



# KARS KEY CLICKS



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## December Meeting & Elections to be online

See Page 2 for Details

Because we are still looking for a meeting venue, it is necessary to have a "ZOOM" meeting for December. We will also be holding the annual elections of officers online. Details on how to check into the meeting and vote online are on page 2.

Many thanks to the members who have been working hard to secure us a new meeting location, including but not limited to: K9ABN, W9IE, N9OE, N9FD, K9NR and others. Please let us know of any good locations.



## HO! HO! HO!

### KARS 2022 DUES SCHEDULE

Regular Membership	\$30
Family Membership	\$40
Senior Membership	\$15
Senior Family Membership	\$20
Full Time Student Membership	\$15
Disabled Membership	\$15
Active Military	Waived

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1	WD9AYI
December 6	AC9CZ
December 7	N9LCX
December 13	KD9FVM
December 13	KD9HSD
December 19	K9YD
December 20	KF9IK
December 20	WA9WAQ
December 22	N9OE
December 25	KD9GLY
January 7	N9IOQ
January 13	KD9CGD
January 17	WD9FYF
January 20	K9XM
January 22	N9TDS
January 25	W9LIZ
January 27	W9KK

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

### KARS KALENDAR

Dec 7	ZOOM...KARS General Meeting
Dec 21	KARS Board Meeting
Dec 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dec 31	New Years Eve Dinner
Jan 18	KARS Board Meeting

As is customary, there will be no January KARS meeting or newsletter.

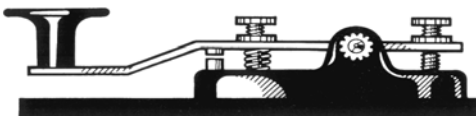
Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Years!

*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

### KARS BANQUET

Because of the seemingly endless cycle of Wuhan China virus strains, many KARS functions remain a moving target.

Depending on vaccines, erratic politicians, etc., we may have a club banquet in March/April. Time will tell. Remember to monitor the KARS Monday night nets for any updates of any functions.

### KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

Dec 3-5	ARRL 160 Contest
Dec 11-12	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Dec 18-19	Stew Perry 160 Contest
Jan 8-9	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Jan 15-16	NAQP CW
Jan 22-23	NAQP SSB
Jan 28-30	CQWW 160 CW Contest
Feb 25-27	CQWW 160 SSB Contest

### NCS FOR DECEMBER

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.

December 6	KD9NPQ
December 13	KD9SKR
December 20	N9OE
December 27	K9NR

### NCS FOR JANUARY

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.

January 3	KD9NPQ
January 10	KD9SKR
January 17	N9OE
January 24	K9NR
January 31	K9XI



# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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



**Francis Giguere KE9MG - SK**



**Gerry Giguere WC9B - SK**

It is with great sadness and deepest regret that we record the passing of brothers and KARS members Francis KE9MG and Gerry WC9B. Both were first licensed and joined KARS in 1983. Francis was KARS Treasurer for 25 years. Both Francis and Gerry enjoyed DXing. Gerry passed on October 17th. and Francis on November 25th. Francis was 1 year younger than Gerry.

## “SOCIAL MEDIA ANYONE?”

*I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction.*

*The world will have a generation of idiots. Albert Einstein*

From all the Hams at KARS to  
all the Hams of the world...



Have a very  
**Merry**  
**Christmas!**

## EMERGENCY PRACTICE NET

There is an emergency practice net  
on Thursday nights at 7PM on the  
444.8 KARS repeater (100.0 PL)

Everyone is invited to check in!

## NEW YEARS EVE DINNER

There are requests to restart the New Years Eve Dinner. KARS members get together around 5 PM on New Years Eve at El Mexicano's Restaurant for dinner. We then go our own way to party or more often; go home, relax and welcome the New Year in our own way.

This is an unofficial activity...**not to be confused with the annual KARS banquet.** While there are no reservations or commitments required, we need to have an idea of how many plan to show.

While we won't be checking vaccine cards at the door, for the safety of our members, we strongly recommend everyone who lacks natural immunity be vaccinated.

