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NEW LOCATION & DAY FOR OCTOBER MEETING

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY AT OCT. KARS MEETING

The next KARS meeting will be **Thursday**, October 6th, 7PM at Kankakee Community College. The college is located on River Rd., off south Rt. 45. The exact location of the room is illustrated in an accompanying diagram. After a short business meeting the program will deal with Alternative Energy.

Here is some advance information about the program, which will be about electric wind powered generation of electricity and solar cells / photovoltaic generation of electricity.

A convenient, precursor video to discussions about small-wind generators is here, on YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSqu_u7nYU0

Here's a video of students installing a small-wind generator: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_034N2uVoo

This is a 2-part video that explains their renewable energy training program here at KCC:

Part 1 -- <http://www.youtube.com/user/ilrenewableenergy#p/a/u/2/qFIVGuRK8PE>

Part 2 -- <http://www.youtube.com/user/ilrenewableenergy#p/u/3/B1JAcO7-5K4>

Check out the interesting videos and bring along questions. I know I will have some!

73,
Harry, WD9FYF

See map of KCC on page 2



Clay N9IO presented fox hunt program at Sept meeting. Clay with Quad antenna and Don K9NR with Yagi.

KARS KALENDAR

- October 6(Thursday)KARS General Meeting
- October 9.....NA Sprint RTTY
- October 9.....FOXHUNT
- October 16-17..... Illinois QSO Party
- October 18.....KARS Board Meeting
- October 29-30.....CQWW DX Contest SSB
- November 1.....KARS General Meeting
- November 5-7.....ARRL CW Sweepstakes
- November 12-13....WAE DX RTTY Contest
- November 15.....KARS Board Meeting
- November 19-21..ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
- November 26-27....CQWW DX CW 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

HOWARD AK9F SK

It is with deep sadness and regret that we report the passing of Howard Dybedock AK9F. Past KARS president, and technical advisory committee member, Howard founded KARSFEST by financially backing the first fest personally. In his over 35 years as a KARS member/officer, Howard donated equipment worth thousands of dollars and arranged most of the club repeater tower space. He was a contester, preferring CW & RTTY, an aerobic pilot, blue water sailor, musician and friend to all. He will be greatly missed.

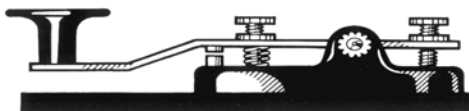


Howard AK9F, the way we like to remember him, operating Field Day

TRIBUTE TO AK9F

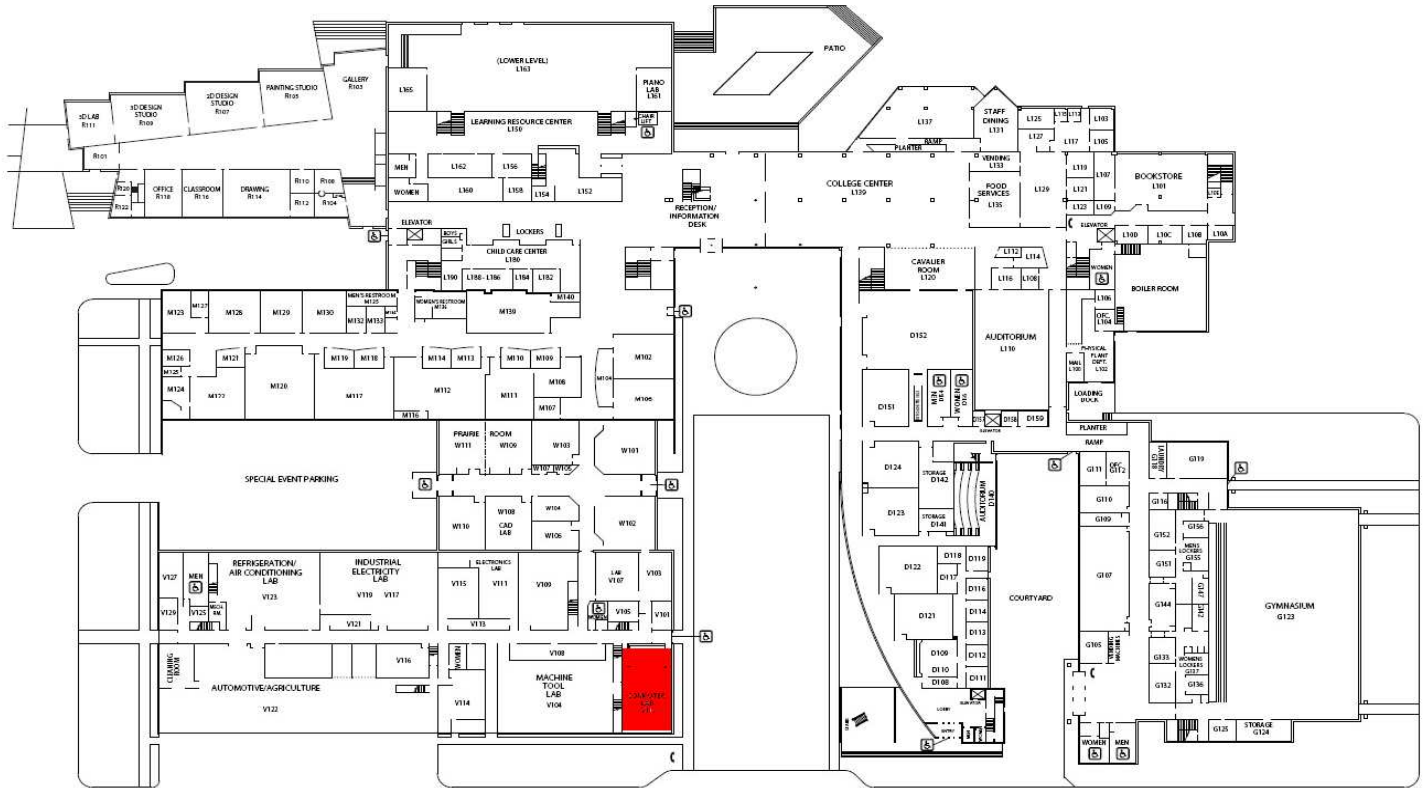
Long serving former KARS president, John WD9AYI has written a moving and fitting tribute.

