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ARES LAPTOPS AND NOMINATIONS AT NOV. MEETING

Nominations for 2008 officers will be accepted at the November meeting

The next KARS general meeting will be at 7PM on Tuesday, November 6th at the public meeting room at St. Mary's Hospital. After the usual business meeting, John, K9BYT will be giving a presentation on the new ARES laptops and the capabilities they will add to Emergency Communications. Topics will include PSK31, RTTY, File Transfer Encoder and more.

Copies of the software used will be made available to those who would like to install it on their own computers.

KARS BOARD MEETING

The KARS November board meeting will be held in the banquet room of El Campesino Mexican restaurant on November 13th.

Note that this is one week earlier than usual!

All KARS members and spouses are welcome to attend.

Eat at 6:00. Meet at 7:00

NCS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 5th	KC9FAV
Nov 12th	KE9MG
Nov 19th	WD9AYI
Nov 26th	WD9FYF

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

KA9FRQ SILENT KEY

It is with much sadness that we report the passing of KARS member Oran, KA9FRQ.



Pete NI9H and Will K9FO in action at the annual KARS October Auction

KARS KALENDAR

Nov 3-5.....ARRL CW Sweepstakes
Nov 6.....KARS General Meeting
Nov 13.....KARS Board Meeting
Nov 17-19.....ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
Nov 24-25.....CQWW CW DX Contest
Nov 30-Dec 2...ARRL CW 160 Contest
Dec 8-9.....ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Dec 11.....KARS General Meeting
Dec 18.....KARS Board Meeting
Dec 29-30.....Stew Perry 160 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

NEW MEETING DATES!

Take note of the following one time only changes in KARS November board meeting and KARS December general meeting.

The November board meeting date has been moved up one week to November 13th. Also, the December general meeting has been moved to December 11th or one week later than normal.

The changes are for these dates only. All future meeting dates will be the normal first and third Tuesdays of the month.

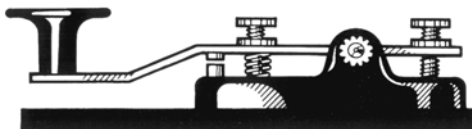
UPCOMING DXPEDITION

By Carl K9CS

Shortly before Thanksgiving, Howard, AK9F, Will, K9FO, Don, K9NR, and Carl, K9CS will join Larry, K3VX, and Lee, K7NM on a trip to the Caribbean island of Montserrat. The group plans to be on the air from Nov 20 through Dec 3, with some time out for sightseeing.

While on the island, our callsigns will be: VP2MFO Will, VP2MLB Lee, VP2MNR Don, VP2MSC Carl, VP2MVX Larry, and VP2MW Howard.

Prior to leaving, we will announce times and frequencies when we will listen for anyone in the Kankakee area who might want to work us.



W9AZ

Did you send in a couple of paragraphs for the newsletter? If not, why not? Our club journal is as good as we all make it!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE

HAMS IN THE NEWS

FROM THE CHICAGO DAILY CALUMET
NEWSPAPER AUGUST 17, 1961

By Paul W9IEY

"I want to tell the world about my hometown."

Such is the noble intention of radio ham operator Paul T. Kwiatkowski, 23, of 8732 Marquette, an electrical engineering student at Illinois Institute of Technology.

Kwiatkowski's intentions came to light in a letter to Gen. James Hilton, general chairman of the steering committee for the 125th anniversary celebration of South Chicago.

In his letter he wrote:

"I have read about the planned South Chicago 125th anniversary celebration. I would like to do my part.

In the process of pursuing my hobby—amateur radio—I have been asked many times about numerous details of history and points of interest in our community.

I'm sure that many other people across the United States would be very interested in hearing of the points of interest of our community life which has such a great variety. Discussing our inland seaport, tourist attractions and the like would be of great benefit toward a better understanding of the facilities we have to offer.

I would like to request any information which would help one to better understand the 125-year growth of South Chicago."

A Bowen High School graduate, he Kwiatkowski told The Chicago Daily Calumet during an interview, "You'd be surprised about some of the questions I'm asked about South Chicago. Other ham operators are always bragging about their hometowns. Well, I would like to brag about South Chicago."

A ham operator since 1954, Kwiatkowski claims he has one of the largest sending and receiving stations, W9IEY, in the city.

Kwiatkowski, who strongly dislikes talking about radio and electronic equipment, said he is more concerned with meeting people via the radio waves than talking about his equipment.

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PAUL KWIATKOWSKI
Converses With World

A Young version of Paul W9IEY as he appeared in the August 17, 1961 edition of the Chicago Daily Calumet

"Not long ago I was talking with a fellow operator in Mexico. At first he was afraid to talk to me. He had been watching the 'Untouchables' on television and thought all this was true. He actually believed that all we did in Chicago was shoot people on the street.

"He told me he would be afraid to live here. I tried to show him the fallacy in his belief, but I have to admit he was a very hard person to sell."

He continued, "I would to paint a better picture of our town and I need facts to do it. Not that I want to distort things, all I want to do is to point out our better points such as education, production and facilities."

"We have a great deal to be proud of here in South Chicago and I want to tell the world about it."

Kwiatkowski, who operates his station at 3:30 AM, said he has a file on 1,221 different operators throughout the world.

He added that many of these people are very interested in knowing about his hometown.



Greg, WR9L, stationed at Riverside Hospital emergency room, passes a message to the EOC during the emergency drill on October 20th.

EMERGENCY DRILL

A note from the ARES Coordinator:

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the emergency exercise on Oct 20. Our efforts are not going unnoticed. A special thank you goes to:

K9BAC, K9QT, W9RL, AK9F and WD9FYF for sacrificing their Saturday morning for the benefit of the community. Thank you is also in order for the additional check-ins which brought our total count to 20 participants.

I am proud of the relationships we have established in the community and it would not have happened without all of your support.

Again, Thank you.

John - K9BYT

KARS MEMBERS ATTEND NWS OPEN HOUSE

When the National Weather Service held an open house at it's headquarters in Romeoville in October, KARS members K9CS, W9LIZ, K9QT and K9NR attended.

Pictures of the event are on page 3.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov 3	KC9FAV
Nov 8	KC6FJO
Nov 12	N9IO
Nov 20	AI9L

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



Eager bidders await the start of the annual KARS auction at the October meeting



Conducting business at the October KARS Meeting



KARS Officers
Treasurer...Francis KE9MG
President...John WD9AYI
Vice President...Don K9NR
Secretary...Greg WR9L



The National Weather Service Headquarters in Romeoville



The state-of-the-art Doppler weather radar antenna



An NWS meteorologist explains the workings of one of the main control room positions where weather predictions and warnings are originated



Don, K9NR stands outside the well equipped Will County Incident Command Vehicle



Phil, NW9V discusses the importance of the KARS .34/.94 repeater to the NWS



Billie K9QT at the WX9LOT operating position in the main NWS control room