



# KARS KEY CLICKS



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## SDR Radio Program at November Meeting

### NOTE...Meeting Venue Change!

The [next KARS meeting](#) will be November 5th, 7PM at the Kankakee Valley Forest Preserve Field Office building in Aroma Park. See page 3 for a map and complete directions.

After a brief business meeting, Ken W9IE and Brian W9HLQ will present a program on the new Flexradio 6700.

This is a very nice, polished demonstration and program of some of the many cutting-edge features of this new rig. Don't miss it!



Auctioneers Dan WA9WAQ and Will K9FO work the October meeting crowd into a frenzy at the annual club auction

### WAKE ISLAND IS A GO!!!

The Wake Island DXpedition (special call K9W) is on again! The expedition members, on standby till the government finally got it's act together, are on their way out to Honolulu to connect with the Air Force military transport for their flight to Wake.

The equipment and supplies are already there waiting for them. If all goes well they hope to be on the air by Sunday on the WARC bands with other bands to follow.

There are a lot of nines on the operator list including KARS own WB9Z. Also, friends of KARS including, N9TK, K9CT, K9ZO & K9NW and they will be listening for other nines!

Check out the official web site at: [www.wake2013.org](http://www.wake2013.org)

### KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET

The KARS 2013 Holiday Banquet is tentatively scheduled for Sunday January 19th. Many members favor the Homestead again (last year's venue). Others want the Brickstone Brewery.

Be sure to attend the [November meeting](#) and have your voice heard.

Food, fun and friends...you can't go wrong!

### NCS FOR NOVEMBER

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 OR 145.130 backup repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

N9LYE Nov 4th  
N9RJM Nov 11th  
N9OE Nov 18th  
N9FD Nov 25th  
Don't forget the net!

### INVITATION FROM THE NWS

The National Weather Service and the American Radio Relay League will be co-hosting the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of SKYWARN Recognition Day on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 0000Z to 2400Z (December 6<sup>th</sup> 6PM CST to December 7<sup>th</sup> 6PM CST). The NWS office located in Romeoville would like to extend an invitation to you and your spotter organization to participate in this annual event. Small group tours of our office may be offered as weather permits to those who operate during the event. You can sign up on our website: [http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lot/?n=skywarn\\_signup](http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lot/?n=skywarn_signup)

Hope to see you there!  
73,  
Ben, KF7JCC

### KARS KALENDAR

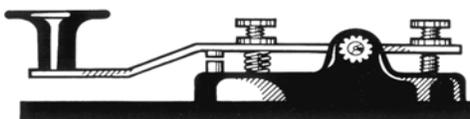
- Nov 2-3.....[ARRL Sweepstakes CW](#)
- Nov 5.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
- Nov 9-10.....[WAE DX RTTY](#)
- Nov. 16-17.....[ARRL Sweepstakes Phone](#)
- Nov. 19.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- Nov 23-24.....[CQWW DX CW](#)
- Dec 3.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
- Dec 6-8.....[ARRL 160 Meter Contest](#)
- Dec 14-15.....[ARRL 10 Meter Contest](#)
- Dec 17.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- Dec 25.....**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

*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



# W9AZ

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

KC9FAV	Nov 3rd
KC9QPM	Nov 10th
N9IO	Nov 12th
AI9L	Nov 20th

Let us know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.

## Good Luck in the Fall Contest Season!

# KARS HOMEPAGE— [WWW.W9AZ.COM](http://WWW.W9AZ.COM) —KARS HOMEPAGE

## Youth in Radio

By Troy W9KVR



Troy W9KVR teaches his science class about digital communications



W9KVR's Harmonic Sophie makes a contact in South Carolina from W9GRS in Watseka



Another auction action shot at the October meeting



New Antenna installation at W9GRS

The third week of October proved to be a busy time for the W9GRS Crew at Glenn Raymond School entering their 6th year on air. Troy (W9KVR), 7th/8th grade science teacher, moved to a new classroom and in turned had to move the antennas 400 feet to their new location on the southwest end of the building. He tested out the new set-up during the Illinois QSO Party, by pulling in 122 Q's in just over an hour and a half of operations, making a lot of people happy to get Iroquois County into logs. The following week was spent operating during the semi-annual School Club Round-up, which traditionally has been a springboard into radio operation enthusiasm for the coming year. 34 students attended the Tuesday science club meeting where Troy explained how the radio

