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JT65 Mode Featured in August

The next KARS meeting will be Tuesday, August 7th, 7PM at the St. Mary's Hospital meeting room.

After a short business meeting there will be a great program on operating mode JT65 presented by Ken W9IE, Carl K9CS and Don K9NR.

Find out how to operate this interesting new mode with equipment you probably already have. With applications from 160 meters to UHF EME, it is rapidly becoming one of the most popular digital modes on the bands.

See you at the meeting!

KARSFEST 2012 SUCCESS!

By Craig N9FD

This year saw another exciting KARSFEST! A packed dealer hall, a healthy outdoor market, good weather and a drove of hams looking for deals and treasures alike descended once again on the Will County Fairgrounds for the 29th year of the now mainstay event.

As always, our hard working team of VE examiners gave license testing. This year saw five upgrades and two new licenses. This year's forum topic was on "Youth in Amateur Radio" presented by Troy, W9KVR, which was well received.

A special thank you to all who helped to make this year another success!

Be sure to check out the pics on page 2!

KARSFEST PRIZE WINNERS

1st Prize Eileen Boyd Chenoa, IL
2nd Prize WD9HSY Brian Bedoe Mokena, IL
3rd Prize Jeff Lustig Burbank IL



KARS wins traveling [ILQP](#) PLAQUE

KARS KALENDAR

August 4-5.....[NA QSO PARTY CW](#)
August 5.....[Hamfesters Hamfest](#)
August 7.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
August 11-12.....[WAE DX CW Contest](#)
August 18-19.....[SARTG RTTY Contest](#)
August 18-19.....[NA QSO PARTY SSB](#)
August 21.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
September 4.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
September 8-9.....[ARRL VHF QSO Party](#)
September 14-15.....[W9DXCC Convention](#)
September 15.....[CFMC Radio Expo](#)
September 18.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
September 22-23.....[Peoria Superfest](#)
September 29-30.....[CQWW DX RTTY](#)

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.340/146.940 107.2 PL Access

449.800/444.800 114.8 PL Access

144.530/145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.390 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters

145.530 KARS DX Cluster

KARS PARTICIPATION IN

[SWAINS ISLAND EXPEDITION](#)

After the fantastic VP8ORK South Orkney presentation by Jerry WB9Z at KARS July meeting, everyone is getting excited about the next DXpedition. KARS member Carl K9CS will be accompanying Jerry to Swains Island. Don K9NR was invited to join the operators list but could not make it this time.

Bill N9OE and Clay N9IO got in the act and completed two Lexan coaxial patch panels for the guys to use on the Swains DXpedition. KARS has some strong ties to this operation!



Bill N9OE and Clay N9IO with Lexan panels they made for the Swains Island DXpedition

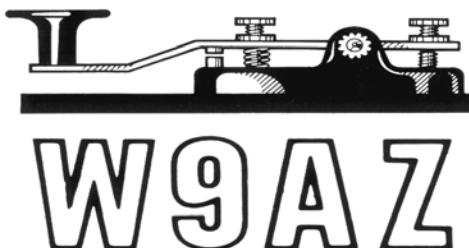
W9DXCC

The W9DXCC DX Convention will be held September 14-15 at the Holiday Inn-Elk Grove Village.

Complete info can be found at:

www.w9dxcc.com

There will be a "DX Basics" class on Friday followed by an informal Friday evening dinner. Then on Saturday there will be all day presentations with great door prizes followed by the Banquet and hospitality suites. Be there!



SEE YOU AT THE AUGUST MEETING

KARSFEST 2012 PICS



Two views at KARSFEST of inside vendors and an anxious crowd ready to peruse the goodies make their needed purchases



Hardworking KARS members on Saturday night setup duty fest chairman Craig N9FD, President Bill N9OE, Greg WR9L and Don K9NR



Examiners busy grading tests during Exam session at KARSFEST



Terry (XYL of Paul W9IEY) watches as hamfest attendees fill out stubs to drop in the prize drum.



Tom KA9QPN [IL SM represented the ARRL at KARSFEST](#)

KARSFEST EXAM SESSION

By Carl K9CS

At KARSFEST 2012 we conducted a testing session with a total of 9 applicants taking exams. Five upgraded to General and 2 qualified for their Technician licenses.

New Techs are Robert Fraser Jr, KC9WJA, of Joliet and Thomas Lea Jr, KC9WJB, from White Heath, IL.

Upgrading to General were Jeff Jamrosz, KC9HIJ, Crown Point, Gregory Long, KC9VBM, Peotone, Tiffany Graczyk, KC9WFS, New Lenox, Robert D Kasper, KC9WFT and Robert J Kasper, KC9WFR, both from Frankfort.

Volunteer Examiners were K9NR, N9OE, W9KVR and K9CS.

NCS FOR AUGUST

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time. [Don't forget the net!](#)

August 6	N9LYE
August 13	WD9FYF
August 20	N9OE
August 27	N9FD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 9	K9TP
August 12	K9JMS
August 22	KC9MZQ
August 29	N9ECM

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

[CHECK YOUR EMAIL ADDR](#)

KARS members please let Clay N9IO know if your email address on the KARS web page is current.

CQ MAGAZINE ANNOUNCES 5 DAY DEADLINE ON LOG SUBMISSIONS

The pressure is on! CQ Magazine, sponsor of some of the most popular contests in radio has [announced that all contest logs must be submitted electronically no later than five days after the end of a CQ sponsored contest.](#)

There are a few exceptions but they require a reason other than just being late.

Hopefully it will speed up CQ's not so speedy contest results and awards distribution. To be sure, CQ has had to wait for all logs from around the world to arrive to assimilate the data in the past...so the new deadline may help!