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ANNUAL KARS OCTOBER AUCTION

The [next KARS meeting](#) will be October 3th, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital meeting room. Use the main entrance on the South side. **Following a very brief business meeting, will be the annual KARS auction!**

Rummage through your garage, shed, basement, attic, etc. for electronic goodies to be auctioned off. Ten percent goes to the club treasury.

Auctioneers to be the tag team of WA9WAQ and K9FO.

Anything radio, electronic, computer related is appropriate. Probably best not to bring your new \$8K rig...unless you want to sell it cheap!

KARS BOARD MEETING

[KARS board meeting](#) will be held at 6 PM on Oct. 17th at El Mexicano restaurant. KARS members and their families are welcome to attend.

FOXHUNTS!!!

With good summer weather soon to be a thing of the past, we'll try to squeeze in as many foxhunts as possible. [Saturday, October 14th](#) is the next scheduled hunt. Start time will be 11:00AM-1:00PM. The fox will be the winner of the September 30th hunt. Don't miss out! Winter lasts a long time!

NCS FOR OCTOBER

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.

October 2	N9RJM
October 9	KD9CGC
October 16	N9OE
October 23	K9NR
October 30	K9KSG



Action at the 2016 KARS Auction
Don't miss out this year!

KARS KALENDAR

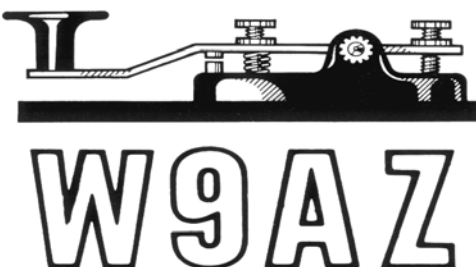
Oct 3...[KARS General Meeting \(AUCTION!\)](#)
Oct 7-8.....[California QSO Party](#)
Oct 14.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Oct 17.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Oct 22.....[Illinois QSO Party](#)
Oct 28.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Oct 28-29.....[CQWW DX SSB Contest](#)
Nov 4-6.....[ARRL Sweepstakes CW](#)
Nov 7.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
Nov 11-12.....[WAE DX RTTY Contest](#)
Nov 18-20.....[ARRL Sweepstakes Phone](#)
Nov. 21.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Nov 25-26.....[CQWW DX 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.ddns.net



ILQP CONTEST OCTOBER 22nd!

Don't forget! The [2017 Illinois QSO Party](#) is Sunday, October 22nd, 12 Noon to 8PM. Operation is on all bands 160 through 2 meters and all modes CW/SSB/FM. The exchange is your RS(T) and county or RS(T) and state for non-Illinois stations.

If you don't have HF gear, check out the activity on the FM simplex channels.

So...jump in and help out. You don't have to operate the entire contest. Just hop in anytime and make a few contacts. **Be sure to submit your log with KARS as the club aggregate!**

Everything you need to know is at:
<http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html>

NV9L GONE TO KP4-LAND

After rushing down to hurricane ravaged Texas to help with animal rescue and pet/family reunions, KARS member Val NV9L has answered the call from ARRL to journey to Puerto Rico and join other Ham volunteers providing emergency communications and humanitarian aid. Val represents the best our avocation has to offer. Hope the politicians are paying attention!



[TV news story interview with Val NV9L on FOX 61 in Newington, CT](#)

Don't Forget the AUCTION!

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

FOXHUNTS - FOXHUNTS - FOXHUNTS

September 9th Hunt



Comparing notes at the Fox's lair



Hunters arriving



Winners:
W9IEY & Terry with Fox K9NR

September 20th Hunt



Hunters gather at the start



Eight hunting teams
arrive at the fox's lair



Winner: K9QT
with Foxes Terry & W9IEY

KARSFEST UPDATE

by Art K9XI

Preparations for [KARS-Fest 2018](#) have already begun. Actually, Clay, N9IO, fired the first volley by creating the new KARS-Fest flyer some weeks ago. (Thanks, Clay!!!) As time goes on and features are added, the flyer will likely change. For now, however, it has already been "put out there." The printed first version made its debut at the CFMC Belvedere Hamfest on September 23. Two tickets were given away there as well. The actual tickets are not printed yet-so what? For now, I created and brought two ticket vouchers with me to Belvedere; the winners are to send a portion them back to the KARS-Fest ticket address (mine), so that we know where to send the winners their tickets when they are ready.

