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TUNE -UP NIGHT AT NOVEMBER MEETING

The next KARS meeting will be November 4th, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital meeting room. Use the main entrance on the South side. Following a very brief business meeting, will be a VHF/UHF tune-up session.

Be sure to attend and bring your gear **See article at right**



Auctioneers Will K9FO and Dan WA9WAQ in action at the October KARS meeting (see pg. 2)

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for club officers and directors will be accepted at the November and December meetings. Elections in December. Now is the time to run for high office or nominate the person of your choice!

EXAM SESSION

An exam session has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 19th at 7PM. The session will held at the Sheriffs Department building south of town.

All classes of exams will be available and walk-ins are acceptable.

See page two for the October 1st exam session results.

EMERGENCY EXERCISE

A county emergency exercise has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 19th. Volunteer operators are needed at the hospitals and the county emergency center.

Check with Harry WD9FYF

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 3rd KC9FAV
Nov 8th KC6FJO
Nov 10th KC9QPM
Nov 12th N9IO
Nov 20th AI9L

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

TUNE-UP NIGHT

The November meeting program will feature VHF/UHF tune-up. Bring your fixed, mobile or portable gear and have its frequency, power output, deviation and receiver sensitivity accurately measured with commercial grade test equipment.

Insure you rigs are aligned for optimum performance. We will have a Motorola service monitor, Bird watt meter, precision dummy load and power supply.

For mobiles, there will be a standard (2 conductor) power cable and an Anderson Power Pole type cable. Bring a charged battery for your portable. If possible, determine ahead of time, how to make deviation adjustments to your gear.

KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET

The KARS 2014-2015 Holiday Banquet is scheduled for 6:00 PM, Sunday January 19, 2015 at Homestead.

The menu will be published next month. Like last year, the club will spring for hors d'oeuvres trays and everyone will have separate checks. Food, fun, friends and door prizes...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.

Nov 3rd N9LYE
Nov 10th N9RJM
Nov 17th N9OE
Nov 24th N9FD
Don't forget the net!

KARS KALENDAR

Nov 1-3.....[ARRL Sweepstakes CW](#)
Nov 4.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
Nov 8-9.....[WAE DX RTTY](#)
Nov 15-17.....[ARRL Sweepstakes Phone](#)
Nov 18.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Nov 19.....County Emergency Exercise
Nov 19.....[Exam Session](#)
Nov 29-30.....[CQWW DX CW](#)
Dec 2.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
Dec 3 (week of).....[W1AW/9 Illinois Ops](#)
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Dec 5-7.....[ARRL 160 Meter Contest](#)
Dec 13-14.....[ARRL 10 Meter Contest](#)
Dec 16.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Dec 25.....[MERRY CHRISTMAS!](#)
Dec 27-28.....[Stew Perry Top Band Contest](#)

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

Good Luck in the Fall Contest Season!

KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE

OCTOBER 1ST EXAM SESSION RESULTS

by Carl K9CS

A license exam session was held Oct 1 at the Kankakee County EOC. Fifteen people took a total of 27 exams, resulting in ten new licensees and three upgrades.

KARS members Rollie Hertz, N9RJM, and Tom Sauch, KC9ZKA, earned Extra Class licenses. Also upgrading to Extra was Daniel Focken, KC9ZLQ, of Watseka.

New Technician licensees are:

KD9CFW Junior Williams, Bourbonnais
 KD9CFV Velma Williams, Bourbonnais
 KD9CGZ Bebe Minton, Bradley
 KD9CGD Jean Bolt, Cabery
 KD9CGC Kristi Conner, Chebanse
 KD9CFX William Smolinski, Chebanse
 KD9CBG Jean Hurrle, Kankakee
 KD9CBA Kevin Kelley, Manteno
 KD9CFZ Susan Lux, Manteno
 KD9CFY Kenneth Smith, Reddick

All new Techs are graduates of the recent KARS Technician class.

Participating Volunteer Examiners were Ed W9EJM, Bill N9OE, Clay N9IO, Don K9NR and Carl K9CS. Chris W9LIZ also helped.

ARRL SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP

by Troy W9KVR

We had a pretty busy week down in Watseka with the October 2014 edition of the ARRL School Club-Up.

Here is the preliminary raw numbers from last week...

198 Q's; 40 States; 5 Provinces; 9 Clubs; 20 DX; and 48 schools for 83,000+ points.

We set new station records for number of schools contacted, clubs, and total points. I don't know where we stand in the rankings. We should know in mid-November.

GET READY FOR W1AW/9!

Mark December 3rd on your calendar. That's the day the W1AW/9 Illinois operation starts. The weeks activities are sponsored by Jerry WB9Z. Info soon to be available on how to sign up to operate.

Be sure to work Jerry and the crew during the ARRL 160 Contest...they'll be signing W1AW/9 this year!



EXPEDITION TO NAVASSA IS "ON!"

After years of behind the scenes work, the DXpedition to Navassa is on! Often tied with North Korea for the #1 spot of most wanted DX contact, the operation is scheduled to happen in January 2015.

Sure to be another "DXpedition of the Year", operators include KARS member Jerry WB9Z and another 9-lander, Craig K9CT. Check out the web page at: www.navassadx.com and donate!

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!

FOX HUNT RESULTS

Beautiful weather accompanied both October transmitter hunts. Farm work kept some hunters sidelined. However, we still had at least 5 hunting teams per hunt.

The October 11th hunt featured Clay N9IO as the fox. Clay was found in fairly short order by everyone with Rollie N9RJM taking first place.

The October 25th hunt had Billie K9QT covering fox duties for Rollie who had to work. Billie was also found quickly by all hunting teams with Craig N9FD taking first place and Jim KB9VR and his crew consisting of John N9DWE and Mark KA9MOJ taking second.

Probably the last hunt of 2014. See everyone next year!

BOARD MEETING

The KARS board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18th at El Mexicano. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

KARS October Meeting Auction



The annual auction always draws a crowd



Bill N9OE and Steve W9DX concentrate on the bidding



Rollie N9RJM using his secret bidding techniques



O g o d g t u " r t c e v k e k p i " y c p v " v q " d k f " q p " v j c v works! Was that a bid? Sold!!!

Transmitter Hunt Pics

October 11th Hunt



Paul W9IEY, XYL Terry and Billie K9QT at the start



Craig N9FD getting it together



Jane, XYL of Rollie N9RJM



Clay N9IO The hide in plain sight fox



Harry WD9FYF at the start



Rollie N9RJM The Winner!

October 25th Hunt



Billie K9QT...the wiley fox



Mmmm! The post hunt pizza



F q p " M ; P T " j w p v u " k p " D new car



Y j c v " f q " { q w " o g c p " ð K ø m ø v ' p ç α g m " v j w p ö " c i The winner! N9KDI n " v j g " " next time!