Howard was a giant among men. His wisdom, knowledge, humor, and demeanor will be greatly missed. To even try to emulate Howard would be a monumental task. He was truly the epitome of what a person should strive to be. I am sure that anyone who ever met Howard will be deeply shaken by the news. My deepest sympathy to Howard's family and friends.
John, WD9AYI.



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The bottom edge of the map is the front side of campus facing south. We will be meeting in room V-102. This room is at the very front corner of the Technology wing, accessible by an entry door also at the front (south-east) corner of that building-wing.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

Harry WD9FYF is now representing ARES for the Red Cross.

The county is planning an emergency drill for October. Details regarding time and date will be forthcoming on the Monday night net or the KARS reflector.

NCS FOR OCTOBER

- October 3 N9LYE
- October 10 KC9UNQ
- October 17 N9OE
- October 24 N9FD
- October 31 N9LYE

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time. *Don't forget the net!*



Jerry WB9Z is all smiles as he is awarded "HAM of the Year" award at W9DXCC convention

W9DXCC

The annual W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet was well attended by KARS members. Look for more pictures in next month's newsletter.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

KARS October board meeting will be held at 6 PM, October 18th at Old Country Buffet on Rt. 50. We will be in one of the banquet rooms in back. All KARS members and spouses are invited to attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- October 4 K9NIA
- October 7 K9KOC
- October 13 WR9L
- October 14 N9YNZ
- October 15 K9IOC
- October 16 KB9NYW
- October 24 KB9ZQU
- October 26 WB9CDE
- October 26 K9NR
- October 27 N5HSR

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

NEXT FOXHUNT: OCTOBER 9

FOXHUNTING: THEN AND NOW

FOXHUNTING IN THE FIFTIES

By Maury W4HYB

Because the subject of the presentation at this Tuesday's club meeting, I thought the following story might bring a few smiles. It was the summer of 1955 and KARS was holding its annual transmitter hunt on 75 meters (3920 Khz). My good friend Elmira Smith, WN9KNF, and I, W9QAY, were the hidden transmitter operators. We were in my 1956 Oldsmobile running an Elmac A54 with a base loaded antenna on the deck.

We went out to Elmira's father's (W9CVW) farm where the club held its field day for several years. We opened a fence that allowed us to drive up a grass waterway to about the center of a corn field. We were completely hidden from any road as the corn was a good 7 or 8 feet high at the time. Everything was going well except that a thunderstorm was brewing and the background noise on 75 was slowly increasing. Elmira happened to look out the back window and exclaimed that the antenna was lighting up purple. Sure enough it was every time I'd squeeze the mike. With that, I decided to pull the antenna coax off the relay box. As the PL-259 pulled away from the coax jack, the arc followed it out about a good inch or more. I quickly plugged the connector back in, started the engine and got out of there fast as we were sitting ducks for a lightening strike. Scared the you know what out of us. Much fun and an experience I'll never forget.

Best regards,
Maury Shumaker, W4HYB
Formerly W9QAY

KARS ANNUAL BIKE RIDE PHOTOS



(ABOVE) KARS members pause for photo at the home of President Bill, N9OE after the annual KARS bike ride/picnic.

(RIGHT) XYLs Emily and Judy



The FOX Paul W9IEY and Terry hide under a bridge to scatter signal..



The gang gather at Meadowview before the big hunt.



Bill N9OE offers "Foxhunt brownies" to 4th place hunters Crystal W9IOU and Rodney K9UNO



John N9LYE explains to Crystal W9IOU how he and Rollie N9RJM won with only 1.95 miles compared to Don's 2.0.



Don K9NR found fox first, but was 2nd due to mileage



Rollie N9RJM admires slick computerized setup of Don KC9QPM



Adam KC9UNQ & Billie K9QT tied with Clay N9IO & Craig N9FD for 3rd place



FOXHUNT

Eight teams (and or individuals) set out on the hunt and everyone found the fox with decent mileage scores. Good going guys and gals!

Hunters included John N9LYE, Rollie, N9RJM, Don K9NR, Clay N9IO, Adam KC9UNQ, Billie K9QT Crystal W9IOU, Rodney K9UNO, Don KC9QPM, Brian N9HJR, Bill N9OE and son Andrew.

Paul W9IEY and XYL Terry were the foxes.

John and Rollie, both first time hunters, credit their "secret weapon" Doppler with the win.

The group assembled at El Campesino restaurant after the hunt to swap tales and plan the next hunt.

They will be the fox for the next hunt on October 9th beginning at 4 PM at the open parking lot in Meadowview shopping center (near the theaters).