



# KARS KEY KLICKS



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## March Meeting at St. Mary's Hospital

The March KARS meeting will be held at the community meeting room at St. Mary's Hospital at 7PM on Tuesday March 1st. Enter via the main entrance on the south side.

A program on emergency communications will be presented by Kankakee County EC John K9BYT.

### EXAM RESULTS

by Carl K9CS

The Iroquois County Amateur Radio Club held a test session on February 16. Of four people taking tests, two upgraded to General and one earned a Technician license. The new Tech is Benjamin Brem of Urbana and the two new Generals are Van Wegner, KC9RKV. from Kankakee and Frank Bellafore, KC9TOJ, from Dewey, IL. Frank received his Tech license just three weeks before upgrading.

Volunteer Examiners at the test session were Troy, W9KVR, Sam, W9QKF, Tim, W9TRF and Carl, K9CS.

Another testing session is planned for April or May.

### SEVERE WEATHER SEMINAR

This years seminar will be held March 8th, 7PM at the KCC auditorium.

It is very important for anyone who will participate in a severe weather net to attend. You must be informed to be effective. Be sure to attend!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

W9IEY March 2nd  
KC9OAK March 14th  
N9RJM March 20th  
K9BYT March 24th

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



KARS members watching a video on contesting at the February meeting

### KARS KALENDAR

- March 1.....KARS General Meeting
- March 5-6.....[ARRL DX SSB Contest](#)
- March 6.....[Sterling-Rock Falls Hamfest](#)
- March 8.....[Weather Seminar](#)
- March 15.....KARS Board Meeting
- March 20.....[Vernal Equinox](#)
- March 19-20.....[BARTG HF RTTY Contest](#)
- March 26-27.....[CQWW WPX SSB Contest](#)
- April 5.....KARS General Meeting
- April 17.....[AAROFest 2011 - Galva, IL](#)
- April 17.....[ARRL Rookie Roundup](#)
- April 19.....KARS Board Meeting
- April 30.....[Lewis & Clark Hamfest Godfrey, IL](#)

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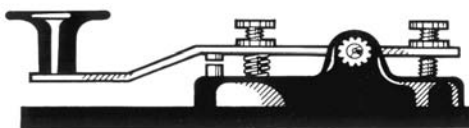
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# W9AZ

### DAYTON PLANS 2011

This year's long, grueling winter has KARS members looking forward to the Dayton Hamvention...even more so than usual!

Wednesday departures include: K9FO, K9NR, W9DX, NI9H, WR9L, N9IO, N9REG.

Thursday departure includes: KC9DEP.

Friday Departures include: K9IOC, Kris, W9IOU, K9UNO.

Uncertain departure date: WA9WAQ, K9XM, N9OE

Those who usually go, but cannot, will be along in spirit.

If you are planning on attending and would like to ride along or caravan along, send an email to Don K9NR to be kept in the loop.

### WB9Z HOME FROM ORKNEY

Jerry, WB9Z and his fellow voyagers have returned from VP8-land. With a total of 63,643 contacts in the log, it was a successful DXpedition.

By any standard, it was an arduous journey and an operation under difficult conditions.

Many KARS members were able to add Orkney Island to their DXCC score. Others added more bands to their standing.

No doubt Jerry has many great stories to relate on his latest operation.

### NCS FOR MARCH

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

March 7th      KC9FAV

March 14th     N9LYE

March 21st     N9OE

March 28th     N9FD

Don't forget the net!

## Have you started your Dayton plans?