



# KARS KEY CLICKS



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## Don't miss out on the Illinois QSO Party!

Thanks to the generosity of the River Valley Christian Fellowship and the efforts of KARS member Randall KD9SKR, the October 5th KARS meeting will be at the church located at:

**River Valley Christian Fellowship**  
800N 2000E Road (Cardinal Drive)  
Bourbonnais

Enter via the South Door and go to the second floor, turn left and the room will be on your right. An elevator is available if needed. Please wear a mask, especially if not yet vaccinated.

After a brief business meeting, there will be an outstanding video on the famous Arecibo Radio Observatory in Puerto Rico prior to it's collapse.

KARS members Jerry WB9Z and Val NV9L were given a special insiders tour of the 900 ton platform suspended high over the 1,000ft dish by the Director of Telescope Operations Angel Vazquez WP3R.

This includes some fascinating footage inside the electronics and mechanics of this scientific wonder of the world. You'll be sorry if you miss it!



What better way to spend a beautiful summer day than to participate in a KARS

### KARS KALENDAR

Oct 2.....	<a href="#">Transmitter Hunt</a>
Oct 5.....	<a href="#">General Meeting</a>
Oct 16.....	<a href="#">Transmitter Hunt</a>
Oct 19.....	<a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>
Oct 30.....	<a href="#">Transmitter Hunt</a>
Nov 2.....	<a href="#">General Meeting</a>
Nov 13.....	<a href="#">Transmitter Hunt</a>
Nov 16.....	<a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>
Nov 25.....	<a href="#">Thanksgiving</a>

*The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:*

**146.34/94 107.2 PL Access**

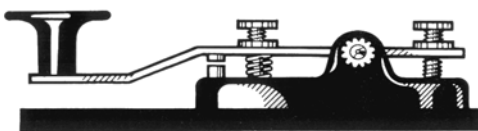
**449.8/444.8 100.0 PL Access**

**145.130 107.2 PL Access**

*Additionally, KARS sponsors:*

**144.39 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters**

**KARS DX Cluster [w9az.ddns.net](http://w9az.ddns.net)**



# W9AZ

### ILLINOIS QSO PARTY!

The 2020 Illinois QSO Party will be held Sunday, October 17th, 12 to 8 PM local time. Operation is on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 & 2 Meters. 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 the Kankakee Area Radio Society (full club name) for the club aggregate score!

You'll find everything you need, county map of Illinois, list of all 102 counties and all the planned activities from each county including rover and portable operation at:

<https://w9awe.org/ilqp/>

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.

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 1	KC9SQG
October 4	K9NIA
October 4	W9BBB
October 7	NN9T
October 13	WR9L
October 14	N9YNZ
October 15	K9IOC
October 16	KB9NYW
October 22	NV9L
October 24	KB9ZQU
October 26	WB9CDE
October 26	K9NR

Let us know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.

### KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

Oct 2-3.....	<a href="#">California QSO Party</a>
Oct 9-10.....	<a href="#">Makrothen RTTY Contest</a>
Oct 9-10.....	<a href="#">Arizona QSO Party</a>
Oct 9-10.....	<a href="#">Nevada QSO Party</a>
Oct 9-10.....	<a href="#">Pennsylvania QSO Party</a>
Oct 9-10.....	<a href="#">South Dakota QSO Party</a>
Oct 16-17.....	<a href="#">New York QSO Party</a>
Oct 17-18.....	<a href="#">Illinois QSO Party</a>
Oct 23-24.....	<a href="#">Stew Perry Topband Challenge</a>
Oct 30-31.....	<a href="#">CQWW DX SSB</a>
Nov 6-8.....	<a href="#">ARRL Sweepstakes CW</a>
Nov 13-14.....	<a href="#">WAE DX RTTY Contest</a>
Nov 20-22.....	<a href="#">ARRL Sweepstakes Phone</a>
Nov 27-28.....	<a href="#">CQWW DX CW Contest</a>
Dec 3-5.....	<a href="#">ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest</a>
Dec 11-12.....	<a href="#">ARRL 10 Meter Contest</a>
Dec 18-19.....	<a href="#">Stew Perry 160 Meter Contest</a>

## There will be no club auction this October

# KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE

## 2021 ILLINOIS QSO PARTY ACTIVITY MAP

### FOXHUNTS!!!

With good summer weather soon to be a thing of the past, we will try to squeeze in as many foxhunts as possible. Saturday, October 2nd is the next scheduled hunt. We will continue to stick with the hour and a half format...1:00PM - 2:30PM. The fox will be Billie K9QT, the winner of the last hunt. We'll continue having hunts as long as possible. Don't miss out! Winter lasts a long time!

Please wear a mask if you are not yet vaccinated.

### KARS BOARD MEETING

The October KARS Board Meeting will be Tuesday October 19th at [El Mexicano's Restaurant](#).

6PM to eat...7PM to meet

Attend at 7PM if you don't wish to eat. Please wear a mask where practical if you are not yet vaccinated.

### NCS FOR OCTOBER

The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 OR 145.130 backup repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

October 4	KD9NPQ
October 11	N9LYE
October 18	N9OE
October 25	KD9SKR

### BAD NEWS FROM LAOS

By Simon Luttrell XW0LP

The only licensed Ham Radio operator in Laos reports...

I had some big problems with the local police/military who were totally unaware of Ham Radio. They were shocked to learn that I had radio equipment and swamped my property for several days, grilled me and took pictures of me with my ham gear. I was also "invited" to police headquarters for an "interview."

The Laos radio licensing department finally cleared me. However, the Laotian Communist/Socialist government banned any further operation on 80 or 30 meters without any further explanation.

Moral of the story...

Far reaching governmental control will do it's best to seize your property and your rights.

As of 9-29-2021



MOBILE: AD4EB

PORTABLE: K9BGL K9GXU K7DZE  
N9PPJ K9RVE W9ABG W9WE  
WB9EWM KD9NET W9NE W1NP  
K9NYO N9EP

FIXED: W9OAB KI9A KD9MS  
N9TCA W9ZJX AA9UC KD9GY  
W9DUP W9QL NJ9Q KB0V KD0AC  
K9RN N9SB K9ZO K9CT W9ADT  
W3HDI

ROVER: ND9E WX9SVR

### 2021 IL QSO PARTY-SUNDAY OCTOBER 17

Activity map above showed planned operations by county in 2021. All of the 102 counties were activated in 2020. We are confident for the same this year.

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If you don't have HF gear, check out the activity on the FM simplex channels. FM contacts must be simplex and not through repeaters.

So...jump in and help out. You don't have to operate the entire contest. Just hop in anytime and make a few contacts. **Be sure to submit your log with "KANKAKEE AREA RADIO SOCIETY" for the club aggregate score!**

Everything you need to know including the 2021 activity map is at:

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# Help out your club in the Illinois QSO Party!