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APRIL MEETING: DIFFERENT TIME & ROOM

The next [KARS meeting](#) will be April 7th, **6:30PM** at St. Mary's Hospital. **NOTE the early start time!** This is due to the special program. Also, due to the elections, the meeting will be held **downstairs in the board meeting room** at St. Mary's Hospital.

Ed W9EJM and Rollie N9RJM will Present an NWS certified Severe Weather Seminar. Ed and Rollie are qualified to teach these seminars and your attendance will qualify you as a trained spotter just the same as if you had attended a NWS seminar.

To be considered a trained spotter by authorities, it is absolutely required that you attend either this program or a similarly qualified course.

If you have never attended an NWS type severe weather seminar, you will be pleasantly surprised. It is a very interesting program. It will also provide you with knowledge that can protect you and your family in a time of emergency.

In true ham radio tradition, everyone wants to help out in times of emergency. Don't be a clumsy, loose cannon when the chips are down. Know what you're doing and saying by showing up at the April meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 1	WU9D
April 4	KC9OQQ
April 5	K9CWF
April 11	WB9WEC
April 17	N9MBR
April 25	W9IE
April 26	K9CS
April 28	N9NAH

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



N9IO, WR9L and K9FO
enjoy the program at
the March KARS meeting

KARS KALENDAR

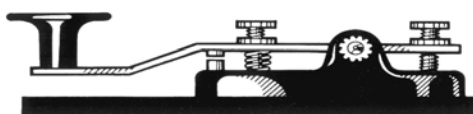
April 7.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
April 15.....[Exam Session](#)
April 19.....[ARRL Rookie Roundup](#)
April 21.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
May 2-3.....[Indiana QSO Party](#)
May 5.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
May 16-18....[Dayton HAMVENTION!!!](#)
May 19.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
May 30-31...[CQWW WPX CW 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



W9AZ

WB9Z & NV9L FEATURED ON "HAMNATION"

Jerry WB9Z and Val NV9L were spotlighted on the popular online TV program "Hamnation." [Episode #188](#).

Nearly the entire second half of the show involved WB9Z fielding questions about the K1N expedition to Navassa Island. It's great fun listening to Jerry describe how things were on the very popular operation. Navassa was just about tied with North Korea as being the most rare DXCC entity.

Check it out yourself at:
<http://twit.tv/show/ham-nation/188>

AROMA FPD SPONSORED STORM CHASERS

Assistant Fire Chief Gregory Neal KC9DFL arranged for a limited program on storm chasing. The program was presented by Adam Lucio and Danny Neal, two well known storm chasers featured occasionally on TV.

It was a very interesting description of the activities of storm chasers.

BOARD MEETING

We are [meeting on April 21st](#) in the new private dining room at El Mexicano's Restaurant by the Hilton Hotel and Walmart south of town near I-57 exit 315. 6 P.M. eat. 7 P.M. meet. All members and spouses are welcome.

NCS FOR APRIL

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

April 6	N9LYE
April 13	N9RJM
April 20	N9FD
April 27	N9RJM

Don't forget the net!

WX spotter training at KARS meeting!!!!

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WINNING THE HEARTS OF YOUTH

Heartwarming story in this month's Spectrum Monitor (the successor to Popular Communications).

The W9GRS school station, ably guided by Troy Simpson W9KVR, participated in the School Club Roundup last month. During the event, they heard K1N from Navassa and decided to give it a shot. They were able to make contact. The operator in that moment was Jerry Rosalius WB9Z, and these kids are practically from his back yard.

So, Jerry quieted the pileup and kept it so until all of the kids were in the log. What a wonderful thing to do!

"It was a pretty neat experience for us! Jerry has been very good about making sure we get a QSO from the school station to one of his DXpeditions. The students think it is pretty cool to hear someone from a distant land actually know who we are and carry on a conversation!"

We've managed to work all of the DXpeditions that Jerry has been on since K5D, except FT5ZM. It was just too difficult to get through the pile-ups during our school day. We're "old school" and don't run power, so that makes some of our QSO's more that amazing!

By the way, we managed 100+ Q's in very limited operations during the February 2015 edition of School Club Round-up. We worked 39 schools for a total of 57,000+ points, good for 6th place in the Middle School Division in the preliminary results. The W9GRS school station has achieved WAS, WAC, and Mixed DXCC in their 7 years of operation and done well in SCR and year-long operations."

73's from the Flatlands of Illinois!