equipment worked and demonstrated various modes of communications. 13 students were able to make contacts with schools that afternoon using voice and several others stuck around to operate digital afterwards. The school station was able to make their traditional contact with fellow "9-Lander" school K9SOU, this time during a rare short skip opening on 20m to snag the qso on voice! The highlight of the week though came on Friday. Troy's daughter, Sophie, who is in the first grade, joined the fun after school and began her first participation in SCR. After a brief instruction of what needed to be said, she took the mike and called fellow school K4DMS in South Carolina. When they returned back to "Whiskey 9 Golf Romeo Sierra", a beaming smile shown on Sophie's face as she gave them a signal report of 5-9 and explained who she was. After a few minutes of chatting with Megan, Sophie said "73's" and completed her first ever QSO. Dad couldn't be more proud! Sophie followed up with another QSO with K5LMS and then learned the ins and outs of digital, making a few contacts there as well, including her first DX. When the dust settled, W9GRS pulled in 110 QSO's, including 30 states, 3 provinces, 33 DX, and impressive 29 schools for a total 36,456 pts. We'll see where it lands us, but still not bad considering we've never been close to working the full 24 hours allotted.



John KC9UNR eyes his purchase



Taking care of business



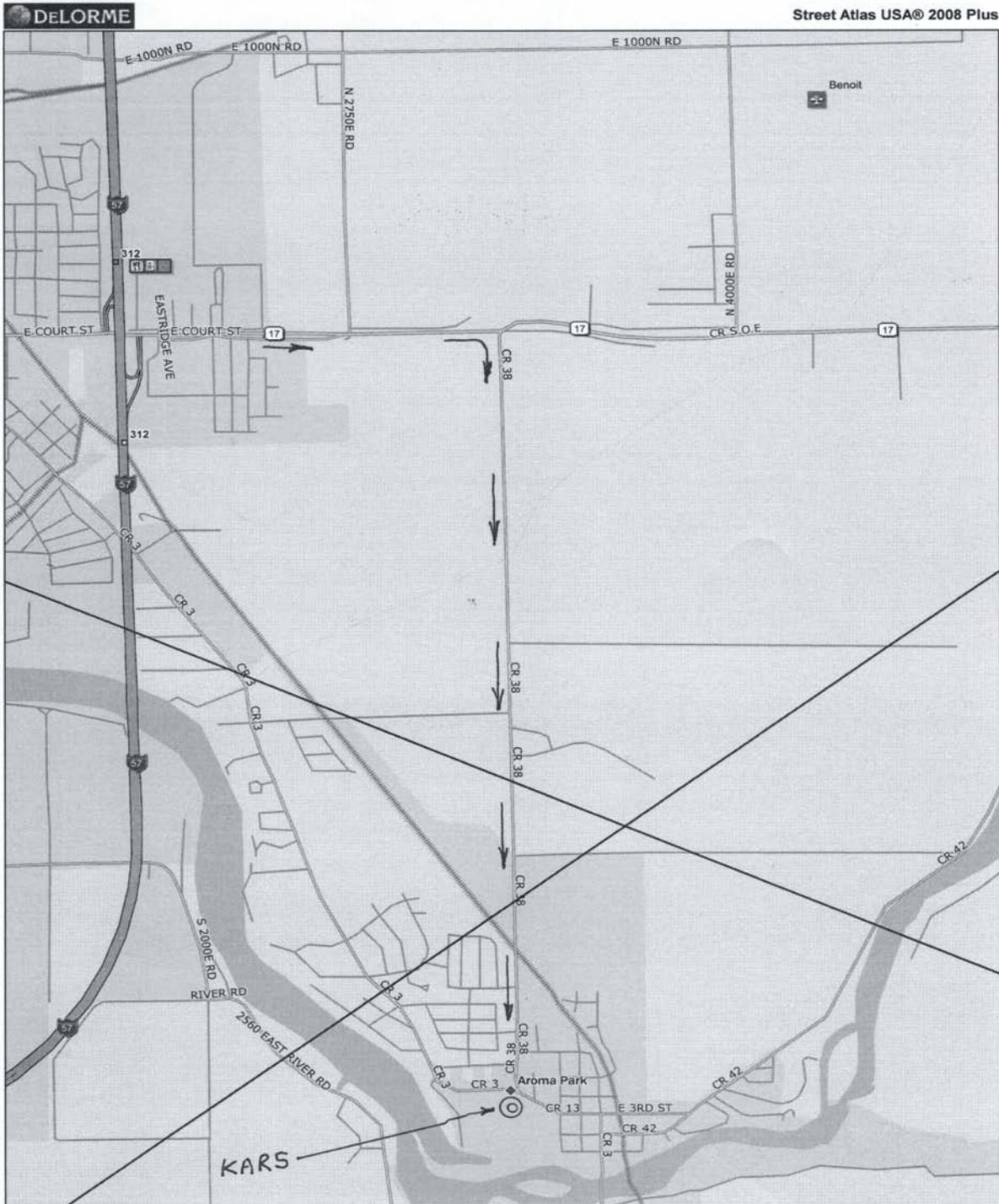
Is it a gathering of Eagles or a bunch of old buzzards? Senior KARS members Dale WB9RUE, Maury W4HYB & Ken W9IE

