



# KARS KEY CLICKS



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## JUNE BOARD MEETING RETURNS TO "IN PERSON" EVENT July General Meeting targeted for resumption of "in person" event

The KARS Board of Directors is working hard to arrange for a return to normal General Meeting in July.

We are searching out the best possible venue for our meetings and also a good program for July.

If you have any suggestions for a good meeting location, let us know!

### DUANE ERWIN KB9ZQU SK

It is with deep regret the we report the passing of KARS member Duane Erwin on May 2nd 2021.

Duane was a nearly 40 year member of KARS and participated in many functions over the decades. His son is Brian KC9FAV. Duane will be greatly missed.



### NCS FOR JUNE

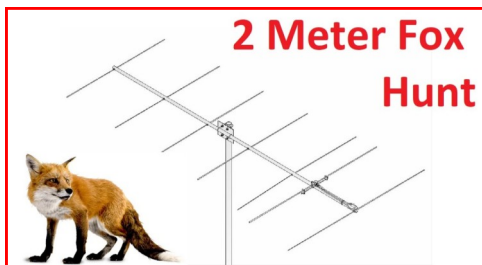
The net meets every Monday at 8 PM local time on the 146.34/.94 repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

June 7	KD9NPQ
June 14	N9OE
June 21	N9DWE
June 28	N9LYE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 3	KD9JMS
June 5	KD9CGC
June 5	KD9CGB
June 8	K9ABN
June 10	N9OQC
June 17	K9BKR
June 20	KC9LBZ
June 20	KD9NPQ
June 26	KF9DM
June 26	W9IOU
June 30	K9BAK

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



See you at the next hunt!

### KARS KALENDAR

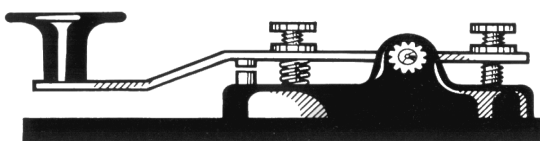
June 1.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
June 6.....[Starved Rock RC Hamfest](#)  
June 5.....[KARS FOXHUNT](#)  
Cancelled.....[6 Meter Club Hamfest](#)  
June 15.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
June 19.....[KARS FOXHUNT](#)  
July 3.....[KARS FOXHUNT](#)  
July 6.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
July 9-10.....[Indianapolis Hamfest](#)  
July 17.....[KARS FOXHUNT](#)  
July 18..<Peotone>..[KARSFEST 2021](#)  
July 20.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
July 31.....[KARS FOXHUNT](#)

*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  
KARS DX Cluster [w9az.ddns.net](http://w9az.ddns.net)



# W9AZ

### JUNE BOARD MEETING IN-PERSON AT EL MEXICANO'S

Finally! After over a year of lockdowns due to the Communist Chinese Wuhan Virus, we are returning to Board Meetings at El Mexicano's.

Thanks to the Herculean efforts behind operation "Warp Speed" and in spite of political efforts otherwise, Americans are becoming widely inoculated and many things are returning to normal as Wuhan Pandemic infections continues to plummet.

Consequently, the June KARS Board Meeting will be Tuesday, June 15th at El Mexicano's Banquet Room...6PM to eat, 7PM to meet.

See you there!

### TRANSMITTER HUNT

Weather permitting, the next foxhunt will be Saturday, June 19th at **1:00PM**. Usual rules and starting location apply. Craig N9FD, winner of the last hunt will be the fox.

The weather is predicted to be beautiful.

A post hunt lunch/dinner gathering is planned.

### KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

June 5-6.....[Kentucky QSO Party](#)  
June 12-13.....[DRCG WW RTTY](#)  
June 12-14....[ARRL June VHF Contest](#)  
June 19-20....[West Virginia QSO Party](#)  
June 19-20.....[Stew Perry Topband](#)  
**June 26-27.....FIELD DAY**  
July 1.....[Canada Day Contest](#)  
July 3-4.....[DL DX RTTY](#)  
July 10-11.....[IARU RS Championship](#)  
July 17-18.....[NAQP RTTY](#)  
July 17-18.....[CQWW VHF](#)  
July 31-August 1...[Missouri QSO Party](#)

## Work some new DX or a fun contest today!

# KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE

## May 8th KARS Transmitter Hunt



## LEARN YOUR LOCAL HISTORY—GO ON A FOXHUNT

By Clay N9IO

May 8th our fox Jim WD9GXU “not a local” took our hunters to a place we “locals” had no prior knowledge of. We were led by way of 2 meter transmitter signal to the former residence of a highly decorated war hero of WW2, Korea and Vietnam just south of Momence, Illinois.