-Troy W9KVR



John W2GD on location at [Navassa Island K1N](#) selects an antenna at the lexan RF patch panels built by KARS members N9IO and KC9QPM right here in Kankakee County. These are the same panels used one year ago on the [FT5ZM Amsterdam Island DXpedition!](#)



On Tuesday, March 10, members of the Kankakee Area Radio Society (KARS) presented Rich Grillion of Riverside Medical Center with a letter of appreciation and certificate for the recent donation of two radios. Although the radios are unused and outdated for the hospital's use, the club will be able to repurpose them to use in their emergency communications programs. KARS board members Roland Hertz (pictured on left) and Ed Mossman presented Grillion (on right) with the letter and certificate. Grillion is Director of Safety and Biomedical Engineering at Riverside.

AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT RE-INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

(ARRL Section News)

"Important news this month is the re-introduction of the Amateur Radio Parity Act into the House of Representatives. The number is HR1301, and again Rep. Adam Kinzinger from Illinois leads the charge. This will be a nearly identical drill to last time. No representatives from Illinois are on board as co-sponsors at this time. However, our Division Director, Dick Isely W9GIG is in DC as this is being written. He'll be making the rounds and asking representatives in the Division to co-sponsor this measure. We need to contact our reps and ask them to co-sponsor HR1301. If you check the ARRL resources page and your rep is already on-board, a thank-you letter is in order. All the information that you'll need, including how to find your Representative and a sample letter can be found at www.arrl.org/hr-1301."

Briefly, this legislation intends to make reasonable accommodations to amateur radio station antennas. A tough row to hoe with all the CC&R's commonly encountered in new home sales.

Be sure to contact your Federal Representatives today and tell them to vote for this bill!

NET CONTROL STATIONS NEEDED

Be sure to contact Ed W9EJM [ejmossman@yahoo.com] and volunteer to help out emergency weather nets by being a Net Control Station volunteer.

The more NCS's we have the better. Help out & contact Ed today!

**KARS IS AN ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB
YOU SHOULD BE AN ARRL MEMBER!**

It's only about 37 days till Dayton!

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

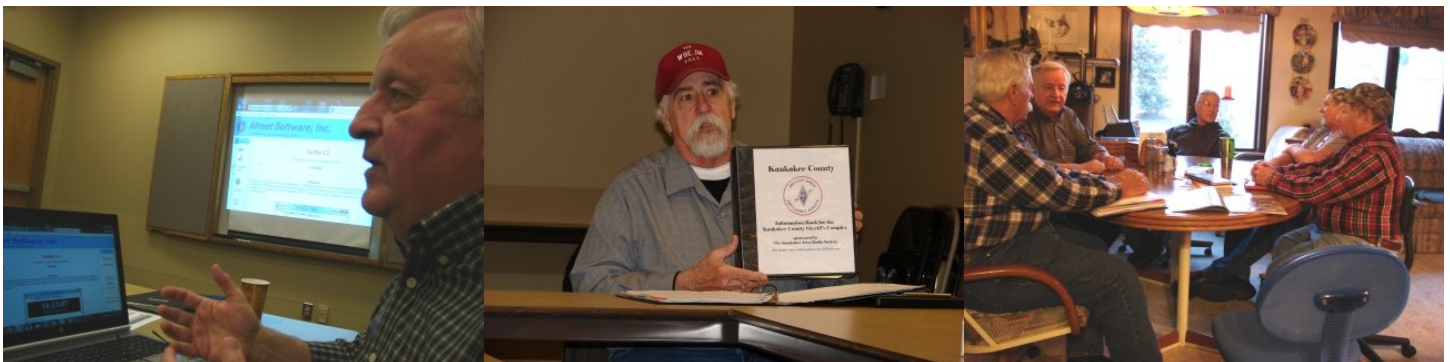
MARCH 8TH HIGH ALTITUDE BALLOON LAUNCH



A series of photos (above and below) of the launch from Koerner's Airport



It's Spring!!!



**K9NR describes software to aid DXing
at the March KARS meeting**

**W9EJM displays the
"Kankakee County" emergency
communications handbook**

**Meeting of the emergency
communications committee at the
K9NR/K9QT QTH**

KARS MAILING LIST MEMBERSHIPS

The Kars-w9az mailing list is a good way to keep up on club activities. It is operated by Clay N9IO. For subscription info, use: kars-w9az-owner@w9az.com

You can visit the URLs to change your membership status or configuration, including unsubscribing, setting digest-style delivery or disabling delivery altogether (e.g., for a vacation), and so on.

In addition to the URL interfaces, you can also use email to make such changes. For more info, send a message to the '-request' address of the list (for example, kars-w9az-request@w9az.com) containing just the word 'help' in the message body, and an email message will be sent to you with instructions.

If you have questions, problems, comments, etc, send them to: kars-w9az-owner@w9az.com Thanks!

[Web Master] If you are not already on the list but would like to be send an email to Clay N9IO at LIST@w9az.com