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BANQUET REPLACES FEBRUARY MEETING

In lieu of the monthly meeting we will be gathering at the annual KARS Banquet on Saturday the 7th at the Brickstone Brewery in Bourbonnais!

There will be door prizes, appetizers and excellent food. It is always a great time and the new venue is particularly nice.

All KARS members and a guest are invited. As we go to print, most members have already reserved. If you have not, it is imperative that you call Francis KE9MG by Monday, Jan. 19th to get make your reservation. For menu details, see the column on the right.

KARS next general meeting will be held March 3rd at St. Mary's Hospital.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The March program will feature:

"Logbook of the World"

We have scheduled a primer on how to setup, upload and manage an LOTW account. New hams in particular will find LOTW a very useful utility to obtain confirmations for their Worked All States, DXCC and other awards. We will also discuss logging programs.

Be sure to attend!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 7th	N9IOQ
January 17th	WD9FYF
January 20th	K9XM
January 25th	W9LIZ
February 4th	K9QT
February 14th	K9BAC
February 15th	NI9H

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



Duane KB9ZQU shows off his impeccably built "Tuna Tin Special" QRP transmitter at the January KARS meeting

KARS KALENDAR

January 17-18.....NA QSO Party SSB
January 17-19.....ARRL VHF Sweepstakes
January 20.....KARS Board Meeting
January 23-25.....CQWW 160 CW Contest
February 3rd.....KARS General Meeting
February 7th.....KARS Annual Banquet
February 14-15.....CQWW WPX RTTY
February 17th.....KARS Board Meeting
February 21-22.....ARRL DX CW
February 21-22.....NA QSO Party RTTY
February 27-March 1st.....CQWW 160 SSB

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94 **107.2 PL Access**

449.8/444.8 **114.8 PL Access**

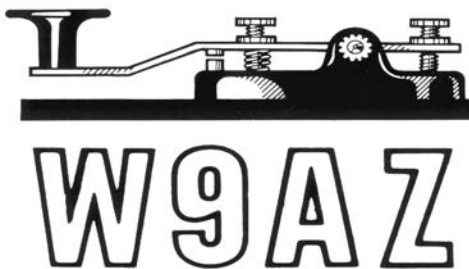
Also, co-sponsors:

145.130 **107.2 PL Access**

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 **Wide Area APRS digi-peater**

145.53 **KARS DX Cluster**



KARS WINTER BANQUET

The annual KARS winter banquet will be held on Saturday, February 7th at 6PM. Note, this year there is a change in venue.

The banquet will be held in the semi-private room at the Brickstone Restaurant and Brewery on Latham Drive in Bourbonnais. The Brickstone has an elegant atmosphere and excellent food.

MENU

Prime Rib	\$17.99
Chicken Amore	\$14.99
1/2 Slab BBQ Ribs	\$14.99
Atlantic Salmon	\$14.99
Pasta Bella	\$14.99

All the above include a garden salad
The club will spring for appetizer trays.

It is necessary that you reserve ASAP to insure your meal. Send your check to Francis KE9MG at 326 S. Douglas Avenue, Bradley, IL 60915 or give it to him in person at one of the meetings.

Take your Saturday night bath, put on your "Sunday-go-to-meeting-duds" and join us at the Brickstone Brewery!

2009 Dues are Due!

NCS FOR FEBRUARY

February 2nd	KC9FAV
February 9th	N9LYE
February 16th	K9NR
February 23rd	KE9MG

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!

Nearly all KARS members are ARRL members...you should be too!

See you at the Annual KARS Banquet!

More great photos of KARS members doing what they do best...have fun!



A closeup shot of Duane KB9ZQU's "Tuna Tin Special" QRP transmitter. You can still homebrew a rig to work the world!
Nice work Duane!



I know the QSL Bureau can be slow but 50 years! Believe it! Carl K9CS just recently received the above QSL...50 years after the QSO! The date was November 16, 1958! One for the record books?



Sheri KF9IK/M0SLA on a visit from the UK (England) operates the K9NR/K9QT station in the RTTY Roundup to contribute to the SMC effort. Sheri has always enjoyed contesting.



Howard AK9F, Ken W9YNI and Will K9FO are "fascinated" by Don K9NR's January program on DXing. Apparently, they don't let them stay up too late at the "home!"

KARS members demonstrate how to enjoy a safe, low key New Years Eve.

An informal gathering at El Campesino's Mexican Restaurant at 6PM...two or three hours of good food & good company!

Don K9NR made reservations for 12 and over 30 showed up!

All went well and everyone had a great time!



A partial view of the KARS News Years Eve dinner at El Campesino



A view from the other end!



Brian KC9FAV, Harry WD9FYF and his XYL at one of the "overflow" tables



New KARS officers? Not yet! Future hams discuss highly technical issues regarding their favorite crayons