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WELCOME TO HAM RADIO NIGHT

The next KARS general meeting will be at 7PM on March 4th in the public meeting room at St. Mary's Hospital.

The meeting topic will be a round table discussion of operating specialties for the new hams to introduce them to ham radio. Discussions will center around welcoming the newly licensed to Ham radio, inviting them to join KARS, discussing operating in different modes and the correct manner in which to operate in each mode.

See you at the meeting.

73.....John WD9AYI

KARS BOARD MEETING

The KARS March board meeting will be held in the banquet room of El Campesino Mexican restaurant on March 18th.

All KARS members and spouses are welcome to attend.

Eat at 6:00. Meet at 7:00



No....Not Big Foot

Don, K9NR straddles the Prime Meridian line (Zero degrees longitude), in Greenwich England. What's this? According to Don's GPS, the line is actually 5.4 seconds off. Couldn't be his GPS!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 2 W9IEY
March 15 W1ZZL
March 18 KB9PXB

February 14 K9BAC (sorry we missed you in the last newsletter)

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



John K9BYT, Emergency Coordinator gives emergency preparedness presentation at February meeting. Read highlights of presentation on page 2

KARS KALENDAR

Mar 1-2.....ARRL Inter. DX Contest SSB
Mar 4.....KARS General Meeting
Mar 9.....N A Sprint RTTY
Mar 9.....Sterling-Rock falls Hamfest
Mar 18.....KARS Board Meeting
Mar 29-30.....CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB
April 1.....KARS General Meeting
April 15.....KARS Board Meeting

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access

449.8/444.8 114.8 PL Access

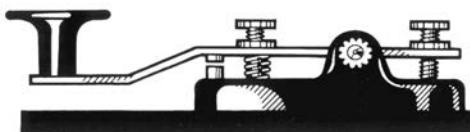
Also, co-sponsors:

145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 Wide Area APRS digi-peater

145.53 KARS DX Cluster



W9AZ

TEST SESSION RESULTS

by Carl K9CS

On February 21, 2008 a testing session was held at the Kankakee County EOC.

Fourteen people took tests, including eleven who completed the Technician class recently held at the EOC.

Passing Element 2 and qualifying for Technician Class licenses were: Clinton Yale KC9MZT, Mark Thieson KC9MZR, Dean Lohrbach KC9MZQ, and Michael Lambert KC9MZO, all from Bourbonnais; Rodney Pena KC9MZM from Bradley; Daney Ferguson KC9MZS from Kankakee; Franklin Lohrbach KC9MZP from Peotone; Susan Neukomm KC9MZN from Chebanse; and Gerhardt Schultz KC9MZL from Mokense.

Upgrading to General were John McGarey, K9BYT, from Kankakee and Troy Simpson, W9KVR, from Watseka.

Participating Volunteer Examiners were Bob, N9TJC, Greg, WR9L, Clay, N9IO, Sam, W9QKF, and Carl, K9CS.

NET CONTROL STATIONS

March 03 KC9FAV

March 10 K9BYT

March 17 K9NR

March 24 KE9MG

March 31 N9LYE

Don't forget the net!

Mondays at 2100 hrs. local time



**Atomic clock in Greenwich. The place where GMT gets its name
Don K9NR and Sheri M0FZZ (KF9IK) visited the site where it all began**

KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE

NICE ADVICE

Recently in an e-mail at work (Silver Cross Hospital), our emergency dept raised awareness to a movement international in scope that may one day save your life or that of a loved one. Emergency caregivers of any country, state or city are very aware of this!

I would like to present this information to the attention of the world wide amateur radio community on behalf of the Kankakee Area Radio Society.

Below is the content of the e-mail. Get **ICED**, it may save your life:

Sincerely,

Clay Melhorn

N9IO KARS Web Master

"Whether at the scene of an accident or at the hospital, one of the difficulties long faced by emergency personnel is how to locate next of kin (or obtain other necessary information about) a patient who is unconscious, dead, or unable to respond to questions. Statistics show that 75% of people carry no details of who they would want contacted. Almost everyone has a cell phone. But who do you call? There are many names in the directory but is that the person you would want notified? Do they know your medical history? Responders and rescue personnel need to know about any medical conditions that could effect your emergency treatment, including allergies and current medications. You can make their job easier by adding an entry in the contacts list in your cell phone under the label **ICE** (In Case of Emergency) with the name and phone numbers of people that should be called in case of an accident or injury. Simply put the acronym **ICE** before the names you want to designate as key contacts or next of kin, creating entries such as **ICE1**, **ICE2**, and **ICE3**, etc. Make sure you choose a number that is easy to get in touch with - a home number could be useless if the person works full time.

It takes a few seconds, so do it today

If you are under 18, your **ICE** contact should be your mother, father or an immediate member of your family authorized to make decisions on your behalf

if admission to a hospital would be necessary.

Cell phones have become a regular accessory for the millions of Americans, partly because of their value in an emergency. Storing an **ICE** number could turn your phone into a lifeline in a time of crisis. It only takes a few seconds, so do it today-!!"

HAM RADIO ETIQUETTE AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS

The following information was taken directly from the slides presented by John K9BYT, Emergency Coordinator, at the last KARS meeting.

Errors to avoid

- If you're not sure you should transmit, don't.
- Don't ever break into a disaster net just to inform the control station you are there if needed.
- Avoid initiating disaster or emergency traffic. (Let the served agency request it.)
- Do not "broadcast".

Habits to avoid (or break)

- Thinking aloud on the air: ("Ahhh, let me see. Hmm. Well, you know, if...")
- On-air arguments or criticism
- Rambling commentaries
- Shouting into your microphone
- "Cute" phonetics
- Identifying every time you key or un-key the mic
- Using "10" codes, Q-signals on phone, or anything other than "plain language"
- Speaking without planning your message in advance
- Talking just to pass the time.

EMERGENCY WEB SITES

www.emergencyemail.org

Emergency Messages, Amber Alerts, Weather Warnings, Etc

www.sheriffalert.com

Kankakee Specific Warnings
School and Business Closings Coming Soon

www.weather.gov/lot

Chicago Office of The National Weather Service

EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

When a policeman or fireman receives an emergency call: To you it is an emergency, but to the policeman or fireman it is his job. He cannot rush or hurry because he has to do his job and do it purposefully and correctly.

From the ARRL

"Hams who behave emotionally, are overzealous in offering their services or in describing their abilities or who abuse the established limits of their authority are doing the amateur fraternity a real disservice."

Jump Kit Contents

These are items you may find useful to have ready to go on short notice. This is not an exhaustive list, but a starting point to help you think about what you might want in your kit.

- Handheld dual-band radio
- Spare rechargeable batteries for handheld
- Speaker mic and earphone for handheld
- Battery chargers, AC and DC for handheld
- Mobile dual-band radio
- AC power supplies for VHF/UHF mobile and HF radios, accessories
- Large battery source for VHF/UHF mobile and HF radios, with charger
- All related power, data, audio, and RF cables and adapters
- Small repair kit: hand tools, multi-meter, connectors, adapters, fuses, key parts
- Materials for improvisation: wire, connectors, small parts, insulators, duct tape, etc.
- Photocopies of manuals for all equipment
- Headphones, for noisy areas and privacy with proper connector, adapters
- Multi-band scanner, weather radio
- Personal cell phone, pager, spare batteries and chargers
- Pencils, legal pads, pencil sharpener
- Copy of local ARES emergency plan
- Copy of emergency contact list

73.....John K9BYT