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KARSFEST JULY 17, 2022!

The next [KARS General Meeting](#) will be Tuesday, July 12th, 7PM at the Bradley Bourbonnais Sportmen's Club.

After a brief business meeting, a video of the massive broadcast antenna system rebuild on the Sears Tower will be presented. Included is footage of a heavy lift helicopter and the incredible antenna crews working at up to 1,729 feet. See you there!



The United States of America

KARS KALENDAR

July 12.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
July 17.....(w9az.com/karsfest)...[KARSFEST \(ARRL\)](#)
July 23.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
July 26.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
August 6.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
August 7.....[Hamfesters Hamfest](#)
August 9.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
August 20.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
August 23.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
August 27.....[SMC Fest](#)
Sept 3.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Sept 16-17.....[W9DXCC Convention](#)

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access

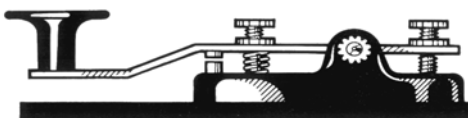
449.8/444.8 100.0 PL Access

145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters

KARS DX Cluster w9az.ddns.net



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KARSFEST 2022

As [KARSFEST](#) approaches, preparations continue. Chairman Art K9XI has lined up vendors. Contact Art ASAP to volunteer! Dan WA9WAQ will be holding an auction in the Flea Market.

Be sure to attend the setup hour on Saturday July 17th at 6PM at the Will County Fairgrounds.

KARS needs as many members as possible early Sunday morning July 18th (6AM) to help out at the gate and other areas. See you there!

KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

July 1.....[RAC Canada Day Contest](#)
Cancelled.....DL DX RTTY Contest
July 6.....VHF/UHF FT8 Contest
July 9-10.....[IARU HF World Radiosport](#)
July 13.....VHF/UHF FT8 Contest
July 16-17.....[NAQP RTTY Contest](#)
July 16-17.....[CQWW VHF Contest](#)
Aug 6-7.....[NAQP CW Contest](#)
Aug 13-14.....[WAE CW DX Contest](#)
Aug 13-14.....[Maryland-DC QSO Party](#)
Aug 20-21.....[SARTG WW RTTY](#)
Aug 20-21.....[NAQP SSB Contest](#)
Aug 27-29.....[Hawaii QSO Party](#)
Aug 27-28.....[Ohio QSO Party](#)
Aug 27-28.....[Kansas QSO Party](#)

NCS FOR JULY

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

July 11 - KD9NPQ

July 18 - N9OE

July 25 - N9DWE

August 1 - KD9NPQ

August 8 - K9XI

Don't forget the net!

See page two for important
KARSFEST
Updates!

See page two for important
information from the FCC
on the updating of the
CORES system and how it
affects you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 2 N9FD
July 2 KC9QJV
July 10 K9SAT
July 11 W9CD
July 13 K9UNO
July 14 K9KSG
July 16 KC9VWP
July 18 KE9MG
July 20 NV9X
July 24 KX9J
July 25 N9REG
July 25 KB9VR
July 27 KD9SKR

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY AMERICA!

NO GREATER PLACE OR BETTER PEOPLE ON EARTH!



KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE**KARSFEST****ART K9XI**

KARS-Fest Prep is into high gear as I write this. We already have five major vendors committed to coming out, and a couple of more on the string. KR4S' Ham Accessories and Dit and Dash will be there, along with the ARRL and Convention of States. Be SURE to stop by all their booths while you're at the 'Fest.

One outfit not able to be there has already sent in prizes for KARS-Fest. Easy Way Ham Books has sent in a bunch of study manuals to be used as prizes. Most of our vendors will be also adding door prizes to the list. ARRL has been contacted to make sure that door prizes will be forthcoming. ARRL will also have a seminar at 9 AM. Be sure to attend that. You need to know what's going on with our service in Washington ...and Newington.

Tickets for KARS-Fest, for those who live in Will County, are available at PageDesk, located in New Lenox on Edison Drive, west of Cedar Road. Tickets are still \$8 before the 'Fest, double-stubbed. At the door, they are \$10, single-stubbed. Would someone please suggest a similar vendor in the Kankakee/Tri-City area for KARS-Fest ticket distribution, for next year?

WE NEED ALL KARS MEMBERS—EVERYONE— TO HELP OUT
Contact Art K9XI to volunteer

FCC LEGACY CORES SYSTEM TO BE RETIRED

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will retire the [Legacy version](#) of its COMmission REgistration System (CORES) on July 15, 2022. CORES is the FCC's public-facing database that enables and tracks certain types of FCC and FCC applicant actions, including amateur radio applications and licenses. Its implementation has enabled routine amateur applications and licenses to be issued overnight instead of over weeks, as was the case with earlier methods. ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® advises the amateur radio community to transition to the [updated version of CORES](#) as soon as possible.

In essence, CORES is designed to identify those who hold certain types of FCC licenses and FCC authorizations, including amateur licenses, and organize them in an easily accessible manner under a common FCC Registration Number (FRN) regardless of whether one holds a single such authority or thousands. The new CORES, in addition to assigning individual FRNs, allows holders of multiple FRNs to aggregate them under a single account where the licenses and authorization, fees and payments, and related actions can be administered from within the same account.

In effect, new CORES can be conceptualized as an electronic interactive file folder. The [updated version of CORES](#) has been available since 2016, and now its use will be mandatory for all amateur licensees when submitting amateur-related applications.

Starting on July 15, 2022, the Legacy CORES website will re-direct users to the [Commission's updated CORES](#) site. Although some functionalities in the old system will continue to work for a short time, the [FCC has urged all users](#) to transition to the updated CORES system to take advantage of its enhanced security and functionality.

Account must create one with a unique username (a valid email address) and password. After creating the account, when logged in, users should associate their existing FRN or FRNs with this account. Instructions for doing so are on the [FCC Registration Help](#) page. One's FRN is printed on all current amateur applications and licenses, and will not change. FRNs can also be found by looking up one's call sign in the Commission's ULS (<https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/UlsSearch/searchLicense.jsp>) or by using the FCC's [advanced search](#) page.

The FCC has posted [Tutorial Videos](#) to assist with the transition. ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, recommends viewing the videos "Getting Started With the New CORES," which explains how to register for a CORES Username Account, and "Associating an FRN to a Username," which instructs Legacy CORES users on how to link one or more existing FRNs to a username. [FCC CORES Registration Instructions](#) can also be found on the ARRL website.

Additional information is available on the [FCC](#) website or by calling the FCC Licensing Support Center at (877) 480-3201, Option 4, and on the FCC's [e-support](#) page.