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KARSFEST PLANS AT JULY MEETING

The next KARS meeting will be Tuesday, July 5th, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital. After a short business meeting, there will be a program featuring the magic mode of CW!

If you're an old hand at CW operation or are anxious to learn, this is the meeting for you. KARS has some outstanding CW ops on its membership roster.

There will be an array of keys, paddles, keyers and software on display. Also, a brief practice session to demonstrate how easy it is to learn the Morse Code.

See you there!



Planning Field Day 2011 at the June KARS meeting

KARSFEST 2011

Final plans for KARSFEST 2011 will be worked out at the July meeting. This is the biggest KARS event of the year and the largest fund raising function.

The proceeds from the hamfest pay the lions share of the clubs yearly expenses. We simply could not afford the repeaters and many activities without this most important event.

Consequently, it is imperative that all KARS members help out in putting on this "Best in the Midwest" show!

Please bear in mind that without a successful hamfest, it would be necessary to raise membership dues substantially!

We need help Saturday evening setting up the tables. On Sunday, we need LOTS of help. Try to arrive by 5:45AM. If you absolutely cannot show up until later, we still need your help. See you at the July meeting and at KARSFEST 2011 !!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 2	N9FD	July 6	KC9ELW
July 8	AF9H	July 10	K9SAT
July 10	WC9B	July 11	KC9DEP
July 13	K9UNO	July 17	KK9R
July 18	KE9MG	July 20	NV9X
July 23	N9OKX	July 24	KX9J
July 25	N9REG	July 25	KB9VR

Let us know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.

KARS KALENDAR

July 5.....KARS General Meeting
July 9-10.....IARU HF World Championship
July 10.....Fox River Hamfest
July 16-17.....CQWW VHF Contest
July 16-17.....NA QSO PARTY RTTY
July 17.....**KARSFEST!**
July 19.....KARS Board Meeting
August 2.....KARS General Meeting
August 6-7.....NA QSO PARTY CW
August 7.....Hamfesters Hamfest
August 13.....ZO-fest
August 16.....KARS Board Meeting
August 20-21.....NA QSO PARTY SSB
August 20-21.....SARTG WW RTTY Contest

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94 **107.2 PL Access**

449.8/444.8 **114.8 PL Access**

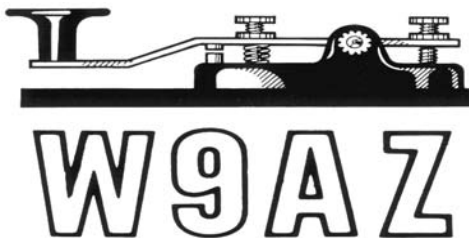
Also, co-sponsors:

145.130 **107.2 PL Access**

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 **Wide Area APRS digi-peater**

145.53 **KARS DX Cluster**



KARSFEST FORUM PROGRAMS

Two forums are planned for KARS 28th ANNUAL HAMFEST

1. YOUTH AND AMATEUR RADIO IN THE CLASSROOM:

The Story of the W9GRS Amateur Radio Station

Presenter - Troy J. Simpson (W9KVR).

8th grade Earth Science teacher Troy Simpson will talk about the Amateur Radio Club station and student program at Glenn Raymond School in Watseka, IL.

The school was awarded an ARRL Stations in Schools Grant in 2008.

Specifically Troy will share his experiences of helping the students at Glenn Raymond School get on air and involved in various aspects of amateur radio. Topics will include how the school got started in radio, the challenges of getting on air, student licensing, local Amateur Radio Club involvement, contesting, and the sweet success of students earning their tickets, and making that rare DX QSO!

Students are earning their tickets, Troy will speak on the experience.

Troy asks if you hear W9GRS, followed by a few other "9" calls, it maybe some of his students trying to pick up a new one!

2. FLEX RADIO A Flex operator's Perspective

By Ken Buser W9YNI (now W9IE)

SDR fundamentals and operating the FLEX. Ken will also describe his "beefed up" Flex-5000 with a 6-Core AMD powerhouse.

Forum times will be made available shortly on the web site at:

<http://www.w9az.com/karsfest.html>

See you at KARSFEST 2011

73' Clay N9IO

NCS FOR JULY

July 4	KC9FAV
July 11	N9LYE
July 18	N9FD
July 25	WD9FYF

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time. *Don't forget the net!*

*******KARSFEST JULY 17*******

KARS FIELD DAY 2011



Some of the KARS FD crew standing by for the "Greatest spectacle in Ham Radio!"



Erection of the 20 Moxon antenna...new this year at KARS Field Day operation



Will K9FO and others working on the successful natural power source contact



Don KC9QPM brought out a mascot for KARS FD...a very young coyote pup.



Howard AK9F fills the log on 40 meter CW



Greg WR9L offering moral support



Rollie N9RJM and Howard AK9F plan operations in the 40 meter station...Rollie's RV!



Master steak chef Will K9FO busy at the grills cooking the worlds greatest steaks



Pete NI9H and Bob N9MBR sharing profound thoughts about KARS Field Day 2011