



KARS KEY KLICKS



JOURNAL OF THE KANKAKEE AREA RADIO SOCIETY

Volume 91 Issue 11

Editors: K9NR, K9QT, N9IO
Photos: K9NR, K9QT, W9IE
Contributors:

November 2016

N1MM Software Primer at November Meeting

The next KARS meeting will be November 1st, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital meeting room. Use the main entrance on the South side. There will be a brief business meeting followed by a program on the popular "N1MM+" contest logging software.

See you there!

CONTEST SEASON OPENS WITH

NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES

Starting with ARRL CW Sweepstakes and ending with the Stew Perry 160 Distance Challenge, there are seven weekends of major contests with two weeks off to catch your wind!

Then there are 4 significant contests in January and 4 in February!

DX and stateside, CW, RTTY and SSB, there is a contest for every taste. Get your station ready for all the fun today! A great chance to work on your favorite award: DXCC, WAS, WAC, WAZ, etc.

Be sure to attend the November KARS meeting for a presentation on the excellent contest logging program N1MM+. It is the most popular logging program available and it is free!

See you in the contest!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 2nd N9BMB
November 3rd KC9FAV
November 6th KD9FVR
November 8th KC6FJO
November 10th KC9QPM
November 12th N9IO
November 20th AI9L

Let us know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.



The annual auction sure packs in the members at the October meeting

KARS KALENDAR

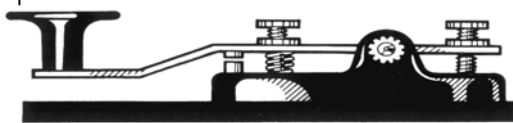
Nov 1.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
Nov 5.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Nov 5-7.....[ARRL Sweepstakes CW](#)
Nov 12-13.....[WAE DX RTTY](#)
Nov 15.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Nov 19-21.....[ARRL Sweepstakes PH](#)
Nov 26-27.....[CQWW DX CW](#)
Dec 2-4.....[ARRL 160 Meter Contest](#)
Dec 6.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
Dec 10-11.....[ARRL 10 Meter Contest](#)
Dec 17-18.....[Stew Perry 160 Contest](#)
Dec 20.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Dec 25.....**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
Dec 31.....New Years Eve Dinner

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

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for club officers and directors will be accepted at the November and December meetings. Elections in December. Now is the time to run for high office or nominate the person of your choice!

Remember, voting for ANY KARS member will be a much easier task than voting for either presidential candidate in the national election!

DUES

It has been suggested that some of the dues discounts should be eliminated. Specifically, the senior rate. Make your voice heard, pro or con, at the November meeting.

BOARD MEETING

The KARS board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15th at El Mexicano. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET

A final decision will probably be made as to the Holiday Banquet venue at the November meeting.

This has been a challenging task as many of the previous facilities are no longer available. Many thanks goes to Jane N9SEW for her considerable efforts in this matter.

NCS FOR NOVEMBER

The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 OR 145.130 backup repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

November 7th N9RJM
November 14th KD9CGC
November 21st N9OE
November 28th K9KSG
Don't forget the net!

Good Luck in the Fall Contest Season!

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

Transmitter Hunts

October 8th



KA9MDJ & KB9VR...the crafty foxes



Big smiles from winners
N9RJM & K9KSG

October 22nd



Gotcha! The predators Terry & W9IEY
and the prey, K9KSG, a.k.a. the fox!



Group shot of the hunters
at the fox's lair



Will K9FO & code class students



Don K9NR sharing the fun of
Morse Code

TRANSMITTER HUNTS BECOME MORE & MORE POPULAR

KARS past three fox hunts had no less than 9 hunting teams each with up to 19 participants. These hunts could have had as many as 16 hunting teams if everyone who had participated in a hunt in the past couple of years were there! There is still some pleasant autumn weather left and we will try to get in as many hunts as possible before Mother Nature turns bad! Don't miss the next hunt on Saturday, November 5th, 11AM-1PM. The fox(es) to be Terry and Paul W9IEY. More fun than shooting politicians in a barrel!

Annual KARS Auction

You never knew there was so much stuff that you couldn't live without!



Opps!
Was that a bid?



Tag team auctioneers K9FO &
WA9WAQ hard at work

KARS CODE KLASS

The KARS Morse Code class started Monday, October 17th following the weekly net and it's popularity seems to mirror national and international surge in CW operations and equipment.

Code-free licensing has actually increased interest in this most effective mode.

To help accommodate those anxious to learn the skill, Ken W9IE has volunteered his QTH for classes. The first in-person class was held Monday, October 24th. Because next Monday is Halloween, the class will be on the repeater after the net again...then back to the W9IE QTH on November 7th.

MEETING CHANGE OF VENUE?

KARS presently has a very nice meeting facility at St. Mary's Hospital. Free parking, comfortable accommodations, Internet service, audio/visual aids, vending. So what's the problem?

Presently, no real problem. However, due to our increasing attendance, we are reaching the practical limit of the rooms capacity and there were some slight rumblings about possible fees. The fee issue seems to have subsided. Still, we started exploring other possible venues. A report will be presented at the November meeting.