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Satellite Operating February Program

The next KARS General Meeting will be Tuesday, February 13th, 7PM at the Bradley/Bourbonnais Sportmen's Club.

There will be a presentation on working the satellites **by Craig N9FD**. Amateur Radio Satellite operating has become more popular than any other time in our history. Let's explore some of the possibilities.

After the program, there will be a brief business meeting.



Exploring Satellites

at KARS February meeting



YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU KARS 2024 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

KARS KALENDAR

Feb 13.....	KARS General Meeting
Feb 27.....	KARS Board Meeting
March 12.....	KARS General Meeting
March 26.....	KARS Board Meeting
April 9.....	KARS General Meeting
April 20.....	KARS Annual Banquet <i>(Details next month)</i>
April 23.....	KARS Board Meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 3	K9XI
February 4	K9QT
February 8	KK9R
February 11	N9ETT
February 14	K9BAC
February 15	NI9H
February 20	N9LYE

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

NCS FOR FEBRUARY

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

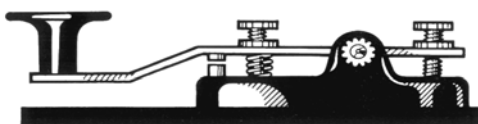
February 5 KD9NPQ
February 12 KC9HDF
February 19 N9OE
February 26 K9XI
Don't forget the net!

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



W9AZ

KARS BOARD MEETING

The December KARS Board Meeting will be Tuesday February 27th at El Mexicano's Restaurant.

6PM to eat...7PM to meet
Attend at 7PM if you don't wish to eat.

KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

Feb 3-4.....	Vermont QSO Party
Feb 3.....	Minnesota QSO Party
Feb 3-4.....	British Columbia QSO Party
Feb 11-12.....	CQWW WPX RTTY
Feb 12-16.....	ARRL School Roundup
Feb 17-18.....	ARRL DX CW
Feb 23-25.....	CQWW 160 Contest SSB
Feb 24-25.....	South Carolina QSO Party
Feb 24-25.....	NAQP RTTY
Feb 25.....	North Carolina QSO Party
Mar 2-3.....	ARRL DX Contest SSB
Mar 9-10.....	Idaho QSO Party
Mar 9-10.....	Oklahoma QSO Party
Mar 10-11.....	Wisconsin QSO Party
Mar 16-18.....	BARTG RTTY Contest
Mar 16-17.....	Virginia QSO Party
Mar 30-31.....	CQWW WPX Contest SSB

We're getting back to normal!

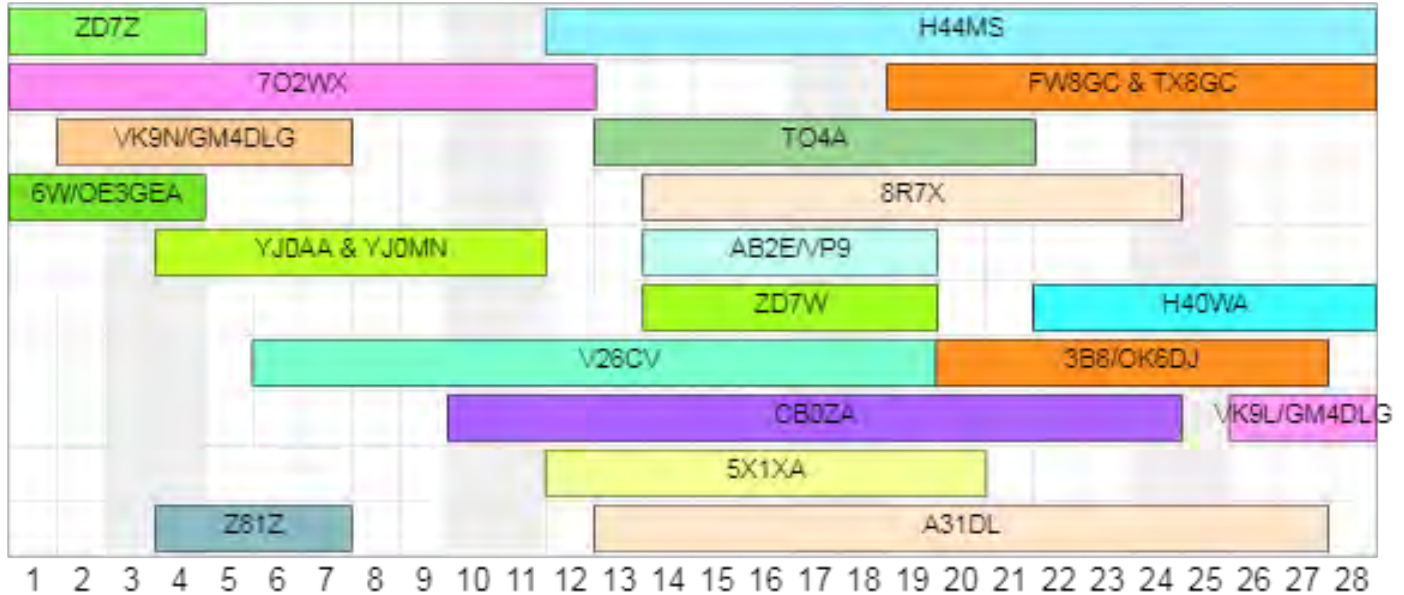
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FEBRUARY

