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AUCTION AT KARS OCTOBER MEETING

The next KARS meeting will be October 1st, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital meeting room. Use the main entrance on the South side. Following a very brief business meeting, will be the annual KARS auction.

Rummage through your garage, shed, basement, attic, etc for electronic goodies to be auctioned off.

Anything radio, electronic, computer related is appropriate. Probably best not to bring your new \$8K rig...unless you want to sell it cheap!



Bill N9OE presented soldering program at the September meeting while Bob N9MBR looks on.

FOXHUNT SEPT. 29TH

With good summer weather soon to be a thing of the past, hunters have planned a bonus Fox Hunt for September 29th. Crystal or Clay, winners of the Sept. 15th hunt will be the fox.

SEPTEMBER 28th

KARS ANNUAL BIKE RIDE AND PICNIC

September 28th is the date for KARS Annual Wauponsie trail bike ride which was begun in 2010 arising from the collaboration of Will K9FO and Bill N9OE. The ride will begin at the bike trail near Bill's house in Custer Park. Everyone is to assemble at Bills. Bring cooler with meat for the grill and a side dish to share after the ride. You will also need a beverage and plate and silverware. A chair may also come in handy. Starting time for the ride is 1:00 P.M. Those who do not wish to ride are welcome to bring your picnic lunch and chair and join the riders at Bill's house at 3:00 P.M.

ILQP CONTEST OCTOBER 20!

Don't forget! The 2013 Illinois QSO Party is Sunday, October 20th, 12 Noon to 8PM. Operation is on all bands 160 through 2 meters and all modes CW/SSB/FM. The exchange is your RS(T) and county or RS(T) and state for non-Illinois stations.

KARS holds the plaque for the first place club aggregate score...top club score in the state of Illinois...two years running...and...we aim to keep it! This year we are going for three in a row!

So...jump in and help out. You don't have to operate the entire contest. Just hop in anytime and make a few contacts. Be sure to submit your log with KARS as the club aggregate!

Everything you need to know is at: <http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html>

NCS FOR OCTOBER

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.

October 7 N9LYE
October 14 K9NR
October 21 N9OE
October 28 N9FD

KARS KALENDAR

Sept. 28.....Bike Ride and Picnic
Sept. 29.....[FOX HUNT](#)
Sept. 28-29.....[CQWW DX RTTY](#)
October 1.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
October 15.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
October 20[Illinois QSO Party](#)
October 26-27.....[CQ WW DX SSB](#)
Oct. 27.....[FOX HUNT](#)
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](#)

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

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.

Don't Forget the Illinois QSO Party!

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KARS FOXHUNT September 1st



Hunters gather at Meadowview shopping center before hunt. John N9LYE wonders if Clay N9IO thinks the fox is hiding in his trunk



1st place hunters John N9LYE and Rollie N9RJM point to silver car to 2nd place hunters Crystal W9IOU and Rodney K9UNO. Hunters take time to take group photo



Craig N9FD...The Tricky Fox!



Hunters fill up two tables at Coyote Canyon after the hunt, eager to compare notes and claim bragging rights



SEPTEMBER 1st HUNT RESULTS

Craig N9FD, the fox hid in an obscure area of the Kankakee State Park, on the north side of Rt. 102. A large vertical on a tall pole was the only thing barely visible to the hunters, until driving into the cul-de-sac where Craig sat in his car hidden among the trees. The Doppler and Yagi combo used by John N9LYE and Rollie N9RJM was up to the task, leading them to the spot in just 9.1 miles. The team of Crystal W9IOU and Rodney K9UNO was second with 14.0 miles. Other hunters included Clay N9IO & Don KC9QPM, Don K9NR and Billie K9QT

See page three for the September 15th hunt results.

KARS MEMBERS SUPPORT DXPEDITION LOGISTICS

KARS and KARS members continue to do their part in supporting the major DXpeditions to the remote and rare parts of the DXCC world.

We received kudos from K9CT during his Swains Island presentation at the W9DXCC Convention for the lexan antenna patch panels built by Clay N9IO and Bill N9OE.

Of course, KARS life member Jerry WB9Z who is an operator on the upcoming [Wake Island](#) and [Amsterdam Island](#) expeditions continues to donate enormous amounts of time, work and resources to help insure the continued success of these important operations.

If you can, consider helping out with a donation to these expeditions. We all benefit when we all help out!



Don KC9QPM and Clay N9IO pose with DXpedition lexan antenna patch panels destined for use on Amsterdam Island DXpedition

KARS DONATES TO DXPEDITIONS

Continuing its tradition of supporting large DXpeditions, KARS members voted unanimously to donate \$100 each to both the Wake Island and the Amsterdam Island DXpeditions!

Web sites...Check them out!

<http://www.wake2013.org/>
<http://www.amsterdamdx.org/>

Don't forget to leave a u

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KARS FOXHUNT September 15th



Craig N9FD tries to free his hunting antenna after it mysteriously stuck to the pavement



Second place winner Jim KB9VR gives the OK that he and his team are ready to begin the hunt



First place team of Clay N9IO and daughter Crystal W9IOU, at start of hunt...” Com unlock the doo



Last place, but still smiling, Billie K9QT and team of Paul W9IEY and his XYL Terry



Lots of work went into the setup of Foxes Rollie N9RJM and John N9LYE. Note the tall mast & beam



All the comforts of home. John N9LYE (the FOX) places an order with his broker.

SEPT. 15 HUNT RESULTS

Crystal W9IOU and her dad Clay N9IO won this “far out” fox hunt with a mileage of 17.0. Second place went to the team of Jim KB9VR, Ron WB9JYZ & Doug WB9YSW with 17.4 miles. This will go down in history as the closest hunt ever.

Other hunters were Craig N9FD, Don K9NR, the team of Billie K9QT, Paul W9IEY & Terry, and Mike WU9D.

The Foxes were indeed far out, hiding in St. Anne. They used a very tall telescoping mast-mounted antenna and ran high power to give the illusion that they were close in.

All in all it was a great day, with the threatening rain holding off until the hunters had retreated to El Mexicano restaurant following the hunt.

ARRL 100th ANNIVERSARY 2014!

**Watch for special
operating
e v e n t s ...
Local and
Nationwide!**

NEXT FOXHUNTS SEPTEMBER 29th OCTOBER 27th

BOARD MEETING

The KARS board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15th at El Campesino. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

NOVEMBER MEETING PROGRAM

Don't forget! Ken W9IE and Brian W9HLQ will present a program on the Flex Radio 6700 SDR Transceiver at the [November meeting](#).