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Radio Propagation Program at September Meeting

The next KARS General Meeting will be Tuesday September 13th 7 PM at the Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club in Bourbonnais.

Following a brief business meeting, there will be a program on HF propagation. Come and learn how to tell you're A Index from your K Index, your SFI number from your Sun Spot. Most of all, learn how such knowledge will aid you in finding and working the rare DX! See you at the meeting!

KARS KALENDAR

Sept 13.....[General Meeting](#)
Sept 25.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Sept 27.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Oct 8.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Oct 11.....[General Meeting](#)
Oct 22.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Oct 25.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)

NCS FOR SEPTEMBER

The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 repeater.

September 5 KD9NPQ
September 12 K9XI
September 19 N9OE
September 26 K9NR
Don't forget the net!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 11 KD9CGA
September 15 K9BIG
September 15 KD9CFV
September 15 W9WWE
September 15 W4HYB
September 18 KC9CAZ
September 21 WB9RUE
September 29 Terry
September 30 WB9Z



One last view of Will K9FO's Hex beam on his river cottage



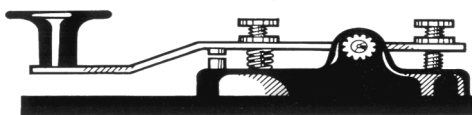
A lonely sight indeed. After a 68 year career in Ham Radio, there is no longer an antenna at K9FO's QTH. Rest in peace Will

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
[KARS DX Cluster w9az.ddns.net](#)



W9AZ

ILLINOIS QSO PARTY!

The 2022 Illinois QSO Party will be held Sunday, October 17th, 12 to 8 PM local time. Operation is on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 & 2 Meters. All modes CW/SSB/FM. The exchange is your RS(T) and county or RS(T) and state for non-Illinois stations.

A great way to spend the day and make as many contacts as your schedule will allow and be sure to submit your log with KARS as the club aggregate!

You'll find everything you need, county map of Illinois, list of all 102 counties and all the planned activities from each county including rover and portable operation at:

<https://w9awe.org/ilqp/>

Your club needs you...be a part of the team! Did I forget to mention, it's a heck of a lot of fun! Let K9NR know of your intentions to operate.

KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

Sept 3.....[Russian RTTY WW Contest](#)
Sept 3-4.....[Colorado QSO Party](#)
Sept 4-5.....[Tennessee QSO Party](#)
Sept 10-11.....[Alabama QSO Party](#)
Sept 10-11.....[WAE DX Contest SSB](#)
Sept 10-12.....[ARRL Sept VHF Contest](#)
Sept 17-18.....[Texas QSO Party](#)
Sept 17-18.....[Iowa QSO Party](#)
Sept 17-18.....[New Jersey QSO Party](#)
Sept 17-18.....[New Hampshire QSO Party](#)
Sept 24-25.....[CQWW DX RTTY Contest](#)
Sept 24-25.....[Maine QSO Party](#)
Oct 1-2.....[California QSO Party](#)
Oct 8-9.....[Makrothen RTTY Contest](#)
Oct 8-9.....[Arizona QSO Party](#)
Oct 8-9.....[Nevada QSO Party](#)
Oct 8-9.....[Pennsylvania QSO Party](#)
Oct 8-9.....[South Dakota QSO Party](#)
Oct 15-16.....[New York QSO Party](#)
Oct 16-17.....[Illinois QSO Party](#)
Oct 22-23.....[Stew Perry Topband Challenge](#)
Oct 29-30.....[CQWW DX SSB](#)

Don't Forget the Illinois QSO Party in October!

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Aerial crew starting to remove the K9FO Hex Beam.

KARSFEST KUDOS FROM WB9Z & NV9L

Great to see you all today and thanks for stopping by to say hi to Val & I.

We pulled in at 6:35 AM and immediately started selling things. We had almost everything sold and left at 11:40 AM with \$1,900+ extra dollars.

Thank you KARSfest organizers!

"KARSfest really rocked for us!"

If anyone is looking for anything specific, let me know. I have tons of tower, parts & hardware, some coax too all the way up to 1-5/8 inch.

Lots of radio stuff too!

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The End of an Era

Bob NN9T asked me if the Hex Beam Antenna was still on the K9FO Cottage and if so, was it still available. I knew it was still there but I would need to contact Will's Son, John. I texted John and passed on Bob's desire to acquire the antenna. John said that he and his sister Nancy would be very happy for Will's antenna to have a new chapter in the Ham World.

He needed to contact the neighbors who were watching the place and would let me know. He later asked for some pictures of the antenna being removed. So the Antenna Party was arranged for the next day, 8/13/2022. Bob contacted his brother and a few others and "down came the antenna." It will soon be erected on NN9T's Roof and provide many more QSO's for Bob...a thought that would please Will.