From the Wiki page:

“[Colonel James Helms Kasler](#) (May 2, 1926 – April 24, 2014) was a senior officer in the [United States Air Force](#) and the only person to be awarded the [Air Force Cross](#) three times.<sup>[1][2]</sup> The Air Force Cross ranks just below the [Medal of Honor](#) as an award for extraordinary heroism in combat.

Kasler was a combat veteran of [World War II](#), the [Korean War](#), and the [Vietnam War](#). In Korea, as an F-86 Sabre pilot with the [4th Fighter-Interceptor Wing](#), he was recognized as an [ace](#), credited with shooting down 6 [MiG-15s](#).<sup>[3]</sup> Kasler flew a combined 198 combat missions and was a prisoner of war in [North Vietnam](#) from August 1966 until March 1973.

He flew a total of 101 combat missions in an [F-86E Sabre](#) and scored 6 confirmed air-to-air victories and two more damaged against [MiG-15s](#), becoming among the first [jet aces](#) of the Korean War.<sup>[4]</sup>

He spent the last 39 years of his life as a resident of [Momence, Illinois](#), where he owned and developed South Shore Golf Course in Momence and had interests in banking and real estate, served on a number of boards and received a variety of civic and service awards.”

The residence is now owned by a local who wanted to honor the memory of the Colonel with the memorial pictured above. The memorial is situated on what was formerly the 4th hole of the South Shore Golf Course from the 1920's era. We thank this current resident and patriot for his desire to preserve the Colonel's memory.



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## June 5th KARS Transmitter Hunt



**Bob NN9T attempts to pull a silver dollar out of Clay N9IO's ear in a failed demonstration of his prowess at prestidigitation.**

**All hunting teams found the fox in the allotted time**



**Cindy N9IOQ a member of the notorious "IO Gang" smiles from the fox's lair.**

**See you at the next hunt!**

**Winner Craig N9FD (left) poses with the "IO Gang"  
Now our second harmonics "love to foxhunt with Grandma and Papa"**

## KARS FEST UPDATE

By Art K9XI

Wonder what's going on with KARS-Fest? Well, the preparations are now moving pretty quickly. Turns out that there are only three Hamfests left within a 120 mile radius of Chicago, between now and KARS-Fest, and none of them are in Illinois. The DeKalb Hamfest was on June 2. The Hamfests remaining before KARS-Fest are in Michigan near Grand Rapids, near Indianapolis (ARRL Indiana State Convention), and in South Milwaukee. I've been in touch with the hamfest chairfolks at all three of these and they're (almost) anxiously awaiting our prize and flyer packages. Those packages should be long into their hands by the time you read this. Each Hamfest is getting either Prize vouchers for tickets; in the cases of Indy and Milwaukee, getting the actual tickets (since those Hamfests occur a week before KARS-Fest); three prizes, consisting of one ticket or voucher per envelope.

As to KARS-Fest itself, there'll still be a lot of the usual there: License testing is on the list (get your interested non-ham friends studying for their exams!); Vendors--there are at least THREE signed up for now. Gold Medal Ideas is back! Hats, Shirts, badges, all that sort of stuff--you've seen them at Dayton; Dits and Dash is going to be there, as well as a couple that will be mentioned maybe next month. And Tom Beebe W9RY, ARRL section manager, will have a forum on what's happening with Ham Radio at the FCC and at the League.

Finally---Does anyone here know of someone needing to have a Ham Radio Estate Sale? Why not have the equipment auctioned at KARS-Fest? It's a great idea--- think of the crowd already in attendance at KARS-Fest. In 2019 the auction turned out to be the most successful part of KARS-Fest. Danny Loftus, WA9WAQ, is the host. You can contact him through the KARS-Fest email: [karsfest@gmail.com](mailto:karsfest@gmail.com). Or leave a message at 815-348-7752, the KARS-Fest Hit Line. Let's help you with your estate sale.

That's it for now. More next month.