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KARS MEETING JUNE 4

The next KARS meeting will be June 4th, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital in the public meeting room. Use the south entrance.

Bring your laptop. After a short business meeting, John N9LYE will refresh us on Writelog program in preparation for Field Day. W9OWQ plans to present a program on ham radio operations aboard the last steamship operating on the Great Lakes.



Don K9NR stirs up interest in Foxhunting at May meeting

TUNING THE BANDS

As we leave the Spring Equinox behind and move towards the summer Solstice, DXing on the HF bands often drops off a bit. However, conditions have been generally good with 20 meters and 15 meters open to Europe, Russia and even Australia late into the evening.

Also, summertime 6 meter propagation is cranking up with openings from the Midwest to the deep south, the far western states, the east coast and even to Central and South America nearly every day.

Single hop E Skip and occasional double hop is common now. Keep an eye (ear) on the Magic Band. Also, check out 2 meter SSB/CW for tropo propagation. Lots of fun to be had!

NCS FOR JUNE

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.

N9LYE June 3
K9BAC June 10
WD9FYF June 17
N9FD June 24
Don't forget the net!

KARS FIELD DAY

Attention all KARS members:

Lots of help will be needed Saturday morning, June 22nd, to get the antennas up in the air, generators set up, etc.

Setup will start at 10AM Saturday. KARS operations will commence at 1PM local 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.

There will be a refresher on Writelog at June KARS meeting.

Dues paying KARS members who participate in the setup/teardown/operation are entitled to a steak! Saturday evening will feature the popular steak dinner with Will K9FO manning the charcoal grill (Will reports that he may have a conflict...we're keeping our fingers crossed). Remember to bring chairs, table service and a dish or dessert to share with your fellow hams. See you at Field Day

Come to the meeting for directions or check out the ARRL Field Day operations map on the League web page.

A big thank you to Kevin N9REG and his family for again hosting KARS Field Day.

BOARD MEETING

The KARS board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 18th at El Campesino. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 10 N9OQC
June 26 KF9DM
June 26 W9IOU
June 30 K9BAK

If we miss your birthday or get it wrong, please let us know!

KARS KALENDAR

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| June 2..... | Starved Rock RC Hamfest |
| June 4..... | KARS General Meeting |
| June 8-10..... | ARRL June VHF QSO Party |
| June 16..... | 6 Meter Club Hamfest |
| June 18..... | KARS Board Meeting |
| June 22-23..... | FIELD DAY |
| July 2..... | KARS General Meeting |
| July 13-14..... | IARU HF World Championship |
| July 14..... | Fox River RC Hamfest |
| July 16..... | KARS Board Meeting |
| July 20-21..... | CQ Worldwide VHF |
| July 20-21..... | NAQP RTTY |
| July 21..... | KARSFEST 2013 |

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

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NFW Transmitter Hunt **May 10th**



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Billie K9QT**



**Hunting Team
Dan WA9WAQ & Ed KC9YGZ**



**The well equipped KB9VR van
Jim KB9VR, John W9DWE &
Pete K9OWQ**



**Craig N9FD compares notes
with winning team member
Harry WD9FYF**



**Jim KB9VR arrives
at the hidden transmitter**



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somewhere!**



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Ken W9IE describes his helical q ø u " transmitter hunt antenna at the May meeting

FOX HUNT FUN

KARS members joined hams nationwide on May 11th, National Foxhunt Weekend. The hunt is based on total mileage and not time. Fox Billie K9QT was in plain sight with open field on three sides. However, the hunters had to navigate through a new subdivision to arrive at the site. An unexpected event occurred during the hunt when the repeater stopped transmitting her signal on the output of the repeater. However, this did not phase the hunters who were hunting on the repeater input.

First place with a mileage of 5.4 was the team of Don K9NR & Harry WD9FYF, followed by solo hunter Craig N9FD in second place at 6.5 miles. Team 3 was comprised of Jim KB9VR / John N9DWE / Bill K9OWQ; Team 4, first time hunters, were Dan WA9WAQ & Ed. Comprising team 5 were Rollie N9RJM and Brandon K9BAC. Dinner at El Campesino restaurant followed the hunt.

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KARS EXPEDITION TO THE DAYTON HAMVENTION 2013



Dinner upon arrival in Dayton



The view from the main arena seating



A small group of the 20,000 plus hams at the Dayton Hamvention



Acres and acres of flea market



Greg, not Greg!
no, not Greg!



Representative of the Qatar Amateur Radio Society booth



Evening activities at the Holiday Inn Conference Room



A packed hall devoted to QRP operators



Ken W9IE needs a shot of coffee to keep him going