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SEPTEMBER TO BE THE PICNIC MEETING

****Note: Date Change due to weather****

The next KARS meeting will be **Thursday September 5th**, 5:30 PM at the Hickory Hills Shelter in the Kankakee River State Park (the most southeastern shelter...same as last year). You can arrive early as we have the shelter reserved for the entire day...some arrive 4-5 PM.

This will be a picnic meeting.

Everyone is responsible for their own food, drink, table service, etc. After a brief business meeting, there will be a self-guided tour of mobile installations.

We will attempt to cluster the mobiles together. Be mindful of where to park if you don't have a mobile to display. See you there!

W9DXCC

The W9DXCC DX Convention this year will be on September 13-14.

As usual, several KARS members will be attending the annual DXers extravaganza held this year at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, IL. Great presentations, card checking, equipment displays, prizes, banquet and great fun!

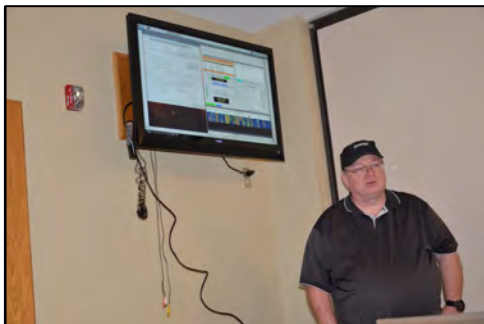
Friday's schedule includes both DX University and Contest University programs. Be sure to sign up!

Friday evening, there will be a gathering of Society of Midwest Contesters for dinner and hobnobbing from the Black Hole!

Saturday's schedule includes a great list of DX related programs followed by the Banquet. The Banquet special guest speaker will be MFJ founder/ owner Martin Jue K5FLU.

For complete info on the W9DXCC Convention, check out:

<https://www.w9dxcc.com/>



At the August meeting Scott K9ABN presented a fascinating program on using the Raspberry Pi to run WSJT-X

KARS KALENDAR

August 31.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
September 5 (THUR)[KARS General Meeting](#)
September 15.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
September 14-16.....[ARRL Sept. VHF Test](#)
September 13-14.....[W9DXCC Convention](#)
September 21.....[Peoria Superfest](#)
September 17.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
September 29.....[Radio Expo Hamfest](#)
September 28-29.....[CQWW DX RTTY Test](#)
October 1.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
October 5.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
October 15.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
October 19.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
October 20.....[Illinois QSO Party!](#)
October 26-27.....[CQWW DX SSB Contest](#)

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

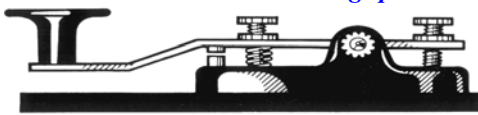
146.34/.94 **107.2 PL Access**

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

ILLINOIS QSO PARTY!

The 2019 Illinois QSO Party will be held Sunday, October 20th, Noon to 8 PM local time. Operation is on all bands 160 through 2 meters (excluding 30,17&12 meters) and all modes CW/SSB/FM. The exchange is your RS(T) and county or RS(T) and state for non-Illinois stations.

KARS placed third club aggregate score in the state of Illinois. We beat some much larger clubs! This year we are aiming to move up the chart and we need everyone's help!

So...jump in and help out. Make as many contacts as your schedule will allow and 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>

Your club needs you...be a part of the team! Did I forget to mention, it's a heck of a lot of fun! Let K9NR know of your intentions to operate.

NCS FOR SEPTEMBER

The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 repeater.

September 2 K9NR
September 9 K9KSG
September 16 N9OE
September 23 N9FD
September 30 N9LYE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 11 W9TRF
September 11 KD9CGA
September 15 K9BIG
September 15 KD9CFV
September 15 W9WWE
September 15 W4HYB
September 21 WB9RUE
September 29 Terry
September 30 WB9Z

Don't Forget the Illinois QSO Party in October!

KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE



Clockwise from top left:

8/6 W9IE at the August Meeting Program

Foxhunts:

8/4 K9NR/Fox—N9DWE & KB9VR winners

8/4 Hunters at the fox's lair

8/18 KB9VR/Fox (*no vehicle, just chainsaw*)

8/18 Hunters closing in

8/18 WD9GXU winner

8/18 KA9TAG & N9DWE teams at the start

8/6 August Meeting at St Mary's Hospital

PHONETIC ALPHABET

A-Alpha

F-Foxtro

K-Kilo

P-Papa

U-Uniform

Z-Zulu

B-Bravo

G-Golf

L-Lima

Q-Quebec

V-Victor

C-Charlie

H-Hotel

M-Mike

R-Romeo

W-Whiskey

D-Delta

I-India

N-November

S-Sierra

X-Xray

E-Echo

J-Juliet

O-Oscar

T-Tango

Y-Yankee

The September Board Meeting will be Tuesday September 17th at El Mexicano's.

All members and guests are invited to attend. Eat at 6PM Meet at 7PM.

NET OPERATION

The importance of proper net operation cannot be over-emphasized, particularly in times of emergencies!

Nets can be described as *Formal* or *Informal*. Like most club nets, KARS Monday night nets are somewhere in between.

In a typical net, there is a net control station or NCS. Traffic is usually routed through the NCS. EVERYONE should have at least some experience at being the NCS. When an emergency occurs, "official" Net Control Operators will not likely be immediately available. Consequently, everyone should be able to grab the reins and jump right in. Don't feel self-conscious, everyone has to start somewhere. To be an effective NCS, you MUST learn to use the official phonetic alphabet!

When checking into a formal net, transmit your callsign one time. Unless you have a very short, distinctive call, use proper phonetics. Under less than ideal conditions, always use phonetics. DO NOT use cutesy phonetics, there is no place for them in an emergency! When checking in, listen to and follow the instructions of the NCS. Keep your transmissions BRIEF! Sign your callsign only! Comments like "thanks for taking the net, etc." are darn friendly but are unprofessional and slow the exchange of possibly critical traffic.

The routine KARS Monday Night Net does not require check-ins to "check out." At the finish of business, the NCS simply closes the net. However, during an ongoing severe weather net, it is important that you advise the NCS if you are temporarily or permanently leaving the net. He/she needs that information.

New Net Control Operators are sometimes advised to use a "list" system to handle check-ins. It's a process where a long list of stations are called one at a time. This can become tedious and inefficient because many on the list will simply not check in. This is okay when you are first getting the hang of being NCS but in a real emergency, list operation will go out the window and the NCS must be able to handle check-ins fast and furious. So, as soon as possible, develop proficiency with phonetics and volunteer to be Net Control Station! Many thanks to all our NCS operators! Improving your net operation skills is an ongoing process...so start today!