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SEPTEMBER HAZMAT PROGRAM

Come to the next KARS meeting at St. Mary's Hospital on Tuesday, September 5th to hear a presentation by K9BYT on emergencies involving hazardous materials and how amateur radio operators can be called upon to safely provide communications services for our communities.

Park and enter the south main entrance on Merchant Street.

KARS HISTORY BYTES

BY Bill W9VQC

An antenna raising party was organized on Saturday, February 10th, 1952 to put up an antenna at the QTH of Bob Gray W9ARM who was an invalid so that he could get operating time to renew his license.

Field Day was held at W9HKA's farm with 40 meters and 450 stations worked.

Tom Sneden W9ILW was elected president in 1953.

A TVI committee was formed at the September meeting in 1953 with W9OVI, W9KLD and W9FMA as members.

A simulated emergency test was held on October 3, 1953 with five members participating.

A constitution was drafted and adopted at the November 3, 1953 meeting



Greg WR9L, Carl K9CS, Don K9NR & John K9BYT relax poolside at Greg's QTH after a fine gustatorial repast. The KARS August meeting was a pool party held at Greg's place.

KARS KALENDAR

Sept 5th.....KARS General Meeting
Sept 9-11th.....ARRL VHF QSO Party
Sept 15-16th.....W9DXCC Convention
Sept 19th.....KARS Board Meeting
Sept 23-24...CQWW RTTY DX Contest
Sept 26-27.....Peoria Hamfest
Oct 3rd.....KARS General Meeting
Oct 17th.....KARS Board Meeting
Oct 22-23.....Illinois QSO Party
Oct 28-29.....CQWW SSB DX Contest

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access
449.8/444.8 114.8 PL Access

Also, co-sponsors:

145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 Wide Area APRS digi-peater
145.53 KARS DX Cluster

ARISS CONTACT AT CRETE-MONEE

Charlie Sufana, AJ9N will once again guide a high school through a contact with the International Space Station. This time, the school will be Crete-Monee High School. The planned date will be around September 9th. Charlie has asked for assistance from KARS in the setup and operation of the station. Also, use of the .34/.94 repeater/EchoLink and help with streaming the audio over the Internet. The KARS/ARISS contact was a great success. Be sure to help make the Crete-Monee contact a success!

SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST— OCTOBER 21st

There will be a county-wide simulated emergency test on October 21st. The nature of the emergency is to be a nuclear crisis. The county authorities counted heavily on amateur radio in the last test and we delivered! It is very important that all of us become involved.

KARS BOARD MEETING

The KARS September board meeting will be held in the banquet room of El Campestino Mexican restaurant on September 19th. All KARS members and spouses are welcome to attend.

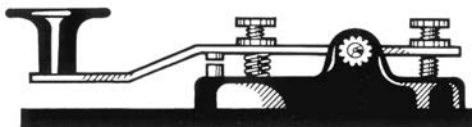
Eat at 6:00. Meet at 7:00

NCS FOR SEPTEMBER

Net control stations-Monday night net

Sept. 4	KC9FAV
Sept. 11	WR9L
Sept. 18	K9BYT
Sept. 25	KE9MG

Don't forget the net!
Mondays at 2100 hrs. local time



W9AZ

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/15	K9BIG
9/18	Velda
9/22	WA9SAR
9/30	WB9Z

Let the newsletter editors know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.

Check out the new KARS shirts at the September meeting!

KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE

PUTTING UP A INTANNER

Chris & I are former members of the Bergen Amateur Radio Ass'n in N.J. and I sometimes read their online newsletter. The attached article appeared in a recent issue. I thought the information might be useful to KARS members.

The article has been edited somewhat.

73, Carl K9CS

(Editors note: This was more difficult to read than any paper written by my students. Hope you get a laugh out of it too)

how 2 put up a intanner

the 1st thang i need 2 sa is its shor hard wurk puttin up a intanner u need a lotta plannin & fixin b4 ya ken git stardid. 2 of tha mos importen thangs 2 hav is a gud test dawg & a gud pare a wyr kuters mi test dawgs name is yep. i named hem thet caws thates whut he duz wen he fines the rawng kinda wyr fur mi intanner. i ownly use 1 kinda intanner wyr caws i ken fine it reel e z roun whur i liv. it doan cost me nutthin cept 4 all tha walkin and runnin me & mi dawg yep gota du. we start kinda early inna mornin hikin over tha hil 2 mi nayburs lan whur i git tha wyr 4 mi intanner. mi naybur gota lotta lan whur he kepes cowz & 1 bul insyd a fense & nice nu shiny wyr thet i mak mi intanners outa

i alwayz ken git sum wyr caws mi naybur puts mor up tween tha posts i ken all so git mi enslayters frum tha pos 2 use on mi intanners. gittin this wyr can bee dangerous 2 mi helth caws a tha bul so i gota kepe a sharp lukowt 4 him. bout tha time we git clos 2 the fense i need lil forta fyin so i reech bak in mu bak pac & pul owt o i 4got 2 tel ya bout tha bak pac b4 i leve mi shak i git mi ol lady 2 pac me an yep up sumpin 2 eet & drenk.

