



# KARS KEY CLICKS



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## June Meeting at the Sheriff's Dept/EOC

The [next KARS meeting](#) will be June 2nd, 7PM at the Sheriff's Dept/ESDA Building south of town. Enter the front entrance and the County ESDA room is immediately to the right.

After the general meeting, there will be planning for Field Day and a roundtable discussion of emergency communications.

### 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, 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.

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!

### TRANSMITTER HUNT

The [next foxhunt](#) will be Sunday, May 31 at **12:00PM**. Don't forget the earlier time! Usual rules and start location apply. K9QT to be the fox. Another foxhunt will be held on June 13th.

### NCS FOR JUNE

The net meets every Monday at **8 PM** local time on the 146.34/.94 repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

June 1	N9LYE
June 8	N9RJM
June 15	W9EJM
June 22	N9RJM
June 29	N9FD

*Don't forget the net!*



Greg WR9L connects the projector in preparation for the May program on antennas

### KARS KALENDAR

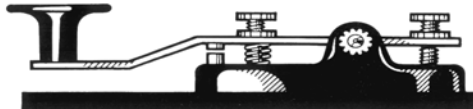
May 31.....	<a href="#">Transmitter Hunt</a>
June 2.....	<a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a>
June 7.....	<a href="#">Starved Rock RC Hamfest</a>
June 13.....	<a href="#">Transmitter Hunt</a>
June 13-15.....	<a href="#">ARRL June VHF QSO Party</a>
June 16.....	<a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>
June 21.....	<a href="#">6 Meter Club Hamfest</a>
June 27-28.....	<a href="#">ARRL KARS FIELD DAY</a>
July 7.....	<a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a>
July 11-12.....	<a href="#">IARU HF World Championship</a>
July 12.....	<a href="#">Fox River Hamfest</a>
July 18-19.....	<a href="#">CQ Worldwide VHF</a>
July 18-19.....	<a href="#">NAQP RTTY</a>
July 19.....	<a href="#">KARSFEST 2015</a>
July 21.....	<a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</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	2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters
145.53	KARS DX Cluster



# W9AZ

### KARS FIELD DAY

*Attention all KARS members:*

Lots of help will be needed Saturday morning, June 27th, 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.

Dues paying KARS members who participate in the setup, teardown, or operation are entitled to participate in the Saturday dinner cookout! The cookout will feature free burgers and brats (or whatever you prefer to bring) with Will K9FO manning the charcoal grill. Remember to bring chairs, (a small folding table is a good idea) table service, mosquito spray and beverage as well as a side 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 at their lovely location. Please don't drive on the grass.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 5	KD9CBG
June 10	N9OQC
June 20	KC9LBZ
June 26	KF9DM
June 26	W9IOU
June 30	K9BAK

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

## Join the fun at ARRL Field Day!

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

## KARS EXPEDITION TO THE DAYTON HAMVENTION 2015



A “fisheye” panoramic view of the main arena at the Hara Arena complex



Jerry WB9Z and crew receive yet another “DXpedition of the Year” award at the Dayton DX Banquet. This time for the K1N Navassa Expedition. Congratulations all!



A small corner view of the main arena at Hamvention



Heavily armed security personnel patrolled the US Air Force Museum



The famous Bockscar. The B-29 that dropped the nuclear bomb on Nagasaki ending the most devastating war in history. The stunning destructive power of the bombs ironically saved over a million lives by making an invasion of the main island of Japan unnecessary.

## The always fascinating US Air Force Museum at Wright/Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton

The largest in the world!



The Nazi ME-262  
The world’s first operational jet fighter



An American P51 Mustang  
Absolute ruler of the skies in World War II





## The KARS table at the Flex Radio Banquet at Dayton



[Photo KE9V]

The new "Maestro" control head for [Flex Radio](#)'s 6K Signature Series SDR's

### KARS BOARD MEETING

The meeting will be held on June 16th in the private dining room at El Mexicano's Restaurant by the Hilton Hotel and Walmart south of town near the I-57 exit. Eat at 6 P.M. Meeting at 7 P.M. All members and spouses are welcome.

### FCC ELIMINATES VANITY CALL FEE

The FCC is eliminating the regulatory fee to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign. "The Commission spends more resources on processing the regulatory fees and issuing refunds than the amount of the regulatory fee payment," the FCC said. "As our costs now exceed the regulatory fee, we are eliminating this regulatory fee category. The current vanity call sign regulatory fee is \$21.40, the highest in several years. The change will go into effect in about 90 days. The FCC said it would not issue refunds to licensees who paid the regulatory fee prior to its official elimination.



Along with his assistant operator Sophie, Troy W9KVR displays his 2011 CQ DX Marathon 15 meters winner's plaque. Nice!

### THE BBCHS HIGH ALTITUDE BALLOON LAUNCH IN THE JULY KARS NEWSLETTER

## FOXHUNT May 9th



"Elite" hunters gather for the hunt



The WU9D secret weapon...oh well, there's always next time



All six hunting teams made it to the foxes location in the required two hours



First place went to Tony AA9CC of Lemont, IL



Craig N9FD the "crafty fox"



Paul W9IEY and Terry homed in on second place