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AUCTION AT KARS OCTOBER MEETING

The next KARS meeting will be October 7th, 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!

ILQP CONTEST OCTOBER 19!

Don't forget! The 2014 Illinois QSO Party is Sunday, October 19th, 12 Noon to 8PM (local time). 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 held the plaque for the first place club aggregate score...top club score in the state of Illinois...two years running...and...we would like to win it again!

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 6 N9LYE
October 13 N9RJM
October 20 N9OE
October 27 N9FD



Rear view of the new 444.800 repeater during installation

KARS KALENDAR

(Contest Season is upon us!)

October 7.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
October 11.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
October 19.....[Illinois QSO Party](#)
October 21.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
October 25-26.....[CQ WW DX SSB](#)
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 29-30.....[CQWW DX CW](#)
Dec 3 (week of).....[W1AW/9 Illinois Ops](#)
(ARRL Centennial Event
Host / Coordinator for
Illinois Dec Jerry WB9Z)



The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

[146.34/.94](#) [107.2 PL Access](#)
[449.8/444.8](#) [100.0 PL Access](#)
[145.130](#) [107.2 PL Access](#)

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

[144.39](#) [2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters](#)
[145.53](#) [KARS DX Cluster](#)

FOXHUNT OCTOBER 11th

Due to inclement weather it was decided to re-schedule the Oct 4th foxhunt to Saturday Oct 11th at 11am. Clay, N9IO winner of the last hunt will be the fox.

NEW REPEATERS ONLINE

The Comm Committee reports that the new 2 meter repeaters should be going on line as this newsletter goes to press.

The new power amps have finally arrived finishing the acquisition phase of the project. All equipment is now in hand to finish the upgrade of all three KARS repeaters. The new 444.800 machine went on line about a month ago and the 145.130 and the 146.940 repeaters should get their new electronics installed in the next few days.

Initially, the new machines will run off their internal controllers. The controllers are very basic and Bill N9OE has acquired an Arcom controller kit to assemble and test. If found suitable, all three repeaters will be equipped with the new controllers.

Keep listening for the new signals!

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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W9DXCC 2014



ARRL 1st VP Rick Roderick K5UR speaking at the W9DXCC Banquet



KARS members Bob N9MBR & Clay N9IO at the W9DXCC Friday night SMC gathering

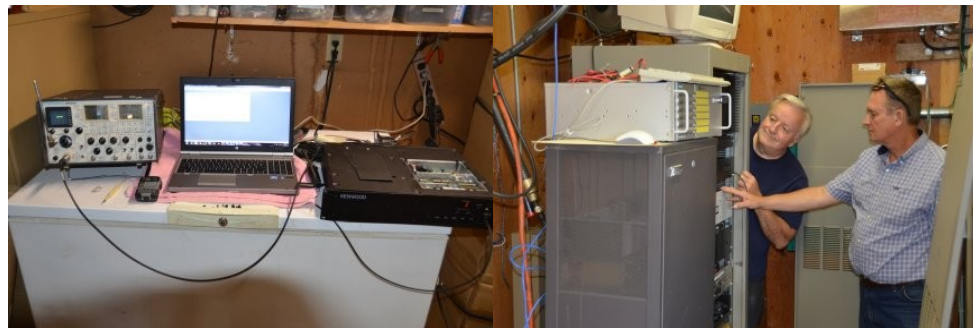


KARS member Will K9FO at the W9DXCC Friday night SMC gathering.

NEW REPEATER CONSTRUCTION



Don K9NR & Ken W9IE working on the 444.800 repeater install



Final programming & tuning of the 444.800 repeater at K9NR QTH

Don K9NR & Tom KC9ZKA inspect the new 444.8 repeater



Two views of the Technician Class course taught by KARS members at the Kankakee County Incident Command Center

EXAM SESSION RESULTS

After a very successful KARS sponsored Technician Class course, an exam session was held on Wednesday October 1st. The results were 10 new Technicians and 3 new Extras! Congratulations to all! Jobs well done! Further details will be published in next months newsletter.



Ken W9IE proudly displays his Triple Play Worked All States Award Atta by Ken!

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KARS FOXHUNT AUGUST 30



The post hunt gathering at Poor Boy's 2



Hunt Winners Paul W9IEY & Terry



Don K9NR ready for lunch after the hunt

KARS FOXHUNT SEPTEMBER 13



Jim KB9VR & co-pilot John N9DWE



Winner Clay N9IO with fox Terry



The other half of the fox team Paul W9IEY

AUGUST 30 HUNT RESULTS

New hunters Paul W9IEY & Terry scored big taking first place.

Other hunters were Craig N9FD, Clay N9IO, Jim KB9VR & crew and Rollie N9RJM & XYL Jane.

Don K9NR, the fox, hid near the west side 444.800 tower in Billie K9QT's new car. A bit of a curve as most hunters were looking for Don's red van.

All in all, it was a great hunt with great tasting food at the west side Poor Boy's 2 restaurant afterwards.

SEPT. 13 HUNT RESULTS

Perennial winner Clay N9IO won this hunt finding the fox first and with the lowest mileage. Clay was reportedly bummed out as he now has to hide instead of hunt!

Other hunters were Don K9NR, Craig N9FD, Jim KB9VR & crew and Rollie N9RJM & Jane All four hunting teams finished closely, making it an exciting hunt.

Fox team Paul W9IEY & xyl Terry tried to keep the hunters guessing by changing power but to no avail.



KARS sign at the Two Rivers Bike Ride courtesy of Jean XYL of Dave KC9SQG Thanks Jean!

Don't forget Bring some goodies to sell!

BOARD MEETING

The KARS board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21st at El Mexicano's. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.