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STORM SPOTTERS & NWS PLANS AT FEBRUARY MEETING

The next KARS meeting will be held on February 7th in the Board Room located in the basement of St. Mary's Hospital. Take the Main Entrance to the East Elevators, go to the basement and follow overhead signs to Human Resources –or– take the West Entrance below the Emergency Room, proceed past the Wound Healing Services area and follow overhead signs to Human Resources. This is actually the closest route, especially if the main parking lot is full.

Harry WD9FYF will present a program regarding storm spotter activities and what the NWS would like to implement. Check in to the Monday night net for an update.

BOARD MEETING

The next KARS board meeting will be held on Feb. 21. Location to be announced at General meeting.

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 NI9H
February 20 N9LYE

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

NCS FOR FEBRUARY

Don't forget the net!

Mondays at 2100 hrs. local time

February 6 N9LYE
February 13 K9NR
February 20 N9OE
February 27 N9FD



KARS President Bill N9OE welcomes everyone to the annual banquet

KARS KALENDAR

Feb 7.....KARS General Meeting
Feb 11-12.....CQ World Wide WPX RTTY
Feb 21.....KARS Board Meeting
Feb 18-19.....ARRL International DX CW
Feb 24-26.....CQ 160 Meter SSB
Feb 25-26.....NAQP RTTY
March 6.....KARS General Meeting
March 3-4.....ARRL International DX SSB
March 4.....Sterling Hamfest
March 11.....NA Sprint RTTY
March 20.....KARS Board Meeting
March 21.....NWS Severe Weather Seminar
March 17-19.....BARTG RTTY
March 24-25.....CQ World Wide WPX SSB

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access

449.8/444.8 114.8 PL Access

145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters

145.53 KARS DX Cluster

DXPEDITION TO MALPELO

The operation from Malpelo Island, using the call HKONA, is in full swing. Several KARS members have already made many contacts with crew down there.

The international team of 16 will operate till February 5/6 on all bands and modes from 160 through 6 meters.

Of particular interest is that one of the operators is KARS member Jerry Rosalius WB9Z. Be sure to say a quick hi to Jerry if you hear him at the mic.

Reports are that this will be the last operation from Malpelo Island for a long time so be sure to work them while you can!

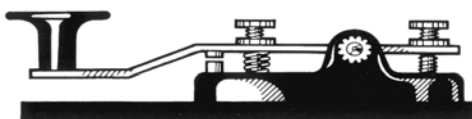
SEVERE WEATHER SEMINAR

Kankakee County severe weather spotter program, presented by the National Weather Service, will be held on March 21st at 7:00PM 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 us a picture and/or a few words.

KARS is an ARRL Special Service Club. You're ARRL membership is current isn't it?



W9AZ

It's time to plan your Dayton agenda!

KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE

SERIOUS THREAT TO THE AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE IN ILLINOIS

Some of you may be aware of bills HB3970 and HB3972 presently before the Illinois General Assembly.

They are ostensibly about outlawing "distracted driving." On the surface this seems to be a noble pursuit. However, ignoring for the moment the gross incompetence of our present federal and state politicians, it is a clumsily written piece of legislature that cuts a broad swath, potentially making almost any form of mobile communications illegal.

It is draconian lawmaking that removes even more of our civil liberties and will likely have little effect on mobile texting while making honest citizens lawbreakers.

Protect your civil rights and insure your right to operate mobile. Contact your **state** representative and senator today!

Use the following link to get their name, address and phone number:

<http://www.elections.illinois.gov/DistrictLocator/DistrictOfficialSearchByAddress.aspx>

Remember, emails don't work with politicians. You must phone or write to be heard! Tell them that the Illinois Secretary of State recognizes Amateur Radio Operators with special license plates for "*assistance to countless victims of accidents, disasters and other mishaps by providing a vital communications link to emergency services.*"

NEW GOOGLE SITE

By John K9BYT

Google has just announced a new web-based app that displays current public alerts such as earthquake, flooding and other weather-related notifications:

<http://www.google.org/publicalerts>

Or for Kankakee, specific:

<http://www.google.org/publicalerts/?hl=en&gl=US#q&v=41.905541,-86.040049,40.454464,-89.610606&z=9>

A great site for the up and coming storm season!

LOTW & CQ AWARDS

The ARRL has announced that Logbook Of The World will soon be handling CQ Magazine awards such as the WAZ or Worked All Zones award.

Presently, only ARRL awards such as the DXCC, WAS or VUCC awards are verified via LOTW. Many operators have been looking forward to this latest enhancement to acquire or update their WAZ award.

The ARRL hopes to have all the necessary changes in place by April 1st.

If you are not yet set up with LOTW, now is the time to do it!

KARS ELECTION RESULTS

The final KARS 2012 election of officers was held at the annual banquet. The results were:

Bill Dau N9OE	President
Harry Seyfert WD9FYF	Vice President
Bob Nemitz K9SAT	Secretary
Francis Giguere KE9MG	Treasurer
Paul Kwiatkowski W9IEY	Board
Pete Nikolic N19H	Board
Carl Schroeder K9CS	Board
Don Elmore KC9QPM	Board
John Norton N9LYE	Board

Several other members who are key committee chairmen also serve as board members as needed.

SOME GREAT PICS OF THE ANNUAL KARS BANQUET



Where's the food?



Did you see the door prizes?



Wish he'd pass that menu down this way



I told you that shirt would clash with the wallpaper!



A view to the right



And a view to the left—KARS banquets sure are popular