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SHOW AND TELL AT NOV. MEETING

Nominations for 2011 officers will be accepted at the November meeting.

Location change for Nov. meeting. The next KARS general meeting will be at 7PM on Tuesday, November 2nd at the EOC located at the Kankakee County Sheriff Dept. south on Rt. 45.

After the usual business meeting, a show and tell program will feature homebrew items made by members. Bring what you have and share how you made it.

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NCS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 1st KC9FAV
Nov 8th N9LYE
Nov 15th K9BYT
Nov 22nd to be announced
Nov 29th N9LYE

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



Auction at October meeting was well attended. Auctioneer Dan WA9WAQ holds the gavel.

KARS KALENDAR

Nov 2.....KARS General Meeting
Nov 6-8.....ARRL CW Sweepstakes
Nov 16.....KARS Board Meeting
Nov 20-22.....ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
Nov 27-28.....CQWW CW DX Contest
Dec 3-5.....ARRL CW 160 Contest
Dec 7.....KARS General Meeting
Dec 11-12.....ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Dec 18-19.....Stew Perry 160 Contest
Dec 21.....KARS Board Meeting

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access
449.8/444.8 114.8 PL Access

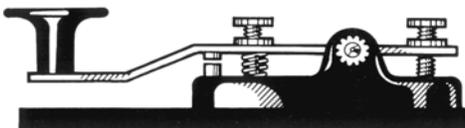
Also, co-sponsors:

145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters

145.53 KARS DX Cluster



W9AZ

PAST KARS MEMBER NOW A KL7 IN ALASKA

We received an update on a past KARS Club member.... Jim was K9DUA and after moving to Alaska he changed his call to KL7DUA... Not a bad change. Jim ran many a contest and field days here in Kankakee and was one of the Top CW Operators.

Jim suffered a stroke, but is doing OK.... He Hopes that things will keep getting better as time goes on.

His wife Jan still puts up with him and this crazy hobby we all love....

I hope you all enjoy his update from Alaska...on page 2. Ken W9YNI

UPCOMING DXPEDITION

Shortly before Thanksgiving, Will, K9FO, Don, K9NR, and Carl, K9CS will again join Larry, K3VX, on a trip to the Caribbean island of Montserrat. The group plans to be on the air from Nov 23 through Dec 6. They will also take time out to visit the area of devastation caused by the volcano while on the island. On the way home they hope to visit the Arecibo Observatory on Puerto Rico.

Listen on the net or come to the November board meeting and they will set times and frequencies when they will listen for anyone in the Kankakee area who might want to work them. They should also have the call signs they will be using during their stay there.

They are all looking forward to sampling Will's famous key lime lime-ade. Oh yes! They also plan to enter the following contests:

CQ Worldwide DX CW
ARRL 160 CW

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE



Check out the smiles as Will K9FO “warms up the audience” as KARS annual October auction begins.



Danny WA9WAQ proves once again that he does indeed have the ability to sell snow to Eskimos; as he sends people home with items they did not plan to buy.



Will K9FO looks for the next item up for bid as Frank K9XM appears happy to have been the winning bidder, when he receives the item from Dan WA9WAQ.

KL7DUA ALASKA REPORT

Ken W9YNI is sharing the following letter he received.

Well, bands are dead as usual. Nothing on that can be copied to any degree. Could check into the net on 75 M at 2100 hrs. local time, but thought it would be better to say hello to you. Not much new going on here. The weather is about 30 degrees and it was partly cloudy today. Winter is upon us for sure and snow should be falling any day now. Usually have snow on the ground by Halloween.

Far as air time goes we should hear things on 160 -40 during the evenings and 20 - 10 during the day during the winter months so should be active soon. During the summer not much to be heard except on 20 - 10 and not much 15 and 10 these days. Hi. We have a couple of nets on 75, 40, and 2 meters. The nets are pretty much our own during the summer with long haul stuff during the winter. Bands are pretty much our own. There are no CW nets. Hi. There are a few of us that get on 80 CW off and on that sit around and rag chew a few times a week.

Far as what gear I have, a Kenwood for 160 - 10, Kenwood for 2, and a bunch of oldies that consists of a Johnson Challenger, Eico 720, Knight T 150A, CE 20A, HQ 129X, Knight R-100, SX-99, S-40B and a pair of NC-173's. I use them off and on from time to time. Also have several keyers and various other stuff that I use with all that junk.

Antenna's vary from time to time. Right now have mostly full waves fed with open line and a tuner. Oh yeah, I forgot the NC-98.

So, I've got plenty of stuff to get on the air with. Hi.

Well, guess I'll quit for now. Just thought I would fill you in. Let me know what's going on there and who is left from the club.

73 , Jim

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FREE QST MAGAZINES

Contact John, K9KOC, if you are interested in recent issues of QST magazines. Email: k9koc@aol.com

ANNUAL KARS BANQUET TAKES THE PLACE OF JANUARY MEETING

KARS banquet will be January 22nd at Brickstone. Menu and ordering information will be in the December newsletter.

KARS BOARD MEETING

The KARS November board meeting will be held in the banquet room of El Campesino Mexican restaurant on November 16th.

All KARS members and spouses are welcome to attend.

Eat at 6:00. Meet at 7:00

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Airplane on fire, busloads of injured passengers, KARS members volunteering their expertise in the time of emergency. Thank goodness it was only a drill.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Nov 3 KC9FAV
- Nov 8 KC6FJO
- Nov 10 KC9QPM
- Nov 12 N9IO
- Nov 20 AI9L

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

.Did you send in a couple of paragraphs for the newsletter? If not, why not? Our club journal is as good as we all make it!