The Antenna party members were...Bob NN9T, Ken W9IE, Greg WR9L, Mark WA9BXI, John KC9GGR, and Bob's Son Eric.



A melancholy sight as Will's antenna comes down.

We need articles for the KARS Newsletter!

Do your part and send in a paragraph or two on what you are doing in Ham Radio. Nothing fancy is necessary.

PLEASE Do not embed anything in an email. Please send text and pictures as attachments.

Emails often come with difficult to remove formatting. Again PLEASE send everything as attachments in .TXT or MS Word formats and pictures as .JPG's

A good article is great but not fun if it has to be retyped!



W9RY manning the ARRL booth at KARSFEST

BOARD MEETING

The September KARS Board Meeting will be in the private dining room at El Mexicano's Restaurant by the Hilton Hotel and Walmart south of town near I-57 exit 315. 6 P.M. eat. 7 P.M. meet. All members and spouses are welcome.

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2022 KARSFEST REPORT

By Art K9XI

First things first, a lot of 'thank you's' to pass around, and in no particular order...

---to my predecessor in this gig and still oh, so active in it, Craig Cahan, N9FD, for being there, for still knowing exactly what to do, and for being the coordinator for the VEC exam session. Craig can correct me if I'm wrong, but I think we had three examinations taken this time around.

---Also, staying in the VEC department, thanks to Clay Melhorn N9IO, Bill N9OE, and to Don K9NR, for being exam proctors. Did I miss anyone?

---to the Official KARS-Fest Audio/Video guy, Tom Sauch, KC9ZKA, for supplying his equipment and expertise to the ARRL Forum which preceded the VEC session in the "Central Room". Other than the projector bulb, it all went off without a hitch.

---which brings us to Tom Beebe, W9RY, our State Section manager, who drove all the way up from Marion to deliver a wonderful demonstration of what ARRL can really do, especially at the state/local level. To those of you who didn't attend, and there were five of us who did, you all missed a goodie. You should put it on your bucket list for the next KARS-Fest.

---To the ladies of the KARS-Fest, Diane N9DLD, Society Treasurer supreme, and to my own MYL Kathy, as well. Kathy did a wonderful job in helping run the KARS table, and Diane made sure I didn't have to worry about dealing with the money.

---To all of our wonderful vendors who did so much to make KARS-Fest a success: Gold Medal Ideas, who managed to get to KARS-Fest despite the fact that the road in front of their shop was torn up and unusable to drive their trailer on; The Cable Experts from Woodstock; Steve, KR4S and his Amateur Accessories supply house was there in force; and the other vendors who were 'walk-ins' as well. All of our vendors this year contributed prizes, as did one who did *not* appear at KARS-Fest—EasyWay HamBooks.com. Buck K4IA sent several of his books as prizes to KARS-Fest. All prize donors are getting 'thank you' letters.

Second: An interesting experiment was the addition of Convention of States, which didn't *sell* anything except an idea: saving America through a Constitutional Convention called by the States instead of Congress (as has always been the case in the past). They were looking for Petition signatures to bring to state legislatures demanding that they pass the resolution to bring the COS about. They got around 20 signatures and opened a bunch of eyes, I'm told..... and raised just a bit of ire from one dude. COS, however, was thrilled with the results they got from KARS-Fest, and may be back next year.

Third: I didn't get into the flea market until near the end, by which time the area was pretty close to being cleared out. The hot weather had to be the thing there. But I understand that Danny WA9WAQ, who did an auction of a bunch of his own stuff out there, did very well. And, I hope that was the case for all who sold stuff out there.

Fifth: And this is interesting---*none* of the winners of the top three cash prizes were from Illinois. Two were from Indiana, and the top prize winner was from Wisconsin---and had won *his* ticket at the South Milwaukee Hamfest the week before!

Next year? Well, I trust that there will be another KARS-Fest then. We've already reserved the Fair Grounds for that weekend (mark your calendars) July 16. Given my age and all that is going on with me and my life, I hope that I can last past the next one, but right now I can only promise one more year as your KARS-Fest chairman. From here on out, I'm playing it year by year. But there is one good thing I can promise whoever it is who wants to replace me. *This time*, I'm compiling all my notes and files from the five years that I've been the Chairman, I'm organizing all of them into directories on the laptop, and I'm saving them all to multiple memory sticks. *And*, after threatening to do this for the last couple of years, I'm actually writing the step-by-step *manual* on 'How to be a KARS-Fest Chairman'. I have enough material already on hand that I can finish it fairly easily. It will be made available to all KARS members who wish to consider taking over the job. And, to answer the first question: Yes, it does have it's rewards.

Finally: The only thing I don't have to report yet is how well (or not) KARS-Fest did financially. We will have to wait for that answer, as our beloved Chancelloress of the Exchequer is with her family attending to some very wonderful things. Later, folks!
