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LOADS OF PICTURES IN THIS NEWSLETTER

The next KARS meeting will be held on February 1st in the Public Meeting room at St. Mary Hospital. At press time, the topic for the evening's program has not been announced. Check in to the Monday night net for an update.

KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET

The annual KARS winter banquet was held on January 22nd at Brickstone Brewery. Check out the pictures on page 3

BOARD MEETING

The next KARS board meeting will be held in the banquet room of El Campesino Mexican restaurant on February 15th.

All KARS members and spouses are welcome to attend.

Eat at 6:00. Meet at 7:00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 3 K9XI
February 4 K9QT
February 8 KM9Z
February 14 KC9QXV, K9BAC
February 15 N19H
February 20 N9LYE

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

NCS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb 7 KC9FAV
Feb 14 N9LYE
Feb 21 N9OE
Feb 28 KC9QPM

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



Don K9NR, Howard AK9F and Carl K9CS at KARS New Years party.
See more pictures on pp. 2-3.

KARS KALENDAR

Feb 1.....KARS General Meeting
Feb 12-13.....CQ World Wide WPX RTTY
Feb 15.....KARS Board Meeting
Feb 19-20.....ARRL International DX CW
Feb 25-27.....CQ 160 Meter SSB
Feb 26-27.....NAQP RTTY
March 1.....KARS General Meeting
March 5-6.....ARRL International DX SSB
March 6.....Sterling Hamfest
March 13.....NA Sprint RTTY
March 15.....KARS Board Meeting
March 19-21.....BARTG RTTY
March 26-27.....CQ World Wide WPX SSB

*The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates
repeaters on:*

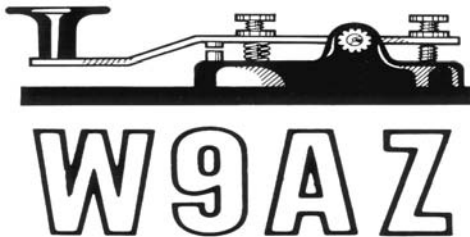
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Also, co-sponsors:

145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters
145.53 KARS DX Cluster



SOUTH ORKNEY DXPEDITION

Local hams brave the cold and turbulent Antarctic seas to participate in the dxpedition to this much sought after entity.

KARS member Jerry WB9Z and Ralph K9ZO from Bloomington have safely arrived and are currently QRV. You can read about all the operators at the following website:

<http://www.vp8o.com/vp8ops.html>

The home page for South Orkney:

<http://www.vp8o.com/index.html>

They plan to be on several bands so check out their homepage and keep tuned in to the DX cluster to track their operating times and frequencies.

Check on-line here to see if you are in the VP8ORK log at

<http://www.vp8o.com/vp8log.html>

SEVERE WEATHER SEMINAR

Kankakee County severe weather, weather spotter program will be held on March 8th at 7:00 P.M. in the Kankakee Community College auditorium. Be sure to attend if you haven't been there in a couple of years to get your credentials as a weather spotter updated. It doesn't hurt to attend every year, to become reacquainted with pertinent criteria which should be reported, as well as those things which do not need to be reported.

ARTICLES NEEDED

KARS newsletter is only as good as the articles submitted by KARS members. Let us know what you are up to. Send a picture of your shack, a few words about your latest ham related activities.....etc.....

A KARS Picture is worth 1000 words!

KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE

PETE NI9H SHACK



To quote Pete, "2 more cables to make then....SMOKE TEST!"

COOL WEBSITE SUGGESTED BY JOHN K9KOC

The High frequency Active Auroral research Program

[Click here: HAARP Home Page](#)

The HAARP Ionospheric Research facility will be a major Arctic facility for conducting upper atmospheric research. The facility will consist of two essential parts:

1. A high power transmitter and antenna array operating in the High Frequency (HF) range. The transmitter is capable of delivering up to 3.6 million Watts to an antenna system consisting of 180 crossed dipole antennas arranged as a rectangular, planar array.

2. A complete and extensive set of [scientific instruments](#) for observation of both the background auroral ionosphere and of the effects produced during active research using the transmitter system. Output from these instruments is readily available worldwide in near real time over the internet.

ANTENNA PARTIES AT K9NR QTH

KARS members are a great group who are always ready to help one another. On a cold winter day, Don K9NR looked up to see his antennas spinning in the wind. It was obvious that the rotor's brake was not performing as it should. Unable to climb the tower, due to recent surgery, fellow KARS members came to the rescue. The group returned to help run a beverage antenna.



John N9LYE rigged up in climbing harness tackles the errant rotor and locks the antennas in place



Ground crew consisted of Bill N9OE, Rollie N9RJM, Pete NI9H and Don KC9QPM



Kevin KC9QXV says to Rollie N9RJM, "You're holding the sledge hammer upside down."



The group heads out to the field to pound supports and ground rods, and string up the antenna.

KARS NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER SEE PICTURES BELOW AND ON PAGE 3



MORE KARS NEW YEARS PICTURES



KARS BANQUET

With over 40 people, the KARS banquet was once again well attended. KARS provided tasty appetizers to sample before the meals arrived and door prizes to round out the evening.

