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# ANNUAL KARS OCTOBER AUCTION

The next KARS meeting will be October 6th, 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!

#### **NEW REPEATER CONTROLLERS ONLINE**

As you can probably tell the new repeater controllers are on line. Thanks to Bill N9OE and Andrew N9BMB for the hard work assembling and programming the new gear.

Bill N9OE and Don K9NR installed all three controllers in a marathon session with a little help from Tom KC9ZKA.

There will be important programming additions made to the systems, The Kankakee Area Radio Society operso stay tuned for more developments.

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 1	KC9SQG	
October 4	K9NIA	
October 7	K9KOC	
October 13	WR9L	
October 14	N9YNZ	
October 15	K9IOC	
October 16	KB9NYW	
October 22	NV9L	
October 24	KB9ZQU	
October 26	WB9CDE	
October 26	K9NR	
October 27	N5HSR	

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



Inside the 440 Repeater. One of the 3 that received a new controller.

#### **KARS KALENDAR**

Nov 3KARS General Meeting Nov 7-9ARRL Sweepstakes CW Nov 14-15WAE DX RTTY Contest Nov. 17KARS Board Meeting Nov. 21-23ARRL Sweepstakes Phone
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Nov 28-29CQWW DX CW Contest

ates 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: 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters 144.39 **KARS DX Cluster** 145.53



#### FOXHUNTS!!!

With good summer weather soon to be a thing of the past, we'll try to squeeze in as many foxhunts as possible. Saturday, October 17th is the next scheduled hunt. Don't miss out! Winter lasts a long time!

#### ILQP CONTEST OCTOBER 18th!

Don't forget! The 2015 Illinois QSO Party is Sunday, October 18th, 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.

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

#### **NEW CALLS**

Bill N9OE proudly announces that his 10 year old son Andrew's new call is now N9BMB. Andrew did a great job as the fox in the August 30th hunt. Apparently, being a math teacher is a good thing! Diane, Bill's fiancé, who went from zero to Extra in 3 weeks changed her call sign to N9DLD.

#### 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 5	N9RJM
October 12	W9EJM
October 19	N9OE
October 26	N9FD

Don't Forget the AUCTION !

### KARS HOMEPAGE- WWW.W9AZ.COM - KARS HOMEPAGE

#### THREE FAB FOXHUNTS

Transmitter hunts were held on August 30th, September 13th and September 26th. The first hunt saw ten year old newly licensed Andrew N9BMB was the fox. He was hiding atop the hill in Limestone Park and consequently had an excellent signal. Craig N9FD was the winner barely squeaking past second place hunter Mike WU9D. Other hunters included Rollie N9RJM with Jane, Don K9NR, and Billie K9QT. Regrettably the editor (K9QT) is unable to readily find the pictures from this hunt. The second hunt featured Craig N9FD hiding northwest of town near Rock Creek. Hunters included Don K9NR, Rollie N9RJM and Jane, Mike WU9D, Bill N9OE with Diane N9DLD and son Andrew N9BMB, and Billie K9QT, The proximity of the creek caused some confusion. Billie K9QT won the hunt followed closely by Mike WU9D. The Sept 26th hunt featured Billie K9QT hiding at a park in Diversitech grounds in Manteno. The hunt was won by Paul W9IEY with Terry. Second place went to the team of Jim KB9VR, John N9DWE and Mark KA9MDJ. Other hunters included Rollie N9RJM with Jane, and Don K9NR. The next hunt is scheduled for October 17th.



#### SEPTEMBER KARS MEETING WELL ATTENDED

An overflow crowd of 32 were present for the general meeting.

The program on emergency communications was put on by Ed W9EJM. He stressed that we need more trained mobile storm spotters. Contact Ed to learn more about how you can help the effort.

Darryl KD9AUK showcased the equipment he uses for tracking balloon launches. Many club members have been involved in both the launching and tracking of the balloons. Another launch is planned for later this fall after the corn is out of the fields.

Check out the picture of Ken W9IE's newest project.

#### KARS BOARD MEETING

KARS board meeting will be held at 6 PM on Oct. 20th at El Mexicano restaurant. KARS members and their families are welcome to attend.









## Don't forget the Illinois QSO Party !