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Surprise Digital Program at May Meeting

The Next KARS General Meeting will be May 1st, 7PM at the St. Mary's Hospital Public Meeting Room. Park and enter on the south side.

Following a brief business meeting, Ken W9YNI and Howard AK9F will present a surprise program on a new alternative digital mode of operation.

Digital communications is making advances faster than we seem to be able to keep up with it.

This new digital mode does not need any changes to your current equipment.

See it in operation at the next meeting, World Wide contacts with amazing clarity. In fact, even if you have a Technician or Novice class license, with this system you can operate CW OR phone on any HF band or frequency. This new mode eliminates any license class restrictions.

When you go back to your shack after the meeting you too will be able to participate.

Over 12,000 hams now using it.

NCS FOR MAY

May 07	KC9FAV
May 14	K9BAC
May 21	W9QKF
May 28	WD9FYF

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

KC9JQX	May 5th
KC9HHT	May 6th
K9FO	May 8th
W9QKF	May 9th
KC9KBR	May 13th

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



KC9HHT, N9QXZ & N9TJC gather around John K9BYT as he presented the April KARS program on severe weather

KARS KALENDAR

May 1.....	KARS General Meeting
May 5,6.....	Indiana QSO Party
May 15.....	KARS Board Meeting
May 18-20.....	Dayton Hamvention
May 27-28.....	CQWW WPX CW Contest
June 5.....	KARS General Meeting
June 9-11.....	ARRL June VHF QSO Party
June 10.....	6 Meter Club Hamfest
June 19.....	KARS Board Meeting
June 23-24.....	Field Day
July 8.....	Fox River Hamfest
July 15.....	KARSFEST

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

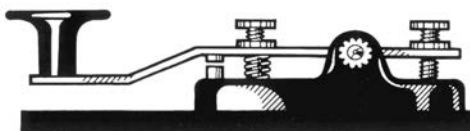
146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access
449.8/444.8 114.8 PL Access

Also, co-sponsors:

145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 Wide Area APRS digi-peater
145.53 KARS DX Cluster



W9AZ

VANITY CALL FEE CHANGE

The FCC has proposed reducing the regulatory fee to obtain or retain an Amateur Radio vanity call sign by more than 40 percent starting later this year. In a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) released April 18, "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2007," in MD Docket 07-81, the Commission is proposing to cut the fee from its current \$20.80 to \$11.70. If ultimately adopted, that would mark the lowest fee in the history of the current vanity call sign program.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 11 years of the current vanity call sign program, from a low of \$12 to a high of \$50. The FCC says it anticipates some 14,700 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year.

KARS NET EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

With the severe weather season upon us, it's a good idea to restate the need to establish a protocol for the use of alternate repeaters.

First: 146.94 repeater

In the event of the failure of the 146.94 repeater, emergency communications will take place using the following protocol.

Second: 145.130 repeater
PL 107.2

Third: 444.8 repeater
PL 114.8

Fourth: 146.94 simplex

With the new emergency generator at the 146.94 site, we can expect much greater reliability in the primary repeater.

See Everyone at the Dayton Hamvention!!!

KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE

MEETING SECURITY/SAFETY

KARS monthly meetings, as everyone is aware, are held at St. Mary's Hospital on the first Tuesday of the month. Recently some of our members have been approached while entering the building and have been asked, by certain individuals, for money or assistance. I have spoken to St. Mary's Hospital Security and have received the following instruction: If anyone is approached by an individual, or individuals, asking for handouts or assistance or directions, etc. they are to politely decline and then go to the nearest telephone and dial 2109. This is the number for SECURITY. Explain to them your situation and they will respond immediately to deal with, or assist the person or persons and their requests. If you cannot remember 2109 then dial 0 and ask for SECURITY. The operator will connect you right away.

73, WD9AYI

'TIS THE SEASON TO HUNT HIDDEN TRANSMITTERS

It's that time of year when a young man's thoughts turn to...transmitter hunting, of course!

