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KARS Meeting Again Cancelled due to Chinese

There seems to be light at the end of the tunnel! The President is hoping for a release of a Wuhan virus vaccine by November.

We hope to see everyone at a KARS meeting soon!

FCC NPRM 20-270
The RAY BAUM'S Act.
Take action now.
See Page 4

Check out
page 2
for a very big
Happening!
Congrats WB9Z & NV9L !!!

NCS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

September 7 N9LYE
September 14 K9KSG
September 21 N9OE
September 28 N9DWE
Don't forget the net!

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



Foxes Jim KB9VR and John N9DWE
Have "No Shame" as the sign on
their antenna proclaims. Very tricky
foxes, but everyone found them!
Pictures and more on page 3

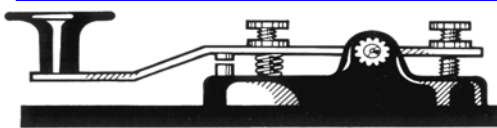
KARS KALENDAR

Sept 1.....[General Meeting \(cancelled\)](#)
Sept 5.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Sept 15.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Sept 19.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Oct 3.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Oct 6.....[General Meeting \(cancelled\)](#)
Oct 17.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Oct 20.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Oct 31.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)

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 www.ddns.net



W9AZ

ILLINOIS QSO PARTY!

The 2020 Illinois QSO Party will be held Sunday, October 18th, Noon to 8 PM local time. Operation is on all bands 160 through 2 meters (excluding 60, 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.

A great way to spend the day and make as many contacts as your schedule will allow and be sure to submit your log with KARS as the club aggregate!

KARS is in competition with other Illinois clubs so have fun and make some contacts.

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.

KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

Sept 5-6.....[Colorado QSO Party](#)
Sept 6-7.....[Tennessee QSO Party](#)
Sept 12.....[Russian RTTY WW Contest](#)
Sept 12-13.....[Texas QSO Party](#)
Sept 12-13.....[Alabama QSO Party](#)
Sept 12-13.....[WAE DX Contest SSB](#)
Sept 12-14.....[ARRL Sept VHF Contest](#)
Sept 19-20.....[Iowa QSO Party](#)
Sept 19-20.....[New Jersey QSO Party](#)
Sept 19-20.....[New Hampshire QSO Party](#)
Sept 26-27.....[CQWW DX RTTY Contest](#)
Sept 26-27.....[Maine QSO Party](#)
Oct 3-4.....[California QSO Party](#)
Oct 10-11.....[Makrothen RTTY Contest](#)
Oct 10-11.....[Arizona QSO Party](#)
Oct 9-11.....[Nevada QSO Party](#)
Oct 10-11.....[Pennsylvania QSO Party](#)
Oct 10-11.....[South Dakota QSO Party](#)
Oct 17.....[Stew Perry Topband Challenge](#)
Oct 17-18.....[New York QSO Party](#)
Oct 18-19.....[Illinois QSO Party](#)
Oct 24-25.....[CQWW DX SSB](#)

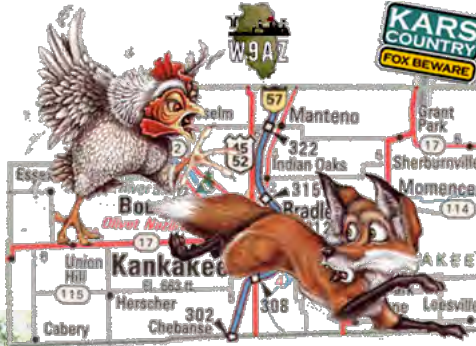
Don't Forget the Illinois QSO Party in October!

Check out the September cover of CQ Magazine!

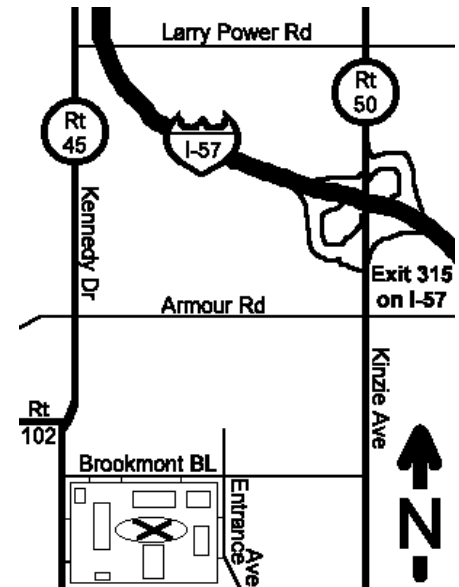
If there is such a title as Ham Radio's "First Couple," it would have to go to Jerry WB9Z and Val NV9L. Both world class famous in their own right, they have both contributed enormously to the avocation of Amateur Radio. AND...they are both KARS members! Jerry has contributed so much to KARS for decades that he is the only one ever elected as a KARS life member! BTW This is Jerry's third CQ Cover!!!



