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ILLINOIS QSO PARTY PLANS IN OCTOBER

The next KARS meeting will be September 2nd, 7PM at the Community Room of St. Mary's Hospital...Enter through the main west entrance.

Following a brief business meeting, there will be a program on plans for the [Illinois QSO Party](#). Plan to be there!

W9DXCC

As usual, several KARS members will be attending the [annual W9DXCC DX Convention](#) at the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg on September 19-20. Great presentations, card checking, equipment displays, prizes, banquet and great fun!

Friday evening, there will be a gathering of Society of Midwest Contesters for dinner and hobnobbing and fanciful stories of contesting from the Black Hole! Plan to attend!

NEW KARS REPEATERS!

All three new Repeaters are now in hand and the 444.8 machine (100 PL) is on the air! K9NR reports that both of the 2 meter repeaters are programmed and retuned and ready for installation. All we need now are the new VHF power amps which are on back order with an expected delivery date of about September 5th. Keep listening!

NCS FOR SEPTEMBER

The [net meets every Monday](#) at 2100 hours local time on the 146.34/.94. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

- September 1 N9LYE
 - September 8 N9RJM
 - September 15 N9OE
 - September 22 N9LYE
 - September 29 N9FD
- Don't forget the net!

The October meeting marks the month of the annual KARS auction.

Be sure to go through your shack, basement, attic, garage and look for anything to sell at the auction. Anything radio, electronic or computer related is good. Old shoes, baby clothes, etc not so much!

Generally, this is not a good venue for losing money! Auctioneers Dan WA9WAQ and Will K9FO will officiate. Be prepared to laugh!

KARS KALENDAR

Aug. 30.....	FOXHUNT
Sept. 2.....	KARS General Meeting
Sept. 13.....	Radio Expo Hamfest
Sept. 13-15.....	ARRL Sept. VHF Contest
Sept. 13.....	FOXHUNT
Sept. 16.....	KARS Board Meeting
Sept. 19-20.....	W9DXCC Convention
Sept. 20.....	Peoria Superfest
Sept. 27-28.....	CQWW DX RTTY
Oct. 4.....	FOXHUNT
October 7.....	Auction KARS General Meeting
October 21.....	KARS Board Meeting
October 19-20.....	Illinois QSO Party
October 25-26.....	CQ WW DX SSB

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

ILQP CONTEST IS NIGH!

The 2014 Illinois QSO Party will be held **Sunday, October 19th, 12 Noon to 8 PM (CST)**. 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 has won the plaque for the first place club aggregate score...top club score in the state of Illinois...twice in past and we were in third place last year! This year we are aiming to move up the chart again!

So...jump in and help out. Make as many contacts as your schedule will allow and 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>

TECH CLASS PROGRESS

The KARS/Kankakee County ESDA Technician License course is off to a good start. Approximately 16 students have attended through week two of the 7 week class at the [Sheriff Department's Jerome Combs Center](#).

Retired educator Ed W9EJM put together a course syllabus based around the ARRL Technician Class License Manual. With assisting instructors K9FO, K9NR, N9OE, N9IO progress is looking good. Visitors are welcome! Ç Y ^ â } ^ ^ . â æ ^ q • Á ï Ú T L

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- September 11 W9TRF
- September 15 K9BIG
- September 15 W4HYB
- September 15 KC9ZLQ
- September 18 Velda
- September 21 WB9RUE
- September 29 Terry
- September 30 WB9Z

Don't Forget the Illinois QSO Party!

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KARSFEST 2014!



**KARSFEST 2014 went well and plans for 2015 are under way!
Thanks to all who worked so hard to make it succeed**

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August 16th Transmitter Hunt



RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 16TH TRANSMITTER HUNT

A fun hunt with Clay N9IO as the fox. Everyone finished in a fairly tight cluster with Don K9NR finding the fox first and with the lowest mileage. Jim KB9VR and his crew came in a very close second missing first place by a mere 0.7 mile! First time hunters Terry and Paul W9IEY garnered third place. It's time you folks started hunting on your own! Other hunters included Craig N9FD and Harry WD9FYF.

After the hunt, everyone retired to the Chicago Dough Pizza palace for a nice repast and the necessary descriptions of how aliens had transported their hunting vehicles several miles out of the way thus adding to their odometer readings during the hunt!

Oh well...next time!

NEXT TRANSMITTER HUNTS

Saturday 11AM-1PM August 30th
Saturday 11AM-1PM Sept. 13th
Saturday 11AM-1PM Oct. 4th



Look for pictures and a write up of the 2 Rivers Century Bike Ride in the October issue of KARS Key Clicks

BOARD MEETING

The [KARS board meeting](#) will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 16th at El Mexicano's. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

CQ MAGAZINE STRUGGLES

A sign of the times. Like many monthly publications, CQ is dealing with 21st century financial realities and stiff competition from the Internet. In an effort to serve the amateur population, they have made many moves to cut expenses and consolidate products. This has resulted in somewhat spotty monthly mailings. [KARS feels that we need CQ Magazine](#) and some slow service in the short term may be good for amateur radio in the long run. Lets hope that CQ can weather the storm and come back stronger!