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A Trip to Hamvention - March Program

The [next KARS meeting](#) will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7 PM in the first floor meeting room of St. Mary's Hospital.

Following a brief business meeting, there will be a presentation on the Dayton Hamvention. For decades, many KARS members have attended the world's largest Amateur Radio event.

If you are a Dayton veteran or are planning your first trip. This is for you!

2020 DUES ARE DUE

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

[New Application click here](#)

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

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.

NCS FOR MARCH

[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.

March 2	K9NR
March 9	K9KSG
March 16	N9OE
March 23	N9LYE
March 30	N9DWE

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



Kermit W9XA addressing the February KARS meeting

KARS KALENDAR

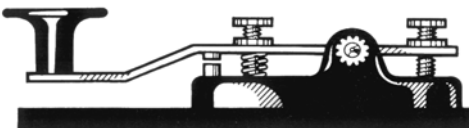
March 3.....	KARS General Meeting
March 7-8.....	ARRL International DX SSB
March 8.....	Start Daylight Savings Time!
March 8.....	Sterling- Rockfalls Hamfest
March 17.....	KARS Board Meeting
March 21-23.....	BARTG RTTY
March 28-29.....	CQ World Wide WPX SSB
April 7.....	KARS General Meeting
April 11-12.....	Georgia QSO Party
April 18-19.....	Michigan QSO Party
April 21.....	KARS Board Meeting
April 25-26.....	Florida QSO Party

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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STATE QSO PARTY CHALLENGE 2020

There is a new year long QSO Party contest called the State QSO Party Challenge (SQPC). The idea is similar to the CQ DX Marathon

Checkout: www.stateqsoparty.com

Val, NV9L did a SQPC presentation on HamNation and as a result Icom America volunteered to sponsor SQPC trophies, plaques and certificates. Check out [HamNation episode 439](#) entitled "Hams Gone YL'ed 2.0" from Feb 5th. Val's time slot is from 3:14 to 14:14 in the show. **Thank you Val!**

HAMVENTION 2020

Are you going? Make sure you get your plans and reservations in order. In spite of the current weather, the date is rapidly approaching!

BOARD MEETING

The next [KARS board meeting](#) will be held on March 17th 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.

Eat at 6:00. Meet at 7:00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 2	W9IEY
March 2	N9DLD
March 4	N9DWE
March 11	KC9ZKA
March 14	KC9OAK
March 23	N9HJR
March 24	K9BYT

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

It's time to plan for Hamvention 2020!

KARS HOMEPAGE— **WWW.W9AZ.COM** —KARS HOMEPAGE



ARRL Central Division Director Kermit Carlson W9XA (foreground, left) packs the house

A visit from our ARRL Director is always an event. Fresh from the ARRL Board of Directors meeting in Newington, Kermit had a special program tailored for the KARS February meeting. We were the first club he visited since the BOD meeting and he brought us up to date with the latest happenings at ARRL HQ. It was an interesting presentation and the large turnout of KARS members kept poor Kermit till nearly 10PM. He had a long drive back to Batavia. **Thanks Kermit!**



KARS members at ARRL EXPO/Hamvention2006
[KARS Int Space Station contact](#) recognized by ARRL

KARS HAPPENINGS April 18 1942

Thanks to Bill W9VQG SK

Ed Drolet W9IBU was President of KARS from 1942 to 1944. Raising money was of prime importance. Local hams were interested in 2 1/2 Meters and plans were being made to get back on the air after the war. Meetings were held twice a month. A letter was received from the U.S. Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Virginia asking for 100 experienced radio mechanics at \$1.06/hr, assistants at \$0.59/hr. Club affiliation with the ARRL was discussed at the April 22, 1942 meeting. Local hams were active in Civilian Defense and Red Cross work during World War II. Radio operators were in great demand with top pay of \$3200 per year for 40WPM operators! Local hams were used in black out tests when other communications proved inadequate.

**“Always do what is right. It will gratify some people
 and astonish the rest!”** ...Mark Twain