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AMSTERDAM ISLAND FT5ZM DXPEDITION VIDEO PRESENTATION AT NOVEMBER MEETING

The next KARS meeting will be November 6th, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital in the downstairs Board Room. Use the main entrance on the South side to the elevators. Go to the basement level and exit to your right.

After a brief business meeting, there will be a DVD presentation of the very successful 2014 Amsterdam Island DXpedition in the remote Indian Ocean. This record setting operation had some of the finest DX pileup operators in the world including KARS member Jerry WB9Z.

Jerry has fond memories of this expedition and if he can clear his calendar, he might attend and provide his fascinating narration. Try not to miss this meeting!

KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET

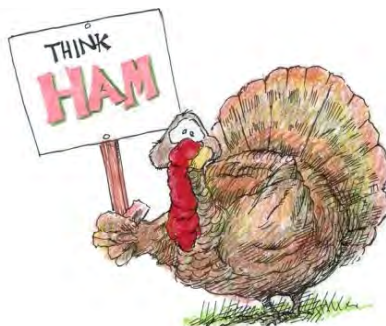
Be sure to attend the KARS November meeting and help choose the KARS Holiday Banquet venue. Present suggestions include: The Family House (same as last year) and Brickstone Brewery.

If you know of a place suitable to our needs, please let us know. We need to make a decision at the November meeting so we can make the necessary reservations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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



Happy Thanksgiving!

KARS KALENDAR

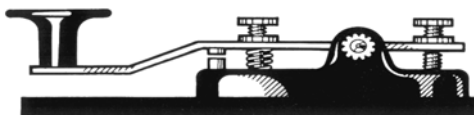
Nov 6.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
Nov 10.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Nov 3-5.....[ARRL Sweepstakes CW](#)
Nov 10-11.....[WAE DX RTTY](#)
Nov 20.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Nov 17-19.....[ARRL Sweepstakes PH](#)
Nov 24-25.....[CQWW DX CW](#)
Nov 30.....**THANKSGIVING!**
Nov 30-Dec 2.....[ARRL 160 Contest](#)
Dec 4.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
Dec 8-9.....[ARRL 10 Meter Contest](#)
Dec 29-31.....[Stew Perry 160 Contest](#)
Dec 18.....[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
W9AZ DX Cluster w9az.ddns.net



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!

Voting and nominating are limited to licensed KARS members in good standing.

KARS & ILQP...KUDOS!

KARS members came through with a fine showing in the 2018 Illinois QSO Party. Last year, we took third place and even with continuing poor propagation, we look forward to besting our position in 2018.

Some FB work from the following members: K9FO, N9LYE, W9IE, K9CS, K9NR, W9DX, N9IO, W9KVR & N2BJ. We're waiting to hear from other operators who helped out last year. A big thanks to everyone who did their part. Be thinking of the 2019 event!

BOARD MEETING

The KARS board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 20th at El Mexicano. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM.

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 5th K9KSG
November 12th N9LYE
November 19th N9OE
November 26th WD9FYF

Don't forget the net!

Good Luck in the Fall Contest Season!

KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE



K9NR/K9QT's SHACK

Current station includes:

Yaesu FTdx-5000 HF XCVR
 FLEX 6600 HF XCVR
 FLEX Maestro Controller
 Yaesu FT-847 HF-UHF XCVR
 Yaesu FT-100D HF XCVR
 ICOM IC-7000 HF-UHF XCVR mobile
 Yaesu FT-736R VHF/UHF multi mode
 Kenwood TM-V71A's for FM mobile
 FLEX Power Expert 2K HF Amplifier
 ACOM 2000A 2K HF Amplifier
 Command Tech II 1K 2M Amplifier
 Antennas:

160M...120ft shunt fed vertical
 80M...Inverted VEE at 70ft
 40M...Moxon beam at 95ft
 40M...Inverted Vee at 40ft
 20,15,10M...Bencher Skyhawk at 100ft
 20,15,10M...KLM KT-34 at 45ft
 17,12M...A-3WS elements at 70ft
 6M...M2 5 elements at 50ft
 2M...2M12 12 elements horiz. at 110ft
 70cm...19 elements horiz at 115ft
 Three 500ft two wire Beverage receive antennas

Don received his Novice license at the age of 18. Later in the year he passed his Advanced and the following year the Extra. In 1976, the FCC offered 2 letter calls to Extra class hams. Don picked K9NR as he liked the way it sounded on CW.