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



This is our Starting Point
Click the map drawing for Google Map directions



August 22nd Foxhunt



Winner Jim WD9GXU



Hunters gather at finish



Foxes JR K9KSG & Bob NN9T

Transmitter Hunts
continue to be
popular events
with hunts
scheduled
approximately
ever other
Saturday
excluding holidays
and important
radio events.
Future hunt
calendar.....

September 19th
October 3rd
October 17th
October 31st

All Saturday's
1-2:30 PM

We will continue
to schedule hunts
as weather permits
even into
November and
December

August 8th Foxhunt



Clay N9IO and
Joe KD9FVM at the finish



Hunters start arriving at foxes lair



Winners JR K9KSG & Bob NN9T with

No
Shame

The RAY BAUM'S Act

Dear Central Division ARRL Member;

I have received a number of inquiries about the FCC NPRM 20-270 which proposes to a \$50 fee for each amateur radio license application. The ARRL will be filing comments in opposition to application fees in the amateur radio service. Please read the details below from the ARRL.ORG website.

73, Kermit Carlson W9XA

From the ARRL Website;

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-proposes-to-reinstate-amateur-radio-service-fees>

How to file Comments

QST de W1AW ARRL Bulletin 21 ARLB021

From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT September 3, 2020

To all radio amateurs SB QST ARL ARLB021 ARLB021 FCC Application Fee Proposal Proceeding is Open for Comments Comments are being accepted on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in MD Docket 20-270, which proposes application fees for radio amateurs. Formal deadlines for comments and reply comments will be determined once the NPRM appears in the Federal Register. Comments may be filed now, however, by using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), located at, <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings>, and posting to MD Docket No. 20-270. The docket is already open for accepting comments, even though deadlines have not yet been set.

The NPRM can be found online in PDF format at, <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-20-116A1.pdf>.

08/28/2020

The RAY BAUM'S Act explained

Amateur radio licensees would pay a \$50 fee for each amateur radio license application if the FCC adopts rules it proposed this week. Included in the FCC's fee proposal are applications for new licenses, renewal and upgrades to existing licenses, and vanity call sign requests. Excluded are applications for administrative updates, such as changes of address, and annual regulatory fees.

The FCC proposal is contained in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in MD Docket 20-270, which was adopted to implement portions of the "Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act" of 2018 — the so-called "Ray Baum's Act."

The Act requires that the FCC switch from a Congressionally-mandated fee structure to a cost-based system of assessment. In its NPRM, the FCC proposed application fees for a broad range of services that use the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS), including the Amateur Radio Service that had been excluded by an earlier statute. The 2018 statute excludes the Amateur Service from annual regulatory fees, but not from application fees.

"[A]pplications for personal licenses are mostly automated and do not have individualized staff costs for data input or review," the FCC said in its NPRM. "For these automated processes — new/major modifications, renewal, and minor modifications — we propose a nominal application fee of 50 due to automating the processes, routine ULS maintenance, and limited instances where staff input is required."

The same \$50 fee would apply to all Amateur Service applications, including those for vanity call signs. "Although there is currently no fee for vanity call signs in the Amateur Radio Service, we find that such applications impose similar costs in aggregate on Commission resources as new applications and therefore propose a \$50 fee," the FCC said.

The FCC is not proposing to charge for administrative updates, such as mailing address changes for amateur applications, and amateur radio will remain exempt from annual regulatory fees. "For administrative updates [and] modifications, which also are highly automated, we find that it is in the public interest to encourage licensees to update their [own] information without a charge," the FCC said.

The FCC also proposes to assess a \$50 fee for individuals who want a printed copy of their license. "The Commission has proposed to eliminate these services — but to the extent the Commission does not do so, we propose a fee of \$50 to cover the costs of these services," the FCC said.

The Ray Baum's Act does not exempt filing fees in the Amateur Radio Service. The FCC dropped assessment of fees for vanity call signs several years ago.

Deadlines for comments and reply comments will be determined once the NPRM appears in the Federal Register. File comments by using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), posting to MD Docket No. 20-270. This docket is already open for accepting comments even though deadlines have not yet been set.

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