### The November meeting location is easy to find...

It is located at the [Kankakee Valley Forest Preserve Field Office](#) (a.k.a. "Shannon Bayou Environmental Education Center") in Aroma Park. For out of towners, the easiest route is to take the I-57 Exit #312 onto Rt.17 East. Go about a mile east on Rt.17 and turn right (south) onto Lowe Road (a.k.a. S3000E Rd or CR38). Proceed south a little over 2 miles until Lowe Road dead ends at Waldron Road. Turn right onto Waldron Road and go about 200 feet. Turn left into the parking lot!

Street address is: **3301 Waldron Road, Aroma Park, IL.**

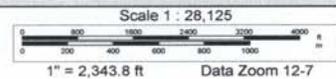
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# Foxhunt Fever!

## Pictures from the September 29th hunt



Billie K9QT sets up at the start



Mission commander Rollie N9RJM with chief pilot Jane at the start



Hunters gather at the finish



First place hunter Don K9NR with his home brew 3 element Yagi



Bill N9OE...ready to hunt with his massive 5 element Yagi



Jim KB9VR took time off from hunting for Ferris Bueller to hunt for the fox with his well appointed van



The sly fox himself...Clay N9IO

### SEPTEMBER 29TH HUNT RESULTS

Yet another heavily attended hunt with seven teams. First place honors went to Don K9NR who was both the mileage winner and the first to find the fox.

Second place went to Bill N9OE, third to Jim KB9VR. It was a beautiful Autumn day and all the hunters came in close in mileage and time making it a great hunt.

The fox, Clay N9IO, found a nice hiding place near the old Manteno State Hospital grounds.

After the hunt, everyone retired to Aurelio's Pizza for their favorite gustatory repast and to relive the days events in somewhat exaggerated verbiage. Till the next time!

### CONTEST SEASON OPENS WITH NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES

Starting with ARRL CW Sweepstakes and ending with the Stew Perry 160 Distance Challenge, there are seven weekends of major contests with two weeks off to catch your wind!

Then there are 4 significant contests in January and 4 in February!

DX and stateside, CW, RTTY and SSB, there is a contest for every taste. Get your station ready for all the fun today!

A great chance to work on your favorite award: DXCC, WAS, WAC, WAZ, etc.

See you in the contest!

### BOARD MEETING

The KARS board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19th at El Campesino. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.