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VP8ORK DXpedition by WB9Z at the July Meeting!



The next KARS meeting will be Tuesday, July 3rd, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital. After a short business meeting, there will be a special presentation of the [VP8ORK expedition](#) to South Orkney Island by Jerry WB9Z.

This hugely successful operation to one of the most inhospitable DXCC entities in the world was voted DXpedition of the year by both the Dayton Hamvention and the Friedrichshafen convention. And of course, our fellow KARS member Jerry WB9Z was there!

Following the outstanding program presented by Jerry at our May meeting, this promises to be yet another SRO event, so plan to arrive early!

KARSFEST 2012

Final plans for [KARSFEST 2012](#) 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 there!

KARS BOARD MEETING

[KARS board meeting](#) will be held July 17 at El Campesino restaurant. Meet at 6, Eat at 7. All club members and spouses are welcome to attend.



Logging on WriteLog in preparation for Field Day was the program presented in June by Don K9NR. Clay N9IO and Greg WR9L look on.

KARS KALENDAR

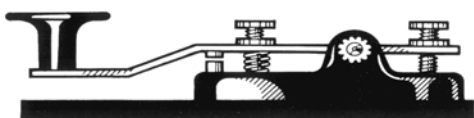
July 3.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
July 4.....[Independence Day!](#)
July 14-15.....[IARU HF World Championship](#)
July 15.....[Fox River Hamfest](#)
July 17.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
July 21-22.....[CQWW VHF Contest](#)
July 21-22.....[NA QSO PARTY RTTY](#)
July 22...([ARRL LINK](#)).....[KARSFEST!](#)
August 7.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
August 4-5.....[NA QSO PARTY CW](#)
August 5.....[Hamfesters Hamfest](#)
August 21.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
August 18-19.....[NA QSO PARTY SSB](#)
August 18-19.....[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
145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

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



W9AZ

SANDY NIKOLIC BENEFIT AUCTION & RAFFLE

Dan Loftus WA9WAQ Auctioneer
Sunday, July 29th at the Momence Community Center.

People can either donate items for the sale or put them on consignment with 30% of the sale going to Pete NI9H & Sandy. So folks out there please pass the word, and start gathering things for the auction. If you can't find items to put in the auction - maybe you can offer a home cooked meal for 6 people, or a cake a month for a year, or 10 hours help in the garden/yard...almost anything goes for this type of sale. The only items we can't auction are guns/clothing/used medical equipment (like glucometers, etc). No tires either. As of right now donations will be able to be brought to the Community Center on Thursday & Friday night before the sale and all day the Saturday before! Any questions: contact Dan: dan@daca.net or Billie: billie.k9qt@gmail.com We also need help organizing the items before the auction.

In addition to the auction there will be a RAFFLE for a:

Sharp/Aquos 60" LED Quattron 3D Television We will have the tickets available at the KARS meeting and at the Hamfest, \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

\$20/24 tickets, \$100/120 tickets, etc... We need to show our support for Pete and Sandy. Pete has always been there to offer support when a club member is in need. Also, please consider offering to take tickets to sell to your family and friends.

*******KARSFEST JULY 22*******

NCS FOR JULY

July 2	N9LYE
July 9	KC9UNQ
July 16	N9OE
July 23	N9FD
July 30	WD9FYF

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

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 FIRST 2012 TRANSMITTER HUNT

The first Fox hunt of the season was a huge success with several hunters showing up on a very hot afternoon in June. Everyone could see the fox, who appeared to be in the middle of a field. However, winding through the subdivision was a challenge. K9NR, as is his habit, was the first to find the fox, however time is not a factor in determining the winner. K9NR also won in distance with 5.7 miles, while KC9QPM came in second with 9.7 miles



Mike WU9D standing on desolate dead end road in subdivision. He found fox using only a whip antenna and an HT



John N9LYE points to big hill that was deflecting signal. Nobody knew the road existed.



Don K9NR displays his trusty old Yagi which won the hunt



Fox hunters: Don K9NR, Mike WU9D, Rollie N9RJM, John N9LYE Don KC9QPM, Eddie K9EEW and son Ethan



Billie K9QT, holding the FOX, was glad when everyone arrived at the Fox's den. It was a hot day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BIKE RIDE

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 5, 2012, for the Two Rivers Century.

We (KARS) have been asked to provide emergency communications for this annual cycling tour. I envision a mobile at each rest stop and some hams with each SAG wagon.

Join us again on the Sunday of the first full weekend in August for an enjoyable one-day ride in Kankakee County along two scenic Illinois rivers! Kankakee County boasts both the Kankakee and the Iroquois Rivers, each a treat to see on our many river-side roads.

On the ride, you'll see not only the two rivers, but downtown Kankakee, Kankakee Community College, The Shapiro Clock Tower, barn quilts, two Frank Lloyd Wright homes, border town Momence and its "Island Park", buffalo, Watseka, one of the oldest and largest wood frame churches in Illinois, corn and beans, and more! Best of all, minimal traffic!

Further information:

<http://www.tworiverscentury.com/>

73, Harry, WD9FYF



Will K9FO hosts Chiburban Radio Mobileers picnic at his river cottage. Several KARS members are also members of this group.



Former KARS member Sheri KF9IF (now M0SLA) and Stuart, here from England, visit with Will K9FO and John N9LYE at June meeting.

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KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

	Original Cost
Flex-Radio 5000C SDR	\$4,800
HRFIO-34C Antenna Board	170
2nd Receiver Upgrade	649
Total Value when New	\$5,619
Internal 6 Core Processor	
AMD Phenom II 2.8 Ghz CPU	
Windows 7, 64 Bit Professional	
120 Gig Solid State Drive	
Asus M4A88T Mother Board	
8 Gigs of main memory	
Cost of PC Upgrade	\$1,036
<i>This System is ready to go and Priced to Sell</i>	

TOTAL PRICE All of the Above \$2,900

A picture of the Station and the Upgrade is available on QRZ.COM.

Also for sale: ICOM 746 PRO with Speaker Console and Power supply. This is like New and available for a TOTAL Price of \$850. If needed I also have an ASTRON RS-35 M 13.7 Volt Supply for \$150.

If you want to see the equipment in operation call for a DEMO.

Your can contact me on the home phone 815.937.9587 or

email at kenbuser@gmail.com.

73, Ken W9IE

FIELD DAY 2012 WRAPUP

It was a warm but not too hot [Field Day](#). Sunday morning rain predictions failed to materialize resulting in a very nice weekend for the biggest operating event in US amateur radio.

Chef K9FO grilled up some excellent burgers and brats. N9FD brought his home made BBQ pulled pork and everyone brought side dishes and/or desserts insuring a large feast at suppertime.

The CW stations continued to pour out the lions share of contacts and points. However, the GOTA station was heavily manned and contributed a nice chunk of Q's to the overall score.

The entry class was 3A plus VHF/UHF and GOTA. Participation was very good and the stations were manned nearly constantly during the event. Early indications are that we made well over 1,100 Q's including a natural power source contact. Over 900 were double point CW contacts!

Details of contacts with a band break-down will be in next months newsletter.

Once again, a big thank you to Kevin N9REG for hosting KARS Field Day at his beautiful country QTH.



Erection of the 20 Meter Moxon antenna



The completed Moxon ready to make Q's!



Prepping the VHF/UHF tower



Antenna crew confers prior to hefting the tower in place



Close-up detail of the custom made tower base plate



Tower and antennas alongside KARS EmComm unit



Greg WR9L, Sue and John N9LYE enjoy the Field Day picnic and reminisce about Howard AK9F



Will K9FO (morale officer & chef) cooks burgers and brats