This will be the first of many hamfests (hopefully) that will be visited by KARS members armed with flyers and ticket prize vouchers, or real tickets. However, I cannot attend them all, so I'm going to need the help of the KARS membership to attend a few of them for me. It will be treated the same way as is the KARS Monday night net. At each KARS meeting, I will bring a hundred or more flyers and a pair of ticket vouchers for each Hamfest that month, and ask for volunteers to take them to the Hamfest, drop off the flyers at the flyer place and take the ticket prizes to the prize booth. That's it. That's all that has to be done, but it still has to be done. I'll check QST each month to figure out which Hamfests will be visited. Anyone with ideas can also add them in. I'm keeping a 100 mile limit on Hamfest attendance.

Beginning in October I'll start lining up vendors for KARS-Fest. My first two targets: Gold Medal Ideas, for hats, shirts, and badges, and QuickSilver Radio Company. I want those two very badly. Again, if any of you have ideas for vendors, please let me know, and I'll pursue them. I hope to be wrapping this part up by Dayton. No last-minute stuff this time around. Same thing with programs. I only have room for three speakers, but I'm going to try to round up good ones. First idea: Kermit Carlson W9XA, from the ARRL. He wants to. I'll try to get Rob Orr back, and a technical presentation on SDR, which I tried to get last KARS-Fest. Again, ideas for programs are welcome.

Don't forget the Illinois QSO Party !

KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE W9DXCC 2017



ARRL Forum speakers ^{DXAC} Jim W9WU, ^{ILSM} Ron AD9I, ^{Central Div Director} Kermit W9XA, ^{Vice Director} Carl K9LA and ^{ARRL President} Rick K5UR



ARRL President K5UR Rick Roderick keynote speaker of the W9DXCC banquet



WB9Z Jerry Rosalius CQ DX Hall of Famer & KARS Member Speaks on Receive Antennas



Banquet Time... Val NV9L left, Rick K5UR & Jerry WB9Z center, Glen W0GJ & Craig K9CT right



Between sessions... left to right Ken W9IE, Clay N9IO, Bob N9MBR, Jerry WB9Z, Don K9NR



KARS Members...left to right Billie K9QT, Bob N9MBR, Don K9NR, Carl K9CS, Chris W9LIZ, Clay N9IO, Ken W9IE, missing are Jerry WB9Z and Val NV9L who were very busy!

FCC OPENS 630 and 2200 METER BANDS TO HAMS

What goes around comes around! Not since the dawn of radio have we been able to operate freely on the MF and LF bands. The FCC announced that as of October 16 amateur use of these bands may commence.

There is a caveat! Prior to operation you must register with the Power Line Communications database. This is largely a formality. The sign-up page is:

<https://utc.org/plc-database-amateur-notification-process/>

Simply log in and fill out the short form. If you receive no objection in the next 30 days (and you probably won't), you may begin operating on these new bands. Generally, you would have to live very near a large power line to expect any issues. The power companies use the LF band for load management, etc. over their large power lines and as a result have a legitimate concern of RF interference from external sources. Consequently, you must go through this simple process before you operate.

Your HF rig probably will not transmit on these frequencies, 630 meters (472-479 kHz) and 2200 meters (135.7-137.7 kHz). However, many current generation transceivers do receive this frequency range. If you have been playing around (and working DX) with the new digital modes on the HF bands, you are ready to start copying the new LF/MF bands!

Even if you don't plan to use these bands in the near future, you should register since the FCC rules prohibit the Utilities Technology Council from deploying PLC in these bands closer than 1 kilometer from registered stations. Registration now will protect your ability to use our new LF/MF bands in the future.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 1	KC9SQG
October 4	K9NIA
October 4	W9BBB
October 7	K9KOC
October 7	NN9T
October 13	WR9L
October 14	N9YNZ
October 15	K9IOC
October 16	KB9NYW
October 22	NV9L
October 24	KB9ZQU
October 26	WB9CDE
October 26	K9NR

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