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SEVERE WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING AT APRIL MEETING

**KARS meeting April 5th at EOC
(County Sheriff's Complex)**

NWS SEVERE WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING

The Kankakee Area Radio Society (KARS) will be presenting a severe weather spotting training seminar at its next regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, April 5 from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. [The seminar and club meeting will be held at the Kankakee County Sheriff's Complex, 3000 S. Justice Way](#) instead of Provena St. Mary's Hospital.

The seminar is sponsored by the National Weather Service and will be taught by NWS trained instructors Ed Mossman, W9EJM and Roland Hertz, N9RJM. The program will begin after a short business meeting at 7 p.m.

All potential Skywarn spotters and regular Skywarn spotters need to take this training at least every two years. Even though you took the training last year, this year's seminar will have updated information, pictures and videos from last year's severe weather that occurred near the Kankakee area.

This will be an interesting and entertaining evening, usually with a packed house.

NCS FOR APRIL

The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

April 4 N9RJM
April 11 KD9CFX
April 18 N9OE
April 25 K9KSG
Don't forget the net!



The immensely popular program on the 2015 Navassa Island DXpedition set a new KARS Meeting attendance record. A standing room only crowd enjoyed the professionally produced video with questions fielded by KARS member Jerry WB9Z. Jerry received yet another "DXpedition of the Year" plaque as one of the principle operators. Where next Jerry?

KARS KALENDAR

April 2.....[Transmitter Hunt!](#)
April 5.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
April 12.....County Emergency Drill (p2)
April 17...[ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB](#)
April 19.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
April 23.....County Emergency Drill (p2)
May 3.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
May 7-8.....[Indiana QSO Party](#)
May 17.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
May 18-22....[Dayton HAMVENTION!!!](#)
May 28-29...[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

FIRST FOXHUNT OF 2016

Ahhh! It's that time of year when the days are longer, the birds are singing, the DX is improving and a young man's heart turns to...Fox Hunting!

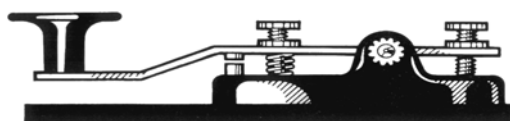
Oh yes! [The first KARS transmitter hunt of the year will be at 11AM on Saturday, April 2nd.](#)

The fox will be Rollie N9RJM. The hunters will start as usual, from the east Meadowview Shopping Center parking lot. The hunt will last a maximum of 2 hours with a restaurant get together afterwards. See you there!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 1	WU9D
April 4	KC9OQQ
April 5	K9CWF
April 11	WB9WEC
April 17	N9MBR
April 19	WB9WOC
April 25	W9IE
April 26	K9CS
April 28	N9NAH

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



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ARES TO PARTICIPATE IN EMERGENCY DRILLS

Kankakee Area Radio Society ARES members have been asked by Bill Chigaros, director of training with the Kankakee County Emergency Management Agency, to participate in two training exercises coming up in April.

The first exercise will take place Wednesday, April 12 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The exact situation is yet to be announced but will involve an emergency situation at the Braidwood Power Station. The second exercise will be Saturday, April 23, also from 8 a.m. until noon and will be a simulated shooting on the Olivet Nazarene College Campus.

Both training exercises will involve local fire, police, Kankakee County EMA, CERTs, and ARES personnel.

For further information or to volunteer for either of these exercises contact Kankakee ARES Coordinator, Ed Mossman, W9EJM, at the next regular club meeting Tuesday, April 5 or email him at w9ejmradio@gmail.com. All volunteers for these drills must have an ARES I.D. card issued by the Kankakee County Sheriff's Office.

BOARD MEETING

We are meeting on April 15th 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.

MARCH 23RD EXAM SESSION RESULTS

In a heavily attended test session conducted at the Kankakee County EOC Center, a total of 30 exams were administered with the following results:

Ten new Tech licenses earned:

Joseph Marcotte, Bourbonnais; Gordon Campbell, Bradley; Lenda Hunt, Buckingham; Doug O'Conner, Chebanse; Luscentia Smolinski, Chebanse; Olzea Smolinski, Chebanse; Ronda Clausing, Kankakee; Ted Clausing, Kankakee; Jane Hertz, Kankakee; Kim Atkins, Manteno.

Two upgrades to General:

Kristi Conner KD9CGC, Chebanse; Velma Williams KD9CFV, Bourbonnais.

One upgrade to Extra:

Will Smolinski KD9CFX, Chebanse

A big night for the Smolinski family! Congrats to all!

Participating VE's include K9CS (VE team liaison), W9LIZ, K9NR, K9QT, N9OE, N9RJM & W9TRF.



Carefully checked answer sheets



K9CS presents KD9CFX with his CSCE for his Extra Class license



K9QT (Left orange top) and W9LIZ (right) carefully checked paperwork



Examiners and Examinees...a lot of hard working people—Quiet please!

It's only about 45 days till Dayton!