Rumor has it that Clay N9IO is busy beefing up his arsenal of hunting hardware with a new wiz-bang, can't fail, sure thing that he bought in kit form at last year's Dayton fleamarket.

Of course, Clay's newly re-found fox hunting ambitions have nothing to do with KARS being featured yet again in CQ Magazine's annual fox hunt issue. The featured magazine photo was of Crystal W9IOU...rumored to be a member of the famous "IO" hunting-clan!



Up to no good!

K9FO, AK9F, WR9L & NI9I working on their Dayton party plans.

Hey.....Only 22 days until the Dayton Hamvention!"

CQ CQ CQ Calling all Dayton Hamventioners! Time to hop aboard the Dayton CQ Plane. This year we've made special arrangements with an unregulated Caribbean air carrier to pick us up at Greater Kankakee Airport and fly us to Dayton. Since the plane is old and the pilot has limited time in it, the fare is very low...only \$45 round trip...and you will be required to sign a waiver. But it's a great deal...get your reservation in NOW!

By AK9F Adventure Charters, L.L.C.
(and we do mean "Limited!")



Here's K9CS, AK9F and KB9PEA inviting you to fly in style! (But will it get off the ground???)

FREE TOWER

Free for the taking: approximately 35-40 foot hinged base tower.

Tower is presently standing in Ashkum. If you wish to acquire said tower, you must take it down and transport it yourself.

No details on condition or manufacturer.

For information, call the owner, Jerry Alberts at: 815-698-2444

KARS BOARD MEETING

The KARS May board meeting will be held in the banquet room of El Campesino Mexican restaurant on May 15th. All KARS members and spouses are welcome to attend.

Eat at 6:00. Meet at 7:00

Location of the June board meeting to be announced at May meeting.

KARS HISTORY BYTES

By Bill W9VQC

The 1954 Field Day was held at the farm of Beryl Dassow, W9HKA.

A licensing committee was formed to administer Novice and Technician tests.

A transmitter hunt was held on September 18, 1954. The Iroquois Club was invited to participate.

At the October 6, 1954 meeting Beryl Dassow, W9HKA assumed the duties as president.

Monthly drills were begun for the purpose of improving message handling.

It was mentioned at the December 1954 meeting that Wayne Fanyo, W9FRN had been killed in an airplane crash in California.

A program on amateur radio was presented to Boy Scout Troop #100 of St. Patrick's Church during March 1955 and a letter of appreciation and gratitude was received from the Troop Chairman.

The Kankakee Area Amateur Radio Society, as it was called in 1956, began to obtain quite a lot of newspaper publicity about this period.

Bill Williams, W9VQC was President in 1956.

DXTRA!

Dxpedition news

3B6 - Wojtek, SP9PT has had to drop out of the group of operators who will be active from Agalega in June [425DXN 829]. The team now includes SP9MRO, SP5BFX, SP3MGM, SP6EQZ, SP3RBR, SP9SX and SP5XVY.

They will leave Poland on 28 May and expect to be on the island for 12-15 days starting around 6 June. QSL via SP9SX. Updates will be posted at: <http://3b6.godx.eu/>

9H - Ralph, DL9MWG will be active as 9H3RT from Malta (EU-023) from 28 April through 11 May. Activity will be on the HF bands mainly on CW. QSL via DL9MWG. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

9M2 - Gerben, PG5M (<http://www.dx.to>) will be active as 9M2/PG5M from Pulau Layang Layang, Spratly Islands (AS-051) until 23 April. He will operate CW only on 10-40 meters, with a vertical antenna and possibly a G5RV dipole. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. He will start answering cards (including those for other 9M2 contacts from West Malaysian islands) by the middle of the year, when he returns to the Netherlands. [TNX PG5M]

9N - Nob/JA2AAU, Yoshi/JA2AIC and Iku/JA2ATE will be active as 9N7AU, 9N7IC and 9N7TE respectively from Kathmandu, Nepal on 10-15 May. They plan to operate SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31 on 10-40 metres. QSL via home calls. [TNX JA1ELY]