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APRIL KARS MEETINGS CANCELLED

It will probably come as no surprise to anyone the April KARS meetings have been cancelled do to the Wuhan Virus epidemic...

Since it is a very dynamic situation, we will work this on a month by month basis. This applies to both the Regular and Board Meetings. In the mean time, check into the Monday night Net on the 146.34/.94 repeater.

STATE QSO PARTIES

Party on!

April and May provide the HF operator with an abundance of domestic on-air activities. You can work on your Worked All States award or collect counties.

April 4-5.....[Mississippi QSO Party](#)
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April 4-5.....[Nebraska QSO Party](#)
April 11-12.....[New Mexico QSO Party](#)
April 11-12.....[Georgia QSO Party](#)
April 11-12.....[North Dakota QSO Party](#)
April 18-19.....[Michigan QSO Party](#)
April 18-19.....[Ontario QSO Party](#)
April 25-26.....[Florida QSO Party](#)
May 2.....[Indiana QSO Party](#)
May 2-3.....[Delaware QSO Party](#)
May 2-3.....[New England QSO Party](#)
May 2-3.....[7th Call Area QSO Party](#)
May 9-10.....[Arkansas QSO Party](#)

Don't forget to work the W9AZ operation in Perry County, IN on May 2nd.

NCS FOR APRIL

[The net](#) meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

April 6 N9LYE
April 13 K9KSG
April 20 N9OE
April 27 N9DWE
Don't forget the net!



Lest we forget HamVentions Past
Please check out a photo collage of KARS members moments in time over the years **on pages 3 & 4**

KARS KALENDAR ***

April 19...[ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB](#)
May 16.....[Dayton Hamvention QP](#)
May 30-31...[CQWW WPX CW Contest](#)

***See Foxhunt discussion in the next column

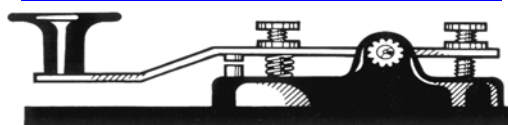
***See the special State QSO Parties to the left

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
KARS DX Cluster w9az.ddns.net



W9AZ

STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!

FOXHUNT CALENDAR

After a long, cold winter there is a pent up demand for a transmitter hunt!

Unfortunately, we must now contend with this new issue of "social distancing" and feel we must do our part to help "flatten the curve" by not taking unnecessary risks of exposure in a time we should all "shelter in place" as has been ordered by the state actively protecting one another. (I for one am sure tired of hearing all of the above terms).

If you are a regular hunter, watch for an email announcing the first hunt after it is deemed safe to do so further in the future. Thank you for your understanding in this time of crisis. Time to get on and work some new ones.

INDIANA QSO PARTY

Operations are gearing up for the 2020 Indiana QSO Party to be held Saturday May 2nd. There will be lots of activity as the INQP coincides with the New England and 7-Land QSO Parties held the same weekend.

Local operators trip to the AK9F memorial Perry County operation to be decided in the coming weeks.

For rules and operating aids, check out the HDXCC site at:

["www.hdxcc.org/inqp"](http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 1 WU9D
April 4 KC9OQQ
April 11 WB9WEC
April 17 N9MBR
April 19 WB9WOC
April 25 W9IE
April 26 K9CS
April 28 N9NAH

If we miss your birthday or get it wrong, please let us know!

DAYTON HAMVENTION QSO PARTY

May 16th 2020

The Dayton Hamvention for 2020 has been [cancelled](#).

WWROF, in cooperation with the Hamvention organizers, wanted

to create a fun way for people to celebrate the Hamvention experience over the air – the **Hamvention QSO Party**. Let's celebrate the many years we have all had at the Great Gathering we call Hamvention. We also want to remember Ron Moorefield W8ILC who never missed a Hamvention and contributed to our club (DARA) until his recent death two days after the 2020 cancellation. Let's light up the airwaves with our remembrances of Hamventions of the past! **See you on the air!**
K3LR, Tim Duffy and W8CI, Michael Kalter.



Here is the deal: 12 hour event, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDST on the Saturday of Hamvention May 16, 2020.

Operate CW or SSB on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. **The exchange is a signal report and first year you attended Hamvention.**

If you have never attended Hamvention you send 2020.

Send your score (number of QSOs) to 3830scores.com within 5 days of the event. You can print a certificate on line via www.HVQP.org.

