



KARS KEY CLICKS



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ANNUAL KARS OCTOBER AUCTION

The next KARS meeting will be October 2nd, 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!

FOXHUNTS!!

With good summer weather soon to be a thing of the past, we will try to squeeze in as many foxhunts as possible. Saturday, October 6th is the next scheduled hunt. 12:00 Noon - 2:00PM. The fox will be K9NR, the winner of the September 22nd hunt. Don't miss out! Winter lasts a long time!

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



Fun at the KARS September picnic meeting

KARS KALENDAR

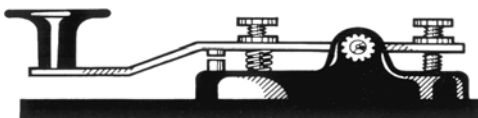
Sept 29-30	.....CQWW DX RTTY Test
Oct 2	.....KARS General Meeting (AUCTION!)
Oct 6	.....Transmitter Hunt
Oct 6-7	.....California QSO Party
Oct 16	.....KARS Board Meeting
Oct 20	.....Transmitter Hunt
Oct 21	.....>>>Illinois QSO Party
Oct 27-28	.....CQWW DX SSB Contest
Nov 3-5	.....ARRL Sweepstakes CW
Nov 6	.....KARS General Meeting
Nov 10-11	.....WAE DX RTTY Contest
Nov 17-19	.....ARRL Sweepstakes Phone
Nov 20	.....KARS Board Meeting
Nov 24-25	.....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
W9AZ DX Cluster	w9az.ddns.net



W9AZ

IL QSO PARTY-OCTOBER 21

Don't forget! The 2018 Illinois QSO Party is Sunday, October 21st, 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**

"KANKAKEE AREA RADIO SOCIETY" for the club aggregate score!

Everything you need to know is at:

<http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html>



Aerial view of the KARS September picnic

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 1	KD9CGC
October 8	K9KSG
October 15	N9OE
October 22	K9NR
October 29	WD9FYF

Don't Forget the AUCTION !

KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE



KARS SHACK OF THE MONTH—WR9L

Send in your shack photo today!

W9DXCC DX CONVENTION



As usual, KARS members enjoyed the ever popular W9DXCC DX Convention, one of the largest in the nation. Pictured above are WB9Z & NV9L, N9TK & K9TP, K9FO, K9NR, N9IO & N9MBR. Attending but not in the pics are K9CS & W9LIZ

WR9L's SHACK

Current station includes:

Yaesu FT-1000MP for HF
Yaesu FT-991 for HF/VHF/UHF
Ameritron Amplifier for HF
Ameritron Tuner for HF
Older than dirt gear:
ICOM IC-551 for 6 Meter Beacon
ICOM IC-251 for 2 M Beacon
Kenwood TS-530
HAMMARLUND SP600 Just because!
AMECO 6N2 Transmitters Memories!
Heath DX-20 Transmitter Novice days
Knight R-55A Receiver Novice days
Assorted accessories, test gear and homebrew stuff

My first taste of radio was when I was around 6. We had an old RCA counsel radio that listed on the front dial where you could find all of the far-away places that you could hear – Rome, Tokyo, Tropics, Police, etc. That really peaked a 6 year olds interest.

At 14 I built my first Heathkit – a GR64 shortwave receiver but I didn't get the Ham bug until I met Dan WA9WAQ. We lived in the same neighborhood and he introduced me to Ham radio and became my Elmer.

I was licensed as a Novice in Jan. 1969 as WN9AQE using my GR64 receiver and a borrowed Heathkit DX-20 from Dan. I eventually graduated to a Knight R-55A receiver.

73 Greg WR9L



A special treat for about 20 KARS and Chicago Mobileers club members....a tour of the world class station of WB9Z/NV9L

Thanks Jerry!

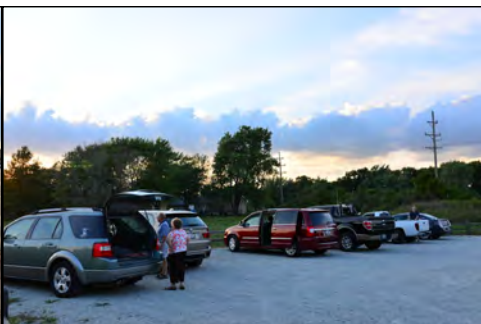
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August 28th Foxhunt



Winners: KA9TAG, N9DWE
with K9KSG at the starting point



Hunters gathering at the fox's lair

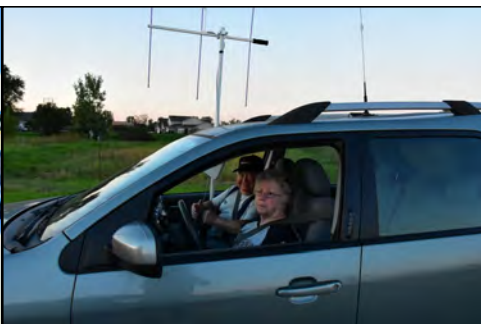


The foxes...Paul W9IEY & Terry
luring the hunters

September 11th Foxhunt



KB9VR & N9DWE team up to start



K9KSG & KD9CFV
closing in on the foxes



Fox Dave KA9TAG &
Winner Clay N9IO

September 22th Foxhunt



The hunters gather at the Meadowview
starting point



The hunters at the foxes lair—what a
great way to spend a beautiful day!



Winner Don K9NR with the Fox Clay
N9IO—Time to eat!

RELEASE OF WSJT-X 2.0 BETA VERSION ANNOUNCED

The “candidate release” of the latest version of the popular software is available for download at: <https://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjsx.html>

The new software will offer improved decoding sensitivity, improved support of DXpeditions, increased data lengths for messages & increased support for contests including various VHF and the RTTY Roundup.

If you wish to participate as beta tester or just get accustomed to the new features, download and install!

KARS BOARD MEETING

KARS board meeting will be held at El Mexicano restaurant on October 16th, 6PM to eat and 7PM to meet. KARS members and their families are welcome to attend.