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FOXHUNT ANTENNAS AT MAY MEETING

The [next KARS meeting will be May 6th, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital](#). The best access is the main South entrance across from St. Rose Church.

After a brief business meeting, there will be a program on Transmitter Hunting presented by Rollie N9RJM and Clay N9IO.

Rollie will bring materials and instructions for six antennas to be assembled by club members at the meeting.

Last year we had a record number of hunters, who have all been anxiously awaiting warm weather. This year we plan to hold several hunts during the summer.

The next FOX hunt will celebrate [CQ National Foxhunt Weekend](#) on May 10th. Come out and give it a try.

BOARD MEETING

We are meeting on May 20th in the new private dining room at El Mexicano's Restaurant by the Hilton Hotel and Walmart south of town near I-57 Exit 308. 6PM to eat. 7PM to meet. All members spouses and guests are welcome.

According to the Dayton Hamvention web page, the 2013 attendance was: 24,542

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 5	KC9JQX
May 6	KC9HHT
May 8	K9FO
May 9	W9LEO
May 13	KC9KBR
May 17	KC9MZL
May 19	K1VLW

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



Logbook of the World presentation at April KARS meeting

KARS KALENDAR

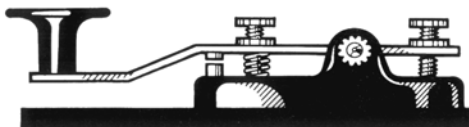
May 3-4	Indiana QSO Party
May 4	Sandwich Hamfest
May 6	KARS General Meeting
May 10	NFW - KARS FOXHUNT
May 16-18	Dayton Hamvention!
May 20	KARS Board Meeting
May 24-25	CQWW WPX CW Contest
June 1	Starved Rock RC Hamfest
June 3	KARS General Meeting
June 14-16	ARRL June VHF QSO Party
June 15	6 Meter Club Hamfest
June 17	KARS Board Meeting
June 28-29	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



W9AZ

KARS MEMBERS TO OPERATE INQP as W9AZ

Once again KARS will be represented in the [Indiana QSO Party](#) as K9NR, K9CS and WR9L head down to Perry County, Indiana for the contest on May 3rd from 11AM to 11PM CDST. They will be operating from Howard AK9F's farm near the Ohio River. Look for them on 10, 15, 20, 40 & 80 meters CW/SSB. They will be using KARS call sign "W9AZ." It would give Howard that warm and fuzzy feeling to know that we were continuing the tradition he started in the place that he so enjoyed. So give them a call!

NATIONAL FOXHUNT WEEKEND SEASON OPENER

The [first KARS transmitter hunt](#) of 2014 is scheduled for Saturday May 10th. The hunt begins at 1PM. All hunters must start from the usual place in the eastern parking lot of the Meadowview Shopping Center.

Anyone may participate, hunters do not need to be a KARS club member. After the hunt, we will retire to a local eatery to discuss how we could have won but felt sorry for others, etc.

These hunts are a lot of fun. Where else can you mix an outing on a beautiful day with amateur radio? Field Day?

NCS FOR MAY

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

May 5	N9LYE
May 12	N9RJM
May 19	N9OE
May 26	N9FD

Don't forget the net!

Have you made your Hamvention plans?

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KARS CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

It seems like just yesterday, but it was [10 years ago that KARS celebrated its 80th anniversary](#). It has been suggested that the club hold a special event station to commemorate the anniversary year. Everyone's input is welcome. Details will be worked out at future KARS board meetings, as to location and date of the event.



KARS board meeting at El Mexicano Restaurant. The food was outstanding and the meeting room was excellent.

W9DXCC—NEW VENUE

For it's 62nd anniversary, the [W9DXCC DX convention](#) (one of the best in the nation) is changing it's venue from the Elk Grove Village Holiday Inn to the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg.

Excellent programs, QSL card checking, prizes, exhibits and the new and very popular DX Class. Also, don't forget the fun of hobnobbing with your fellow DXers, and the Banquet!

The dates for 2014 are September 19-20. You can register online and get the full lowdown at the W9DXCC homepage:

www.w9dxcc.com

Several KARS members usually attend and don't forget the Friday night outing with the Society of Midwest Contesters gang!

FIELD DAY

Hard to believe, but [Field Day is rapidly approaching](#). The June meeting program will feature FD planning. It is, of course, the largest operating event in amateur radio.

KARS activities will again be at Kevin N9REG's QTH (thanks again Kev!) on Rt.115 a few miles west of town (map in next month's newsletter).

As usual, the ever popular steaks on the grill will be available for KARS members who help with the operations and setup or teardown.

Field Day runs continuously from Saturday June 28th till Sunday June 29th. You can come and go as you please or camp out. See you there!

TWIN RIVERS BIKE RIDE

The local bicycle club may again be requesting our assistance with communications this year. [The ride this year is August 3rd](#). Harry WD9FYF is contacting the club so they can let us know the details well ahead of the ride so we can be prepared. Regrettably last year, they did not give us sufficient notice.

Two years ago KARS had a large number of volunteers who manned the microphones at the rest stations and drove the "sag wagons". It was a rewarding experience helping out the bikers who come from all over the state to participate.

Another great activity mixing the great outdoors and amateur radio!

DX IS!

Are you getting your fair share of DX this season? The past couple of months have been great on the high bands with lots of activity on 10 & 12 meters. The solar sunspot count has been...well...stellar! Enjoy the action while you can, because soon those bands will be like VHF again and 15 meters will be open..."once in a while!"

A lot of hams have discovered the big advantage of [ARRL's Logbook of the World in getting their DXCC confirmations the fast, easy way](#). How about you?

You know that little (or medium sized) article you were going to write for the newsletter? We're still waiting for it. It doesn't matter how much experience you have, everyone has something to share that would be helpful or interesting!

It's only about 12 days till Dayton!