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REPEATERS & ELECTIONS in DECEMBER

The next KARS meeting will be December 2nd 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital meeting room. Use the main entrance on the South side. Following a brief business meeting, and the elections there will be a program on the history of KARS repeaters from their very beginning to the new updates recently completed on all three repeaters.

EXAM SESSION RESULTS

By Carl K9CS

A testing session was held November 19 at the Kankakee County EOC. William Smolinski, KD9CFX, and Kenneth Smith, KD9CFY, upgraded to General. Both were first licensed in October 2014. VEs at the test session were Don K9NR, Ed W9EJM, Clay N9IO, Tim W9TRF, and Carl K9CS.

NEW YEARS EVE DINNER

Unofficially, a group of KARS members have been getting together around 5 PM on New Years Eve for dinner and friendly conversation. We will be at [El Mexicano Restaurant](#). We then go our own way to party or more often; go home, relax and welcome the New Year in our own way.

As stated earlier, this is an unofficial activity...not to be confused with the annual KARS banquet. While there are no reservations required, we need to have an idea of how many plan to show.

This is a relaxing get together. No program. No plans. Just order from the regular menu, visit, enjoy the food and have fun. If you and your significant other plan to attend, send Don K9NR an email at: donk9nr@gmail.com so we can give the restaurant an idea of how many to expect.



Presidential Timber?
Andrew, (Bill N9OE's Harmonic)
"presiding" at the November General meeting. Nice work Andrew!

KARS KALENDAR

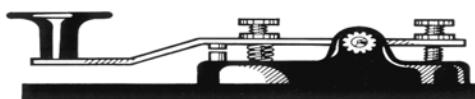
Dec 2.....	KARS General Meeting
Dec 3 (week of)	W1AW/9 Illinois Ops
Dec 5-7.....	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
Dec 13-14.....	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Dec 16.....	KARS Board Meeting
Dec 25.....	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dec 27-28.....	Stew Perry Top Band Contest
Dec 31.....	KARS NEW YEARS DINNER
NO KARS GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY	
Jan 3-4.....	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Jan 10.....	NA QSO Party CV
Jan 11.....	KARS BANQUET
Jan 17.....	NA QSO Party SSB
Jan 18.....	WRCA Wheaton Hamfest
Jan 20.....	KARS Board Meeting
Jan 23-25.....	CQWW CW160 Contest

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access
449.8/444.8 100.0 PL Access
145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

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



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KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET

KARS 2014-2015 Holiday Banquet is scheduled for 6:00 PM, Sunday January 11th, at the [Homestead Restaurant](#) across RT. 45 from the Shapiro Developmental Center entrance. Cocktails at 6 PM, Dine at 7 PM. **This is in lieu of our regular meeting...there will be no January general meeting.** Please contact Francis ke9mg@comcast.net with your menu choice and number attending in a timely fashion, so he can let the Homestead know how much food to prepare. Prime Rib must be ordered ahead.

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GET READY FOR W1AW/9!

Mark December 3rd on your calendar. That's the day the [W1AW/9 Illinois operation](#) starts. The weeks activities are sponsored by Jerry WB9Z. Be sure to work Jerry and the crew during the ARRL 160 Contest...they'll be signing W1AW/9 this year!

To operate using the call W1AW/9 from your home QTH, contact Jerry at: jerrywb9z@gmail.com He can get you the info to sign up. There are still some slots left. Don't miss out on this historic event!



NCS FOR DECEMBER

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 OR 145.130 backup repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

Dec 1st	N9LYE
Dec 8th	N9RJM
Dec 15th	N9OE
Dec 22nd	W9EJM
Dec 29th	N9FD

Don't forget the net!



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE

KARS REPEATER POLICIES

The KARS repeaters, like all other ham repeaters, is a private repeater. It is supported by its regular users. KARS policy on repeater dues is a widely accepted one: support your local repeater and be welcome as a transient user on other machines. If you find that you are using another repeater regularly, then support both.

A good ham is well rounded and the lively art of conversation can include many intellectual, artistic and just plain ordinary, day to day subjects. Many hams have other interests, including: astronomy, RC flying, regular flying, nature photography, bicycling, fishing and antique cars just to name a few.

Religion and politics, everybody's favorite subjects to get long and winded over, can get stale real fast! Abstract discussions about these subjects can be carried out in a friendly manner without getting carried away.

