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Homebrew Night for July Program

The next KARS meeting will be **Wednesday July 5th**, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital. As usual, enter at the south entrance.

Following a brief business meeting and final KARSFEST plans, there will be a program on home brewing. Equipment that is, not beer! Members will bring a home built project to show. This is a wonderful opportunity to pick up on great ideas for that next home made component or accessory. If you have something to show, minor or major, be sure to bring it!

FOXHUNT!!!

The next foxhunt will be **Saturday**, July 8th at 11AM. Hunters will start at the usual place...the east parking lot at the Meadowview Shopping Center. The fox to be determined.

ILLINOIS ARES HF NET

KARS Emergency Communications Coordinator, Harry WD9FYF reminds KARS members to check in to the Illinois ARES HF net on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1630 local time on 7.230 MHz LSB.

The net is good practice and will be the backbone for emergency communications should the need arise.

NCS FOR JULY

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

July 3	N9RJM
July 10	KD9CDC
July 17	K9KSG
July 24	K9NR
July 31	N9FD

Don't forget the net!



Ham Radio outdoors
In the good old summer time!

KARS KALENDAR

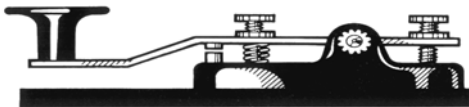
July 5	 KARS General Meeting
July 8	 Transmitter Hunt
July 8-9	 IARU HF World Championship
July 9	 Fox River Hamfest
July 15-16	 CQ Worldwide VHF
July 15-16	 NA QSO Party RTTY
July 16	 ARRL Link KARSFEST 2017
July 18	 KARS Board Meeting
Aug 1	 KARS General Meeting
Aug 5-6	 NA QSO Party CW
Aug 6	 Two Rivers Bicycle Tour
Aug 6	 Hamfesters Hamfest
Aug 12-13	 WAE DX CW
Aug 15	 KARS Board Meeting
Aug 19-20	 SARTG WW RTTY
Aug 19-20	 NA QSO Party SSB

*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.ddns.net



W9AZ

KARSFEST 2017

Calling all KARS members. Your help is needed at our annual Hamfest on July 16th. See you at the Will County Fairgrounds in Peotone starting at 6:00 AM. This is our only fundraiser of the year, and we have several repeaters and lots of equipment that rely on this event. KARS Emcomm trailer outfitted with emergency communications equipment will be at the fairgrounds for you to check out.

CHECK OUT THE KARSFEST FLYER LINK

<http://w9az.com/karsfest.pdf>

See write-up on page 2

**Have a safe and happy
Fourth of July and
thank a VETERAN
for making it so!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 2 N9FD
July 10 K9SAT
July 10 WC9B
July 11 W9CD
July 13 K9UNO
July 14 K9KSG
July 16 KC9VWP
July 18 KE9MG
July 20 NV9X
July 24 KX9J
July 25 N9REG
July 25 KB9VR
July 25 KD9AUK

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

KARSFEST IS SUNDAY JULY 16

KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE



Bicyclists at the Momence River Island food & water stop during a Two Rivers Century Bicycling Tour

TWO RIVERS CENTURY BICYCLE TOUR Sunday, August 6th

KARS has once again been asked to provide communications for this event which is a fund raiser for building and joining up biking/walking trails in Kankakee County.

This is a great way to get out and enjoy the fresh air, meet cyclists from all over the state and get out a positive message about amateur radio.

The ride will start at the Ice Valley Centre Ice Arena park at 6AM but that doesn't mean we all need to be there that early. The sign-up for riders begins at that time. There will be cyclists starting for about the first 2 or 3 hours. We'll need operators all day. You can help out at the start (6AM) or later in the morning or afternoon and participate as long as you can.

At the very minimum of participation, we'll need 4 fixed locations with ham operators: Registration, Aroma Park, Island Park in Momence, and Plato Bridge in Iroquois County, plus some hams to ride with the SAG service vehicles to provide communications from the mobile positions. If you drive your own vehicle to provide SAG service you will be reimbursed for your gas. The ride starts at 6 AM; SAG ends at 3:30. The ride patrolling will be from 6:00 AM to at least 3:00 PM, but the last time we participated, we had vehicles involved to around 5:30 PM.

There will be food at the rest stop locations. Good stuff! It is primarily for the cyclists, but we may indulge.

