



KARS KEY CLICKS



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KARS Meetings still on Hold

The KARS May meeting was cancelled. We will continue to evaluate meeting possibilities dynamically from week to week, month to month.

The first transmitter hunt went very well and we are looking forward to more soon.

In the interim, monitor the .34/.94 repeater for updates and don't forget to check into the Monday evening net!



BOARD MEETING

The next KARS Board Meeting will be probably be held Tuesday May 19th 7PM on the .34/.94 repeater like last month.

All Board members are encouraged to check in.

FIELD DAY

It should go without saying that Field Day this year will be also heavily affected by lingering effects of the Chinese Wuhan virus.

For full 2020 ARRL Field Day rules and suggestions go to:

www.arrl.org/fieldday

While the ARRL is not banning a club operating Class A, they are suggesting operating from home in the Class B,C,D or E categories.

For the first time in memory, KARS will not have a group Field Day. However, we can enter as a club aggregate operation. Pick your class, make your contacts and enter accordingly by designating **Kankakee Area Radio Society** as your affiliated club.

Have some fun & buy American!

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

144.39 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters

KARS KALENDAR

May 5	KARS General Meeting
May 4-5.....	Indiana QSO Party
Cancelled	Sandwich Hamfest
May 9-10.....	Arkansas QSO Party
May 16...TBA.....	KARS FOXHUNT
May 16.....	Hamvention QSO Party
May 19	KARS Board Meeting
May 30-31...	CQWW WPX CW Contest
TBA.....	KARS FOXHUNT
June 2	KARS General Meeting
June 6-7.....	Kentucky QSO Party
Cancelled ...	Starved Rock RC Hamfest
TBA.....	KARS FOXHUNT
June 13-15...	ARRL June VHF Contest
Cancelled	6 Meter Club Hamfest
June 16	KARS Board Meeting
June 27-28	FIELD DAY
July 19.....(TBD).....	KARSFEST!
Cancelled	SMC Fest
Sept 11-12.....	W9DXCC Convention

TRANSMITTER HUNT

The first hunt of the year occurred Saturday May 2nd. The fox was Billie K9QT and hunters included N9FD, WD9GXU, K9KSG, KC9CFV, KB9VR, N9DWE and K9NR. Others said they wished they could be there but had other obligations.

Congrats to the winning team of JR K9KSG and Velma KD9CFV!

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The usual precautions were observed to protect everyone from the Communist Chinese Wuhan Virus. Masks and distancing were practiced and there was no eating afterwards (maybe next time). Everyone had a great time! Can't wait for the next hunt!

Monitor the 2 meter Monday night net or watch for mail notices for the next hunt...maybe Saturday May 16th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1	KD9FVQ
May 5	KC9JQX
May 6	KC9HHT
May 8	K9FO
May 13	KC9KBR
May 17	W9GFS
May 19	K1VLW
May 24	K8EDS

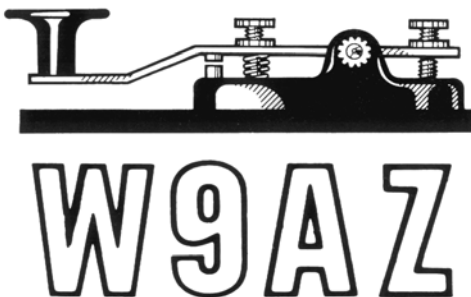
If we miss your birthday or get it wrong, please let us know!

NCS FOR MAY

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

May 4	N9LYE
May 11	K9KSG
May 18	N9OE
May 25	N9DWE

Don't forget the net!



See you at Dayton Hamvention 2021!!!

KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE

May 2nd Transmitter Hunt



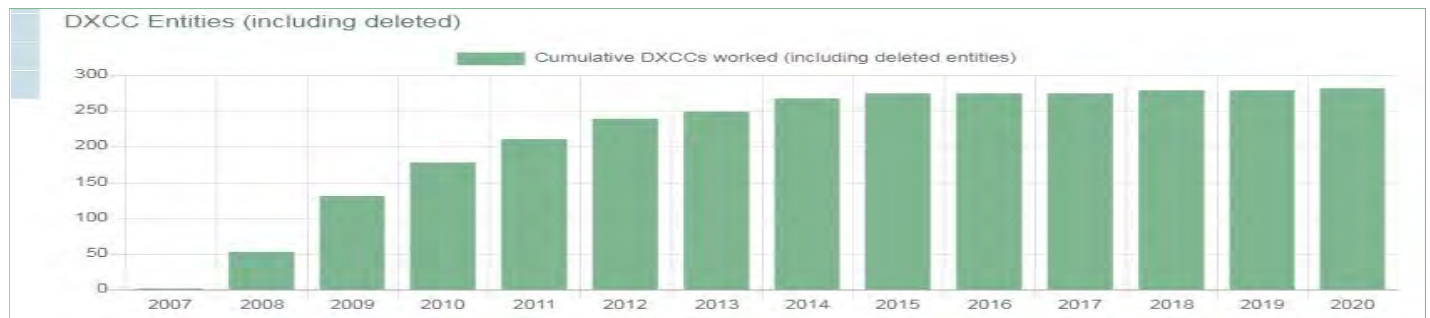
Cars lined up and spaced apart waiting for the start



Looking like masked banditos are members of the hunting teams at the finish



Hunt winners JR K9KSG and Velma KD9CFV with fox, K9QT



W9KVR DX STATS

Aside from promoting Ham Radio to the youth of Glenn Raymond School in Watseka, Troy W9KVR has been busy on the bands adding to his DXCC standings as the above graph shows...Troy has 278 mixed confirmed with a couple waiting on confirmation. He has DXCC on 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 & 10M and 47 on 80M. DXCC Challenge...standing at 1164. 6-Band WAS with 44 states on 6M without a beam! Triple Play WAS #494. VUCC on 6M with 185 confirmed grids. Also, some wallpaper wins from CQWW RTTY and the IARU HF Championship. All with 100 Watts or less and some wire antennas.

The graph shows a "flattening of the curve" when you get above 250 countries...they come slow after that!

Very nice work Troy! You'll soon join the elite 300+ club!

KARSFEST COMMITTEE UPDATE

Official KARS-Fest Committee activities for 2020 have begun! On January 19, I dropped off flyers and 3 vouchers for KARS-Fest tickets at the first Hamfest of the year, Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs' Hamfest at the Kane County Fairgrounds in St. Charles. And 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 KARS-Fest attendee, was the first winner. And, 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 KARS-Fest 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, 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 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...Art K9XI

*Art submitted this article for inclusion last month. However, the events of the day at that time necessitated this rescheduling. We apologize for the delay...Ed