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SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING PRIMER AT KARS MARCH MEETING

The next KARS meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th, at 7 P.M. in the first floor meeting room of St. Mary's Hospital. Following a brief business meeting, Harry WD9FYF will present a program on emergency communications and weather spotting.

Don't miss this program. Harry will give pointers about what to report and what not to report. For example: The Weather Service needs to know about large hail, damaging winds, wall clouds and rotating clouds. They really don't need to hear a report that says, "I think I see a shelf cloud", or "It's raining over here."

Harry will give us the necessary specifics to enable us to be good weather spotters on the radio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

W9IEY	March 2nd
KC9VDI	March 6th
KC9ZKA	March 11th
KC9OAK	March 14th
N9RJM	March 20th
N9HJR	March 23rd
K9BYT	March 24th

Let the newsletter editors know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong

NCS FOR MARCH

March 3	N9LYE
March 10	N9RJM
March 17	N9OE
March 24	N9LYE
March 31	N9FD

Don't forget the net!
Mondays at 2100 hrs. local time



Ken W9IE and Don K9NR presented EZNEC antenna modeling program at February meeting. More to follow!!

KARS KALENDAR

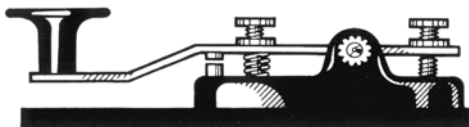
- March 1-2.....[ARRL International DX SSB](#)
- March 2.....[Sterling Hamfest](#)
- March 4.....[KARS General Meeting](#)**
- March 15-17.....[BARTG RTTY](#)
- March 18.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)**
- March 29-30.....[CQ World Wide WPX SSB](#)
- April 1.....[KARS General Meeting](#)**
- April 15.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)**
- April 20.....[ARRL Rookie Roundup](#)

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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WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING CLASS

The 2014 Severe Weather Spotter Training will be on March 13th from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at Olivet Nazarene University. The location is Wisner Hall on the corner of University Ave. and Nelson Dr.

The event is sponsored by Kankakee County Emergency Management Agency, Olivet Nazarene University and Kankakee Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES).

The main presentation on Basic Weather Spotters Certification will be presented by Andrew Krein of the National Weather Service in Romeoville. He will explain the meaning of various cloud formations, hail size and wind strength.

David Zinanni of the Kankakee County Emergency Management Agency will also speak about the role of certified spotters.

The event is free of charge. For more information contact: Kankakee Country EMA 815-802-7172.

KARS BANQUET

KARS annual banquet was held at Homestead Restaurant on January 19th. See the pictures on page 2

BOARD MEETING

The next KARS board meeting will be held on March 18th at Village Grill at 135 S Schuyler Ave Bradley Il.

All KARS members and spouses are welcome to attend.

Eat at 6:00. Meet at 7:00

It's time to plan your Dayton agenda!

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



If you were among the many to work the FT5ZM DXpedition we ask you please consider making a contribution to the cause. The group can use your help. [Please visit the FT5ZM How You Can Help page.](#)



Don K9NR was surprised by a very FB award plaque from KARS for his many years of service.
[Thank you Don for all you do for KARS. K9NR has been a KARS member since 1968]

Photo release from FT5ZM!
 Jerry WB9Z sent us a picture of one of the Lexan coaxial patch panels from the lower transmitter site at Amsterdam Island. Panels courtesy of KARS members N9IO & KC9QPM.

[Order your FT5ZM QSL card on-line from the Club Log OQRS](#) web site

2014 DUES ARE DUE

If you were unable to pay your dues at the annual Banquet, be sure to get them to Francis KE9MG at the earliest opportunity.

Dues remain unchanged:

- Regular: \$30
- Family: \$40
- Student: \$15
- Senior: \$15
- Disabled: \$15

Active military dues are waived

Smiling faces at the annual KARS 2014 Banquet

