



# KARS KEY KCLICKS



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## ARRL CENTRAL DIVISION DIRECTOR W9XA TO SPEAK AT FEBRUARY KARS MEETING

The [next KARS meeting](#) will be held on Tuesday, February 4th, at 7 P.M. in the Boardroom of St. Mary's Hospital. Take elevator down 1 floor. Following a brief business meeting, there will be a presentation by [Kermit Carlson W9XA](#) on the latest actions in Amateur Radio, including the recent ARRL BOD meeting and FCC actions as they apply to our great avocation.

### 2020 DUES ARE DUE

You can pay your dues in person or send to the KARS Treasurer:

**Diane N9DLD**

**2397N 10000W Rd.**

**Bonfield, Illinois 60913**

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Regular:             | \$30 |
| Senior:              | \$15 |
| Family:              | \$40 |
| Senior Family: (New) | \$20 |
| Student:             | \$15 |
| Disabled:            | \$15 |

Active military dues are waived

**Make out your checks to: "KARS"**

New members who joined in the second half of 2019 are covered for 2020.

>[Membership Application - Join Today!](#)<

**[SMCFEST 2020](#)** has been set for  
**Saturday August 22nd**  
**In Bloomington, Illinois**

### NCS FOR FEBRUARY

The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

|             |       |
|-------------|-------|
| February 3  | K9XI  |
| February 10 | K9KSG |
| February 17 | N9OE  |
| February 24 | N9DWE |

Don't forget the net!

Mondays at 2000 hrs. local time



**Bob NN9T demonstrates remote operation of his home station at the December KARS meeting**

### KARS KALENDAR

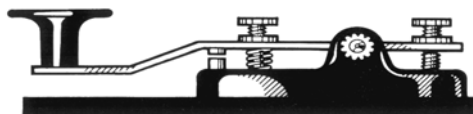
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| Feb 4.....       | <a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a>      |
| Feb 8-9.....     | <a href="#">CQ World Wide WPX RTTY</a>    |
| Feb 15-16.....   | <a href="#">ARRL International DX CW</a>  |
| Feb 18.....      | <a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>        |
| Feb 21-23.....   | <a href="#">CQ 160 Meter SSB</a>          |
| Feb 29.....      | <a href="#">NA QSO Party RTTY</a>         |
| March 3.....     | <a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a>      |
| March 7-8.....   | <a href="#">ARRL International DX SSB</a> |
| March 8.....     | <a href="#">Sterling Hamfest</a>          |
| March 17.....    | <a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>        |
| March 21-23..... | <a href="#">BARTG RTTY</a>                |
| March 28-29..... | <a href="#">CQ World Wide WPX SSB</a>     |

*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



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### KARS ELECTION RESULTS

KARS 2020 officers are as follows:

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| President      | N9FD   |
| Vice President | K9NR*  |
| Secretary      | K9KSG* |
| Treasurer      | N9DLD  |
| Director       | KB9VR* |
| Director       | KD9FVM |
| Director       | N9DWE* |
| Director       | N9OE   |
| Director       | N9IO*  |

\*Newly Elected

Congratulations to the newly elected officials.

### BOARD MEETING

The [next KARS board meeting](#) will be held on Feb 18th in the banquet room at El Mexicano's Restaurant on Riverstone Parkway off of I-57 Exit #308.

All KARS members and spouses are welcome to attend to eat and observe. Eat at 6:00. Meet at 7:00

### NEW EXTRA CLASS QUESTION POOL

A new question pool for the Extra Class exam will be effective July 1st. Details at "[www.ncvec.org](http://www.ncvec.org)"

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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

*It's time to plan for Hamvention 2020!*

# 2020 KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET

A great evening, wonderful people & prizes



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## KARSFEST 2020 UPDATE

Art K9XI

Official [KARSFEST](#) Committee activities for 2020 have begun! On January 19, I dropped off flyers and 3 vouchers for KARSFEST tickets at the first Hamfest of the year, Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs' Hamfest at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles. I had a slight auto accident on the way back. Talk about taking one for the team! Already, the first voucher has come back. K9FH, a loyal KARSFEST attendee, was the first winner. Just a couple of days later, the printers finally came through with the tickets and the first one has now been mailed out to Phil!

Hopefully, by the time you read this, the remaining tickets from the 2019 KARSFEST will have been entered into the attendee spread sheet. It's been a busy few months, with no time to do that until now.

The next area hamfest will be on Saturday, February 29, at LaPorte. Anyone from the club going to that one? Drop me a line at [karsfest@gmail.com](mailto:karsfest@gmail.com), and I'll get you some flyers and a couple of prize tickets in envelopes to deliver. For the next couple of Hamfests, I'm going to print the flyers myself. That should save some money on the cost of printing...until Dayton.

I'm starting the search for vendors during February. Anyone who can help on that part of it, I could sure use you. Also, unless somebody has a compelling forum idea, we'll only be doing one this year and that will be Kermit's ARRL forum...if he can make it. More next month.

## STORM SPOTTER TRAINING

Joe KD9FVM

The Kankakee County EMA and the National Weather Service/Chicago are co-sponsoring a free Severe Storm & Tornado Spotter Training session at the Kankakee Community College Auditorium on Tuesday February 4th at 7PM.

**Register today**  
by emailing [bpowell@k3county.net](mailto:bpowell@k3county.net)  
or calling (815) 802-7150.

[Severe Storm & Tornado Spotter Training 2020 Info - Kankakee Co Sheriff Twitter Link](#)

## HAMVENTION 2020

Planning on attending? Make sure you get your plans and reservations in order as the date (May 15,16,17) is rapidly approaching!

## 2019 / 2020 New Years Eve Dinner

Good Food, Good Fun, Nice People!



Lots of smiling faces!



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

**“Never argue with stupid people, they’ll drag you down to their level, and beat you with experience!”  
-Mark Twain**