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FT-8 AT FEBRUARY MEETING!

The next KARS meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6th, at 7 P.M. in the first floor meeting room of St. Mary's Hospital.

Following a brief business meeting, there will be a presentation on the new digital mode FT8 including a live demonstration. **If you are using a computer / radio interface for any digital mode (including RTTY), please bring it in to show others** See you there!

2018 DUES ARE DUE

If you were unable to pay your dues at the annual Banquet, be sure to get them to Crystal W9IOU at the earliest opportunity. Either in person at the meeting or mail to:

Crystal Pena

1362 Trotters Turn

Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Dues remain unchanged:

Regular: \$30
Family: \$40
Family Senior: \$20
Student: \$15
Senior: \$15
Disabled: \$15

Active military dues are waived

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 3 K9XI
February 4 K9QT
February 8 KM9Z
February 11 N9ETT
February 13 KC9UNR
February 14 KC9QXV
February 14 K9BAC
February 15 NI9H
February 20 N9LYE

Let the newsletter editors know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.

BANQUET PICS IN MARCH!



A happy Will K9FO at the controls of his newly installed FLEX 6500 with Maestro. Will says that "it's the best receiver he's ever heard."

KARS KALENDAR

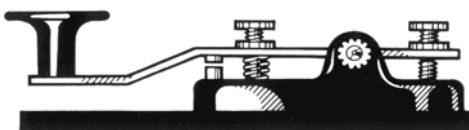
Feb 6.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
Feb 10-11.....[CQ World Wide WPX RTTY](#)
Feb 17-18.....[ARRL International DX CW](#)
Feb 20.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Feb 23-25.....[CQ 160 Meter SSB](#)
Feb 24-25.....[NA QSO Party RTTY](#)
March 4.....[Sterling Hamfest](#)
March 3-4.....[ARRL International DX SSB](#)
March 6.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
March 17-19.....[BARTG RTTY](#)
March 20.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
March 24-25.....[CQ World Wide WPX 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 Two Wide Area APRS digi-peaters
KARS DX Cluster w9az.ddns.net



W9AZ

KARS ELECTION RESULTS

The 2018 KARS election resulted in three new officers and two new board members...

President	K9NR
Vice President	N9IO*
Secretary	N9DLD*
Treasurer	W9IOU*
Director	K9CS
Director	K9KSG*
Director	N9FD
Director	N9OE
Director	W9IE*

*Newly Elected

K9NR ran unopposed for President. N9IO defeated N9RJM for VP. W9EJM resigned and N9DLD was elected Secretary.

W9IOU was elected Treasurer replacing KC9QXV who resigned. K9KSG and W9IE replaced K9QT and N9IO on the Board. K9QT stepped down from the Board to concentrate on the newsletter; and N9IO was elected Vice President.

Congratulations to the newly elected officials.

NCS FOR FEBRUARY

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.

February 5	K9NR
February 12	K9KSG
February 19	N9OE
February 26	KD9CGC

Don't forget the net!
Mondays at 2000 hrs. local time

It's time to plan for Hamvention 2018!

Helping out in post hurricane Puerto Rico

The heart and soul of Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (December 2017 KARS program)



Val NV9L takes time out of her busy schedule to share her experiences in hurricane ravaged Puerto Rico

The devastation wrought by Hurricane Maria was met head on by dedicated Amateur Radio operators. The ARRL's "Force of Fifty" helped save many lives and rescue people by providing emergency communications throughout the island. Amateur Radio operators also helped maintain safety and order by assisting law enforcement. KARS sends out kudos to Val and all the other responders and Hams who helped.



KARS members listen closely to NV9L's description of the numerous "go to" kits provided by the ARRL



If it is a WB9Z / NV9L kind of program, you better arrive early if you want a seat!

2017 New Years Eve Dinner

Good Food, Good Fun, Nice People!



That's a lot of smiling faces



We hope you were able to attend and had a safe and happy new year!

KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE



"For HF, I run an Icom 746 with three homebrew dipole antennas for 20, 40 and 80 Meters, all at 35 feet."

"For VHF / UHF, I am running a Yaesu FT-7900RE and a Yaesu FT-2200 feeding Diamond 510h and Diamond X200 antennas."

I have two keys. A straight key that I love and an Iambic paddle that I am getting used to. Nothing fancy but I am having lots of fun!" K9KSG

Be sure to send a picture of your shack to: donk9nr@gmail.com

Include a little write-up of your gear, and your favorite activities.

We want to hear from everyone! Do it today!

KARS SHACK OF THE MONTH—K9KSG

BOARD MEETING

The next KARS board meeting will be held on Feb 20th in the banquet room at **El Mexicano's Mexican Restaurant on Riverstone Parkway off the 308 I-57 exit.**

All KARS members and spouses are welcome to attend.

Eat at 6:00. Meet at 7:00

KOSOVO DXCC ENTITY

The ARRL DXCC Desk has formally recognized Kosovo as the latest DXCC entity. Using the standard prefix of "Z6" and effective on January 21, 2018, at 0000 UTC, nothing is retroactive. This brings the DXCC total to 340. Go get 'em!

Don't forget to send a picture of you and your station and a brief description of the hardware and your interests.

VAN WEGNER K1VLW EQUIPMENT SALE

KARS member Van K1VLW has moved to the Veteran's facility in Manteno and needs to sell some of his equipment...

FOR SALE:

- 1—Icom IC746Pro** station includes: **PS125** Power Supply, **SP 23** Speaker, **MFJ-836** Wattmeter, Heil **HM12 & PL2T** Arm Microphone and articulating arm...all for **\$1200**
- 2—MFJ-4035MV** 1-14 Volt 35Amp Linear Power Supply...**\$50**
- 3—Dentron Junior Monitor** compact antenna tuner 160-10M 300Watt...**\$35**
- 4—MFJ-931** Artificial Ground...**\$50**
- 5—MFJ-259B** antenna analyzer...**\$125**
- 6—KPC-3 TNC**...**\$25**
- 7—Greenlee CM400A** clamp-on meter...**\$100**
- 8—Rigol DS1102E** dual trace 100mHz digital oscilloscope...**\$250**
- 9—Galaxy DX44V** cb radio...**\$25**
- 10—Centech survivalist power station...includes: Centech 69712 3000 Watt continuous inverter, Centech 69662 2000 Watt continuous inverter, 4 12 Volt deep cycle batteries in boxes, trickle charger...**

Make offer

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