



# KARS KEY KLICKS

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## RADIOSPORT AT THE NOVEMBER KARS MEETING

The next KARS general meeting will be at 7PM on Tuesday, November 4th. Our usual meeting venue, the public meeting room at St. Mary's Hospital, is scheduled to be a polling place. However, the hospital has promised us a meeting room, probably downstairs. A brief business meeting will be held followed by a great program on amateur radio contesting...including a DVD!

This is, of course, contest season with Sweepstakes (CW & SSB), CQWW DX (CW & SSB), ARRL 160, ARRL 10, Stew Perry Topband Challenge. And that doesn't include the many contests during the winter season.

A fantastic way to have a ton of fun, work on your WAS, WAC and your DXCC.

Attend the November meeting and join in the fun.

### NOMINATIONS

Its time to nominate the 2009 KARS slate. Nominations will be entertained at the November KARS meeting.

Give some thought to whom you'd like to see run for a club office. Better yet, throw your hat in the ring. Perhaps you would like to run for Vice-President...K9NR indicated that he was planning on stepping down.

Vote early, vote often...the Chicago way!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

If we miss your birthday or get it wrong, please let us know!



Master auctioneers Dan WA9WAQ and Will K9FO ganged up on KARS members at the annual October auction

### KARS KALENDAR

November 1-3.....ARRL CW Sweepstakes  
November 4.....KARS General Meeting  
November 8-9.....WAE DX RTTY Contest  
November 13.....Exam Session—EOC  
November 15-17..ARRL SSB Sweepstakes  
November 18.....KARS Board Meeting  
November 29-30...CQWW DX CW Contest  
December 2.....KARS General Meeting  
December 5-7.....ARRL 160 Contest  
December 13-14.....ARRL 10 Contest  
December 16.....KARS Board Meeting  
December 27-28.....Stew Perry Topband

*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**



### EXAM SESSION

In a couple of weeks at the end of our ongoing technician licensing class we will hold a VE Test Session that will also be open to the general public. Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 13th, 6pm at the Kankakee County EOC located at the Kankakee County Sheriff's complex at 3000 Justice Way in Kankakee, IL.

Directions:

I-57 to Exit 308, go South, turn left at sign "Kankakee Co Sheriff's Complex", turn left at 5000 E Rd to end at Justice Way.

From Downtown: Schuyler south across I-57, turn left at sign "Kankakee Co Sheriff's Complex", turn left at 5000 E Rd to end at Justice Way.

A Google map is available on the KARS web site at <http://www.w9az.com>

The ARRL VEC Test Fee for 2008 is \$14.00

Make check payable to ARRL/VEC.

Please be aware you must produce two forms of positive ID including photo ID, i.e. driver's license.

Test session contact person is Carl Schroeder K9CS (815) 473-4263.

### NCS FOR NOVEMBER

November 3 KC9FAV  
November 10 KE9MG  
November 17 K9BYT  
November 24 N9LYE

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

Don't forget the net!

# It's Contest Season!



## KARS HOMEPAGE— [WWW.W9AZ.COM](http://WWW.W9AZ.COM) —KARS HOMEPAGE

Below is an exciting montage of photos from the October KARS meeting featuring the ever popular auction and scenes from the last transmitter hunt which was coordinated with the county emergency exercise.



Auctioneer Dan WA9WAQ, showing how it's done in the big time



Dan cranks up the heat as Bill N9OE and Greg WR9L unknowingly make major purchases!



Will K9FO (a.k.a. Sherlock Ham (note the dual hats)) places a bid during a moment of frenzied activity.



John N9LYE stares intently at his auction acquisition while mumbling incoherently. One can only wonder what he is thinking!



KARS members check out the goodies.



Clay N9IO was quoted as saying: "You can go broke scratching your nose at a KARS auction."



A gathering of hunters at the KARS fox hunt which was held in conjunction with the county emergency drill.



The fox! John N9LYE



The hunters and fox Paul W9IEY gather at the end of the September 13th foxhunt.