wel i git mi dawg yep a biskit & im sorta thurstee so owt she comes mi jar of sippin likker. i no im gona need a lotta corage 2 git tha wyr sew i no he mus bee needin a lil corage 2 so i reech bak in mi bak pac & pul owt another biskit & soke it gud wid tha likkin sipper & giv it 2 him. down it gos wid 1 gulp & a cupple sekons latur bothe eers stan strate up & i no mi dawg is redy 2 wurk he trots ovur 2 tha furst pos he cees & hikes his hine leg & letser fli. wen he lets owt a yep & is nocked 2 the groun i no tha wyr is hot & thas tha rawng wyr 4 mi intanner. thas wy its emporten 2 hav a gud test dawg yeps nam shur is fittin 4 im

whin yep finely stops yeppin & gets up we go 2 a difren part uf tha fense & dum ol yep tests it agin. this time he jus luks at me & sorta grins & i no tha wyr is gud 4 my intanner smart dawg mi yep. i kut tha wyr wid mi wyr kutters & grabit & me & ol yep start runnin 4 hom as fas we ken hopin tha

bul was bizi sumtimes i ken git 40 er 50 fut a wyr lik this.

we finely git 2 tha shak & ol yep plops down onna bottum step & ipull owt mi jar uf swippin likker & biskits & set a spel wunderin how i ken git tha wyr up inna trees. im not 2 keen on climin tres or enythn vury hi but ol yep jus luvs 2 clime he 1 a contes a wile bak at the cownty fare 4 climim & beet dawgs frum all ovur tha playce. now i had a ideer abowt how 2 git mi nu wyr up inna tree so i maid up mi mine 2 let ol yep hav sum fun.

i woke him up & he jumps up wid 1 ear up & 1 ear down & starded waggin his tayl i think he nu wat were gona happin smart dawg mi yep. i tyed the nu wyr 2 his tayl & ponyed 2 tha tre & yelled up yep. he lit owt lik greezd litenin up the sida tha tre wid bark just a flyin. he got bout tin fut up 2 tha furst lim & barked down at me i nu he needed mor corage. i ran & gota nuther biskit & soked it gud frum mi jar & chukked it up 2 him. he cawt it in mid air & swollered it hole & ina flashe he wuz on his wae agin.

i rekken tha tre musta bin a bowt 30 er 40 fut tawl & yep brok a lotta lims onna wae up 2 tha top. he finely got 2 tha lass lim atta top & grabed hole wid bowth pawsm & hunge awn 4 deer lyf. he wuz sum syte hangin frum the lim wae up thar wid mi nu inanner wyr tyed 2 his tayl. wel it kame 2 me thet ol yep wuz a gud tre climin dawg but thar wuz 1 problun i dun 4got

he did ent no how 2 git down. dum dawg mi yep

wel i did ent want him 2 fawl so up tha tre i gone aftur i finish mi jar uf slippin kisker caws i wuzint 2 keen on climin. wen i reechd him i tuk the nu intanner wyr offen his tayl & tyed it 2 tha lim an grabed yep & put him roun mi nek & starded down tha tre. i got 2 tha groun & ol yep leeped frum mi bak & run unner tha shak. smart dawg mi yep.

i lukked up at mi bran nu intanner wyr hangin frum tha tallest tre i got & then i reelized thet tha en of it was abowt 30 fut up tha tre. dang it here yep wharz thet dawg. it shore is hard wurk puttin up a intanner i wil rite latur wen i git another pincel yor fren elmur

CW TIPS FOR THE BEGINNER 2

In my last article, I was talking about how I had a conversation with a guy while I was on my way to work. The topic was CW and what would be some of the best ways to learn it. Some of the ideas went from listening to the code speed at 20 WPM with a 5 WPM spacing and to just simply keep after it and practicing as much as possible. Also about what kinds of methods to use. I am not too keen on the ideas of creating "look up

tables" like they use in Code Quick, where they use word phrases to substitute the "Dot Dash" sequences.

These, in my opinion, build up a barrier to where, after hearing the letter, the mind has to think of the phrase first, then run through the entire look up table in your mind, think of the phrase again, figure out what the letter is, and then by the time you get all of that figured out, you have lost 2 whole words and the feeling of frustration starts to set in. You are ready to throw in the towel by the time it is all said and done. One other method is learning the code by writing down the dot and the dash as ". " and "- ". These also create a lookup table because you have to hear the combination, try to visualize the picture of the code letter and then run through the lookup table and find what letter fits. You also loose several letters in the process and end up feeling frustrated as well. I have made the statement before that if someone would just take a good look at Morse Code, they would see that it really is not a difficult language. I think that people in general tend to oversimplify learning the code, and end up making it much harder than it has to be to learn.

The very best way to learn the code is to learn it by "hearing" it. After all CW is meant to be heard. When we were learning to speak, we had to learn the sounds of the letters and numbers. We had to listen to the way they sounded in order to get them right. There is nothing more to learning code but to hear the combinations and know what letter that sound represents. If I were to ask you to write down a set of letters that I give you, and I say the letters "M - O - R - S - E C - O - D - E" No one reading this article would have a problem writing down those letters. That is because we KNOW those letters soo well, that we don't even think about what an "M" looks like or how to write it down. If we learned code by hearing it the it was meant to be, we would have no troubles at all, using it as a communication method. Ok... I will get off of my soap box for now. I just feel that CW is such a great way to communicate it is a shame that more people don't think of it as a language rather than an obstacle to getting the next class of license. As far as the fellow that I was talking to on the radio, he took the test at our own hamfest, it was Kyle N9OQC. As far as I know he is the Newest General class operator in our club. I want to extend a hearty CONGRATULATIONS in his achievement. I have had a few conversations with him on the radio, and from what I understand, he followed my advice and was able to pass the code part of the test (Element 1) with practically no difficulty at all. I hope to have a good QSO with him one of these days on HF. Using CW of course!!

Brian - KC9FAV

KARS SHIRTS

We will be taking orders for the new club shirts at the September meeting. In the first re-design in years, Chip K9IOG, has come up with a fine looking tan golf type shirt. See the samples and place your order at the meeting.