This is a relaxing get together. No program. No plans. Just order from the regular menu, visit, enjoy the food and have fun. If you and your significant other plan to attend, send K9NR an email at: [donk9nr@gmail.com](mailto:donk9nr@gmail.com) so we can give the restaurant an idea of how many to expect.



## KARS ZOOM MEETING CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS

Topic: KARS December General Meeting  
Time: Dec 7, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

To join the Zoom Meeting, click or copy and paste the line below into your browser...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85816156037?pwd=UytOR3Y4VHc2RUNncjZReGMrcEhqQT09>

Click "Join Meeting" and Craig will check you in.

Meeting ID: 858 1615 6037      Passcode: 123355

## ONLINE KARS ELECTION INSTRUCTIONS

Since we are unable to meet in person this month, we will not be able to hold in-person elections for the 2022 board members. We have decided that we will use Election Buddy to hold the elections. All members in good standing (dues paid) will be eligible to vote. Members will see an email from Election Buddy in the next few weeks with their unique one-use voting link. There will also be a reminder sent on the reflector once the ballots are made available.

There is still time for nominations, so get them to Craig N9FD or Don K9NR soon! Craig N9FD





## The Watseka Junior High School 5-Band WAS Certificate

Troy W9KVR and Chris W9CJM  
activating the Iroquois County  
Wildlife Preserve for the  
Illinois 2021 QSO Party

### YOUTH IN AMATEUR RADIO

BY Troy Simpson W9KVR

Even though W9GRS does not have their permanent station set up yet at the new QTH, that doesn't mean we are QRT. The school station did manage to check one more box off with the confirmation of Alaska on 80 meters as they have now joined the 5-Band Worked All States Club! It was an unexpected goal as towards the end of last school year, we noticed that we were within striking distance of making it happen. With the advent of FT8 during Field Day operations and a couple before school operations, the slots finally filled in. Definitely not something we expected to happen when we made our first QSO back in 2008! The certificate will be a nice addition to the DXCC, Triple Play, and SCR awards!

Troy W9KVR and Chris W9CJM took the call on the road and activated the Iroquois County Wildlife Preserve (POTA K-4132) during the 2021 ILQP. The team utilized Kenwood TS-480SAT into a BuddiPole antenna system, utilizing Chris' new truck's inverter power system. We later believe it led to some of the RF interference reports we were getting with some of our QSO's. We were able to put 25 QSO's into the log and help the KARS cause in the ILQP as we traditionally do each year we operate using the school call.

A few days later, we were back at it as we took the radio and BuddiPole to Indiana during our annual 8th grade geology field trip to Turkey Run S.P. Learning from the ILQP experience, we brought along a 12-volt battery to power the radio. After spending the day checking out the geology of Shades and Turkey Run S.P., we activated Turkey Run (POTA K-2272). Not only did we activate the park, but it was also during the October School Club Round-up. It was the second time we have done this as we did this in 2016. 5 different students braved the mic along with W9KVR and in just under an hour's time, put 16 stations into the log, including several schools and a handful of Park-to-Park's! It was a great demonstration of the versatility of radio operations and definitely look forward to future portable operations!

**BuddiPole Sidebar:** Over the past couple years, I have caught the POTA bug and longed to activate a park some day. I had experience operating portable using a single-band hamstick or Tarheel antenna, but found it a bit challenging to operate on multiple bands. After a bit of negotiating, I convinced the lovely Mrs. Simpson in letting me purchase a BuddiPole antenna system last winter. I had done some reading up on them and made the plunge getting the deluxe antenna system, which includes tripod, extra whips, and carry bag. I actually set it up and tested it in my father-in-law's (KC9HHT) kitchen the day I got it. We happened upon seeing Jerry WB9Z on FT8 in Florida and worked him w/20 watts from the indoor antenna! Since that time, I have used the BuddiPole for not only portable operations for Field Day, POTA, school operations, but as a WARC band antenna alternative. The antenna has proven it's worth as I confirmed WAS / WAC on 30m and within spitting distance of DXCC on that band. Combining the QSO's made on 12m and 17m, I have been able to achieve DXCC utilizing only the BuddiPole. I usually have it set up as a horizontal dipole, but have experimented as a sloper and vertical. Overall, I have been pleased with the performance, though I have bent and broke a couple of the extendable whips due to my set up mistakes.