call went unanswered. “Turns out he was transmitting WITHOUT a PL tone. Everyone here blocks out QRM by using a PL tone on transmit and receive. It’s no wonder he wasn’t heard,” said Doubtman.

Mapleshire says he’s still recovering from the traumatic experience, but would like to get in touch with someone from Kenwood so he can get his lapel pin.

Courtesy of [Hamijinks News Services](http://Hamijinks.com)

More Field Day 2016 pics



Carl K9CS operating the W9IE FLEX Maestro equipped station

K9CS, K9NR WR9L & N9LYE enjoying their ice cream sandwiches

KARSFEST!

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Peotone, IL

JULY 17th