New-comers to ham radio often want to put their best foot forward and not commit any radio "gaffs." When operating FM, remember to speak plainly and in a normal voice.

It is a life long learning experience and there are plenty of friendly people around to help you out.

Just be yourself and enjoy the world's greatest hobby!

BANQUET MENU

Broasted Chicken—\$14.95

Broasted chicken
all white meat +\$2.00

Poor Man's Lobster—\$19.00

Lean whitefish broiled to perfection,
served with melted butter and lemon.

Baked Lasagna—\$19.00

Homemade and smothered with meat
sauce and mozzarella cheese...

Rib Eye—\$22.00

12 oz. Rib Eye broiled to your liking.

Prime Rib Queen Cut—\$22.95

**All dinner prices include Tax and
Gratuity as well as Tea and Coffee.**

Note: If you have special dietary restrictions, you may also order off the menu.

The waitresses will keep separate checks as needed. You may order drinks from your table via the waitress or purchase them from the main bar as desired.

There will be cheese, cracker & veggie trays with ranch dip and olive & pepper relish provided by the club.

ARRL MEMBERSHIP

Most everyone knows that without the ARRL there would be no amateur radio. KARS is an affiliated club and everyone should be an ARRL member!

[Join ARRL at this link...](#)

2015 DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of year. KARS dues have not been raised in over 30 years and they won't be raised this year either!

Adult Member \$30

Family Rate \$40

Senior (65), Full time student,
Disabled...1/2 rate

New Members who joined in the second half of this year are covered for 2015.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

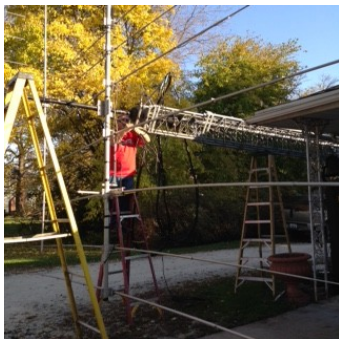
December 1	WD9AYI
December 7	N9LCX
December 20	KF9IK/M0SLA
December 20	WA9WAQ
December 22	N9OE
December 28	K9JLK
January 7	N9IOQ
January 13	KD9CGD
January 17	WD9FYF
January 20	K9XM
January 25	W9LIZ
January 27	W9KK

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

BOARD MEETING

KARS board meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 16th, and Tuesday January 20th at [El Mexicano](#). Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

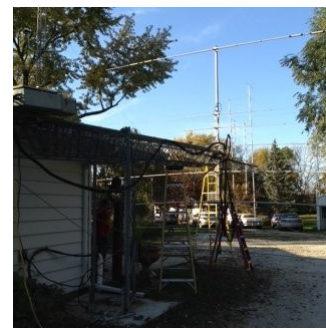
ROLLIE N9RJM ANTENNA WORK BEFORE WINTER SNOWS



Let's see peg A must fit into slot B, no that's not right., I better ask Jane.



Sure is handy having a crank down tower. I must admire my own handiwork



Now to convince Jane that cranking up the tower would be a fun activity



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!



KARS New Repeaters



146.940 Repeater



145.130 Repeater



444.8 Repeater

144.390 APRS Digi-peater W9AZ-1
145.530 DX Cluster

November Meeting



Business meeting prior to program



Test equipment for tune up night



Taking care of business

Elections

In the event that you didn't get enough abuse from the state/federal elections, we have the annual election of KARS Officers/ Board Members at the December meeting! Worry not! There is very little campaigning or mud slinging involved in the club democratic process. The biggest problem we have is getting people to run in the not so contested elections!

Sooo, why not put your name on the ballot. The board voted to double all the officers salaries! Okay, old joke. Zero times anything is still zero! Seriously, jump in or nominate someone you think would do well.

Nominations are accepted right up to the election and you can write-in your choice of candidate. Below is the present "ticket." It's very flexible!

2015 W9AZ BALLOT FOR OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President Don K9NR*

Write-ins:

V President Harry WD9FYF*

Write-ins:

Secretary Ken W9IE*

Write-ins:

Treasurer Francis KE9MG*

Write-ins:

Directors (vote for 5)

Carl K9CS*

Rollie N9RJM*

John N9LYE*

Paul W9IEY*

Bill N9OE*

Ed N9EJM

Greg WR9L

Craig N9FD

Your call here?

*Present office holders