Don enjoys DXing and Contesting from his home station. He is a member of DXCC Honor Roll. Don has guest oped at both WB9Z and K9CT on numerous occasions. He is also a Life Member of the ARRL, a member of CWops, the MetroDX Club and SMC. As of April of this year, he has been licensed for 50 years, as well as a full member of ARRL and KARS for 50 years. Don's early interest in radio/electronics resulted in a career as a Radio Broadcast Engineer.

Billie was first licensed as a Novice in 1990. Later that year she earned her Technician license and served as net control after the Plainfield tornado disaster. Two months later, she passed the 13 wpm code and written exams to qualify for Advanced. A few years she became an Extra. Billie likes to DX and contest when her schedule permits. She is a member of DXCC.

KARS SHACK OF THE MONTH—K9NR/K9QT

Send in your shack photo today!

MEOOW!

PITCAIRN ISLAND

2019 DXPEDITION NEWS

KARS member Jerry WB9Z, more or less recovered from the ill fated Bouvet Island DXpedition will be part of an experienced team of 14 to operate from Pitcairn Island located in the highly isolated South Pacific in October of next year.

The team consisting of AA7A, EY8MM, JR4OZR, KOIR, K0PC, K9CT, N2TU, N4GRN, N6HC, W0GJ, W0VTT, W6IZT, W8HC and WB9Z will be there for two weeks operating on all bands and modes.

The good ole' reliable RV Braveheart will be their mode of transportation. The team is currently working on constructing their website and hope to have it live "soon with more details."

BTW. If Pitcairn Island sounds familiar, it was the place Fletcher Christian sailed the HMS Bounty after taking the ship from the infamous Captain Bligh. Yes, Mutiny on the Bounty was based on a true story! Since Tom Christian VR6TC became a Silent Key, Pitcairn has become a fairly rare DX catch, so this DXpedition will be popular. Note the name Tom "Christian." Yes, a direct descendent of ole' Fletcher was a ham operator!

Look for updates as the operation date nears and consider sending a donation to help cover costs.

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.

A good time to download the latest version of the excellent contest logging program N1MM+. It is the most popular logging program available and it is free! See you in the contest!

K9KOC ESTATE SALE

TenTec Omni VI HF .XCVR.....\$600
 TenTec 238 Antenna Tuner.....\$100
 Astron RS50M 12V Pwr Supply...\$80
 Ameritron AL11H Amplifier.....\$400
 Yaesu FT2500 50W 2M Mobile.....\$80
 HyGain Ham Series Rotor.....\$100
 Moseley TA-33 Tri-Band Beam...\$100

Antenna & rotor are on a 40ft tower. If interested, contact: Don Kerouac K9NR 815-939-7548 or donk9nr@gmail.com

KARS members are active!

October 13 Hunt



**Terry & Velma KD9CFV
at the start**



**Don K9NR, the fox in his
Hiding place**



**The winners Clay N9IO
and Cindy N9IOQ**

October 27 Hunt



**Bobbi KD9HSD waves at the
starting point**



**The foxes, Billie K9QT & Dave
KA9TAG in the foxes den**



The winner Craig N9FD...Uh Oh!

Photo collage of the annual October KARS auction

160 Picnic at K9FO's River Cottage



**A drones eye view of the Chicago
Radio Mobileers picnic at
K9FO's Kankakee River cottage.
Will took the opportunity to
have K9NR hang a new 80M in-
verted L using Don's drone.
Worked like a charm!**

**Top: President K9NR
Bottom: Master auctioneers Dan WA9WAQ
& Will K9FO run the tag team KARS
Auction...don't scratch your nose!**

**Top: A view during the break
after the meeting
Bottom: Auctioneers await the return of
everyone to start the auction**

**If you tell the truth, you don't
have to remember anything.
Mark Twain**