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Transmitter Hunting Program at the May Meeting

The [next KARS meeting](#) will be May 7th, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital in the public meeting room. Use the south entrance.

After a short business meeting, there will be a program on transmitter hunting. Please bring your favorite fox hunting antenna, tool or accessory to show. Also, there will be a roundtable style discussion wherein everyone can benefit from the hints and tips of others.

So prepare your FAQ's and be there ...or... be lost!

DXPEDITION UPDATES

Jerry WB9Z reports that the web pages of the up and coming DXpeditions are:

Wake Island

<http://www.wake2013.org/>

Amsterdam Island

<http://www.amsterdamdx.org/>

You can track the latest news and activities leading up to the expeditions.

Thanks Jerry!

BOARD MEETING

The [board meeting](#) will be held on Tuesday, May 21st at El Campesino. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 5	KC9JQX
May 6	KC9HHT
May 8	K9FO
May 13	KC9KBR
May 17	KC9MZL
May 19	K1VLW

If we miss your birthday or get it wrong, please let us know!



At the April meeting, K9NR narrates while WR9L points out the sunset at Montserrat

KARS KALENDAR

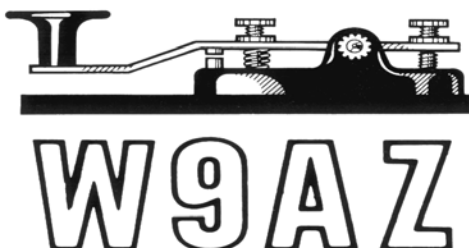
May 4.....	Indiana QSO Party
May 5.....	Sandwich Hamfest
May 7.....	KARS General Meeting
May 16-19.....	Dayton Hamvention
May 21.....	KARS Board Meeting
May 25-26.....	CQWW WPX CW Contest
June 2.....	Starved Rock RC Hamfest
June 4.....	KARS General Meeting
June 8-10.....	ARRL June VHF QSO Party
June 16.....	6 Meter Club Hamfest
June 18.....	KARS Board Meeting
June 22-23.....	FIELD DAY

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



FIELD DAY HEADS UP

Note that there are five full weekends in June this year. Consequently, [ARRL Field Day](#) will NOT be on the last weekend in June.

Technically not a contest, ARRL Field Day is the largest operating event in all of ham radio. It's actually a test of local amateur radio communications readiness on a nationwide scale.

We will be operating portable with emergency power. Whether you are an old hand at Field Day or you're just getting your feet wet, there is a place for you.

Setup will start at 10AM Saturday June 22nd. Operations commence at 1PM local and run around the clock till 1PM Sunday. Camp all night if you like or come and go as you please.

We will be using [Writelog](#) logging software again and consequently there will be a [Writelog](#) primer at the June club meeting.

Saturday evening will feature the popular steak broil with Will K9FO manning the charcoal. Dues paying KARS members who participate in the setup/teardown/operation are entitled to a steak! Remember to bring chairs, table service and a dish or desert to pass. See you at [Field Day](#)

NCS FOR MAY

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

N9LYE	May 6
K9NR	May 13
N9LYE	May 20
N9FD	May 27

Don't forget the net!

See You At The Dayton Hamvention!

KARS HOMEPAGE— **WWW.W9AZ.COM** —KARS HOMEPAGE

**It's Spring! ...and a young man's fancy turns to...
Towers and Antennas...of course!**



A large free standing tilt over tower requires a LOT of concrete in a BIG hole! -N9RJM



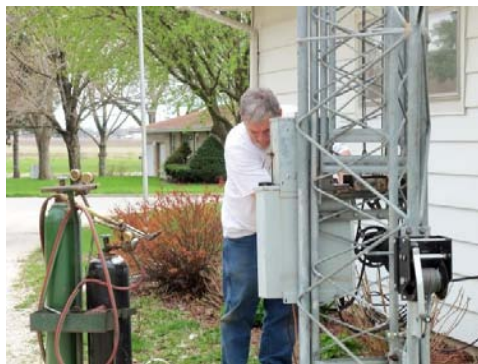
The concrete and tower base in position -N9RJM



The fully nested tower in place -N9RJM



Close-up view of the power winch and control box -N9RJM



Rollie N9RJM wiring the control box -N9RJM



An inside view of the control box showing the tower wiring and a remote coax switch -N9RJM



Antenna party at Will K9FO's riverside cottage—Pete NI9H and Ken W9IE in action



Rollie N9RJM lends a hand lowering K9FO's satellite antennas in preparation for a new roof



Badly needing a Dayton fix, Pete NI9H starts to "lose it" in the thin air on K9FO's roof top



KARS MEMBERS TO OPERATE INQP

Once again, K9NR, K9CS and W9IE will be operating the [Indiana QSO Party](#) on May 5th from Perry County, Indiana at Howard AK9F's farm near the Ohio River. Look for them on 20,40 & 80 meters and give them a call! They will be using the special event call "N9P"

**Your article could have been here!
This is your newsletter...sit down right now and write a few sentences on what you're doing in ham radio for next month's newsletter.
We're waiting for it!**