More details will appear on the Hamvention QSO Party web site being set up now.

Special bonus: W8BI, the club call of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA is the host of Hamvention) will be activated by designated DARA members from their home stations. You can add 10 points for each band/mode QSO with W8BI (12 available). So you can earn 120 bonus points (like having 120 additional QSOs).

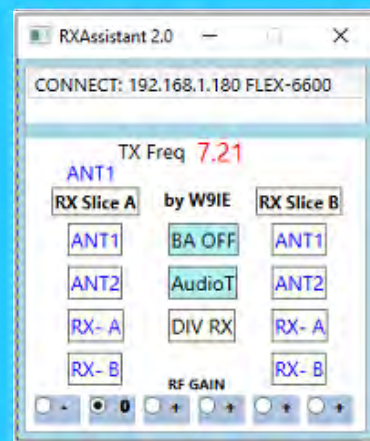
Visit: <https://wwrof.org/hamvention-qso-party/> for the most up to date details for this event.

RXAssistant Version 1.9

3-23-2020

NOW Updated to Version 2.0 (4-7-2020)

RXAssistant is a program intended to Add Receive Antenna Assistance Option Selection to any of the [FlexRadio 6XXX](#) Radios running SmartSDR versions 2.6.1 or greater or any 3.x version.



Local Flex Radio Guru Ken W9IE

has produced a Flex Radio operating app for Windows users of 6000 series Flex Radios.

Download from the KARS Web Site at: <https://www.w9az.com/RXAssistant/RXAssistantSetup-2.0.zip>

RXAssistant provides quick Point and Click Selection that offsets Touch Screen Fumbling and some MENU selections on the Maestro and also aids the SmartSDR PC Screen.

IE: The name RXAssistant

Version 1.9 includes the "AudioT" button that toggles receiver audio between the speaker and headphones.

STATE QSO PARTY CHALLENGE

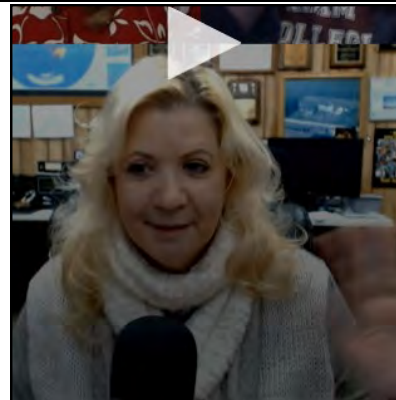
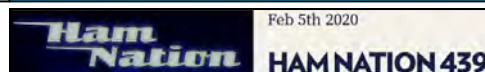


For those of you who like working QSO Parties there is a new year long QSO Party contest called the State QSO Party Challenge (SQPC). The idea is similar to the CQ DX Marathon. The idea and manager of the SQPC is Dave Edmonds, WN4AFP. Dave is also chairman of the South Carolina QP committee.

SQPC Sponsored by...



There is a website that can be found here: <http://stateqsoparty.com/> There is also a complete overview of the SQPC, rules, scoring and a list of QPs that are approved for the SQPC. There are 47 QPs on the approved list. Each QP you operate in counts as a multiplier. The INQP is one of the 47 as are the other three QPs that occur on the Big QP Weekend. Scoring is simple. You multiply the number of QPs you operated in over the year times the number of QP contacts. For a QP to count as a multiplier, you only have to make two QSOs. If you have a busy weekend all you have to do is sneak into the shack to make two QSOs to get your multiplier. To report your score you post your score on 3830 after each QP. 3830 keeps a running total through the year. So, each participant can track how they are doing compared to the other participants. You have the standard 7 days after each QP to report your score to 3830. The website has a chronological list of the 47 QP dates.



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!



HARA ARENA STRUCK BY TORNADO

The famed huge complex that hosted Hamvention just three years ago was heavily damaged by a tornado on May 27th.

Lots of memories...very sad!