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TWO RIVERS CENTURY BICYCLE TOUR

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Harry WD9FYF is our point man in this operation, so contact him and let him know when you will be available. Expect hundreds of riders....some of the friendliest folks you'll ever meet.

Complete info, including maps is available online at:

<http://www.tworiverscentury.com/index.htm>

Mark Steffen, a local attorney, is the president of the Cycling Club. This is a really fun operation and even if you can't do the entire day, we can still use you part time. If you miss this event, you will really miss out on a great time outdoors! Harry will be working up a list of participants at the July General KARS Meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, contact Harry at: wd9fyf@arrrl.net or 815-928-8918

KARSFEST REPORT

Well, this is the month!!! [KARSFEST](#) is happening! Here's what we have so far:

Two of the three seminar slots are filled. Still waiting on ELAD to see if they can come up with someone who can give a seminar/Q&A session on the subject. I'll keep trying but time is getting short. Tickets are here and have been mailed out to those who sent in forms.

I've reached out to Craig N9FD and Carl K9CS to see if there's anything I missed, so that I can get the logistical holes plugged before the big day. I also have to find out how to get the money into the KARSFEST coffers!

I'm going to be taking the weekend of the 8th, 9th, and 10th, to attend three Hamfests to distribute flyers and to sell tickets for KARSFEST. They are: Indianapolis on the 8th; Oak Creek, Wisconsin on the 9th; and FRRL Aurora on the 10th. Wish me and my car luck for those trips.

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KARSFEST REPORT

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I STILL need a couple of folks to help with the Talk-In station. I've arranged for three two-hour shifts to do that deed? Anyone game to help out here?? Also, is there any one to 'man' ('woman') the prize booth? I think we should do that in shifts as well.

I would like to arrange a way for feedback for attendees this year. Maybe via E-mails. The idea (obviously) is not only to provide for improvements next year, but to also encourage people to return next year, when KARSFEST will be even better!

Art Reis, K9XI

FB KARS FIELD DAY!

The KARS operation in the 2017 ARRL Field Day was one of the best. Good weather, good food and great camaraderie made for a great event.

Stats:

80M CW—4	80M SSB—117
40M CW—163	40M SSB—103
20M CW—254	20M SSB—103
15M CW—113	15M SSB—12
10M CW—36	10M SSB—101
6M CW—0	6M SSB—70
2M SSB—2	
TTL CW—570	TTL SSB—508
TTL QSO's—1,078	
TTL CW Points—1,140	
TTL SSB Points—508	
Total with Bonus & Power multiplier Points—4,016 Points	

During the course of the event, several visitors stopped by, including two yet to be licensed young friends of Hiram WA4UET who stayed for hours and helped out with the setup Thanks guys! Also, thanks to all those who couldn't stay to operate but stopped by and helped out. Thanks to Will for manning the grill! Yumm!

Many thanks to Kevin N9REG for hosting KARS FD at his beautiful, rural QTH yet again. Kevin's demo of his new state of the art recording studio was a hit! A fun time with great memories!

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BOARD MEETING

The [KARS board meeting](#) will be held on Tuesday, July 18th at El Mexicano. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

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Field Day 2017



FD Chair John N9LYE



Inside the EMCOMM trailer



N9DLD & N9OE working the bands



FD Antennas



K9FO manning the grill! Yum!

For Sale (All priced for quick sale)
IC-746 with 1.9khz and 350hz filters,
 (Filters are worth \$200) Automatic Tuner.
 100 watts 2 meters and 6-160 m.
 Very clean in excellent condition. **\$600**

FT-857d with separation Kit.
 I purchased the FT-857d at Hamvention
 in 2012 from AES.
 Has never been installed or connected to
 power. All pieces still in their cellophane
 as when it was shipped. It is NEW!
 440mhz, 2m, 6-160 meters. **\$600**
 Email Clay N9IO n9io@hotmail.com

KARS MEMBERS ARE ACTIVE!

Orval KD9GLY & Bobbi KD9HSD at the
June 17 Foxhunt with K9ABN & N9RJMFox: K9KSG Winner: K9NR
At the June 17 FoxhuntFox: K9NR Winners: N9OE, N9DLD
& N9BMB at the June 28 Foxhunt

160 Picnic at the K9FO Momence river cottage

Don't forget the Two Rivers Bicycle Tour!!!