KARS HIGHLIGHTS AND HIJINKS FROM THE 2007 DAYTON HAMVENTION



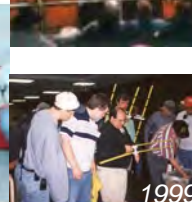
Pete NI9H charms Sue and Judie at the Air Force Museum while Howard AK9F and Ken W9YNI are away



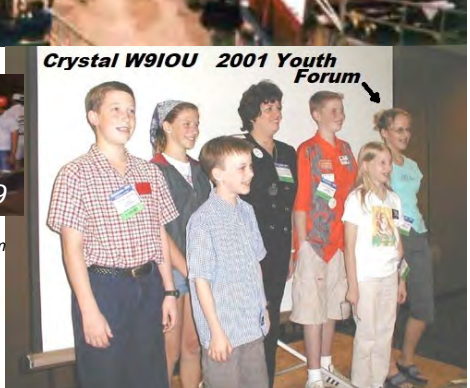
Howard AK9F and Ken W9YNI flanking Pete (a.k.a. Romeo) What happened to that smile Pete?



Will wants to know... "Where'd all the women go?"



K9IOC & N9IO with WB2HOL, Foxhunt Forum



Crystal W9IOU 2001 Youth Forum



Greg WR9L and Don K9NR are speechless as they point out a S480 Dipole Kit



Danny WA9WAQ sampling breakfast at the luxury hotel



Steve W9DX downs coffee as he tries to shake off the previous nights partying



The KARS gang gathers at Don Pablos on Thursday night for a fine meal



Dan WA9WAQ sampling the wares in the vast Dayton flea market



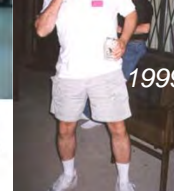
The KARS gang in front of the statue of Icarus in the Air Force Museum



KARS members taking needed nourishment after heavy duty day at Hamvention



K9FO



K9NR & N9LCX Knights Inn



Bill N9QXZ and Kevin N9REG carry a load of goodies to their car



Astronaut Bill McArthur KC5ACR speaking at the Dayton forum on space communications



Krister N9ECM describing to Greg WR9L the Burka Babes in Iraq



N9LCX Cal K8IOC Chip N9MBR Bob N9REG Kevin N9IO Clay KB9NYW Scott K9ZCO Sparky

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Bill N9OE seems to think he can fit that big radial under the hood of his truck



Cal N9LCX talks about the big one that got away



Kevin N9REG "veg's" out at the Hamvention after suffering sensory overload



W3YNI meets Ken W9YNI at Dayton!



Ken W9YNI tells Jerry WB9Z "MY radio is better than yours" in front of the SDR booth



Cal N9LCX, Josh K9TXR and Jamie KC9DEP wait in the motel parking lot while Howard AK9F instructs the desk clerk how to "Get His Mind Right"



Bob N2OO (left) and Ralph K0IR (right) Present Jerry Rosalius WB9Z (middle) with the CQ DX Hall of Fame Award
Photo compliments of Richard KC8RP

KARS HIGHLIGHTS AND HIJINKS FROM THE 2008 DAYTON HAMVENTION



Ladies Man Howard AK9F flanked by Judie (W9YNI's XYL) and Sue (Howard's boss err XYL) at the Omni-max Theater



Some of the KARS gang about to enter the flight simulator at the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton



Jerry WB9Z and George W8UNVZ at the Topband Dinner in Dayton



Carl K9CS and Chris W9LIZ...a little tired but looking forward to next year



Don K9NR, Greg WR9L and Ken W9YNI point out some good stuff at the DX Engineering booth



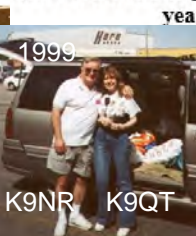
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AK9F



W9IE = Bobbie N9OE



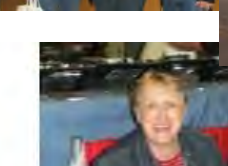
K9NR K9QT



Don K9NR, Harry WD9FYF and Steve W9DX ready to depart for Dayton



Celebrating its 100th anniversary on Hamvention weekend, the ARRL's super booth was packed with activities all three days of the event.



Patty AF9H has time for a smile as she helps out at the ARRL card checking booth



Jerry WB9Z, Val NV9L and the rest of the Amsterdam Island crew receive the "DXpedition of the Year" award at the Dayton DX Banquet



Steve W9DX, on behalf of The Texas DX Society, receives a plaque from Yuen's Dennis Motchenbacher K7BY for their participation in the new Yuen Fusion project



Wright Patterson Air Force Base, a favorite destination for hams in Dayton

Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L, is 'Amateur of The Year,' Announced at Hamvention

2018



Val NV9L

We are proud to have Val as a member of KARS. Congratulations Val, well done!



Don K9NR with ARRL President Kay Craigie N3KN at Dayton Hamvention