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ELECTION RESULTS

KARS officers for 2024 are
 President - N9FD
 Vice President - K9NR
 Treasurer - N9DLG
 Sec - (at large)
 Board of directors
 K9MY
 K9XI
 N9IO
 N9OE
 WR9L

*Think warm
weather*

HELP! Please submit your ideas for future KARS meeting programs.

What interests you? Your help is needed!

In an effort to make all of our experience with membership in KARS more event future are in serious need hear what you think what subjects would make a great program.

What interests you? Is there something you would like to learn about?

For that matter have you ever considered being a presenter yourself?

Please email KARS president Craig N9FD at ccahan2002@yahoo.com with your ideas.

Craig, N9FD

Announcing!

KARS ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday April 20th 2024

Time: 6PM - 9PM

At the Brickstone Brewery & Restaurant
 557 William Latham Drive Bourbonnais, IL

Details in the March newsletter



AMONG LOCAL radio amateurs listening for signals from Russia's circling man-made moon is W. G. Williams, 372 N. Greenwood Ave. Many

radio hams in the area are tuned in on the proper frequency, but none reported hearing a signal.

W9VQC

Hams Here Listen For Space 'Talk'

Local ham radio operators kept a listening vigil to try and hear signals from Russia's circling earth satellite. One Kankakee man reported that he might have spotted it early Saturday.

Clint Piatt of 277 N. Sixth Ave., a night engineer at St. Mary's Hospital, said he saw something flash through the gray morning sky a few minutes before 6 a.m.

Piatt said that just before he walked outside he had heard a radio broadcast about the man-made moon.

While glancing toward the north, Piatt said he saw a light move at high speed from west to east across the sky from horizon to horizon.

Scientists, however, say the Russian space object is speeding around Earth in a north-south orbit.

One local amateur radioman, W. G. Williams, 372 N. Greenwood Ave., said he has been tuned in periodically to try and hear the radio signals emanating from the satellite.

Williams said he "might have heard it" once but he could not be sure.

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The next 3 pages contain newspaper articles with accounts of the first satellites put into orbit by Russia. Sputnik on October 4th and Sputnik-2 on November 3rd in 1957.

A few prominent Kankakee area ham operators recall their experiences in the local newspaper The Daily-Journal. Pictured here on page 3 is former President of KARS Mr William "Bill" Williams W9VQC of Kankakee.

XX OCTOBER 7, 1957 Satellite's Signals Are Heard By Hams Here

Signals from Russia's circling earth satellite were heard on several occasions Sunday by Kankakee ham operators, they reported today.

Durwood Canham, 697 Wood Court, said he caught the signal for about 18 minutes Sunday morning as it was reportedly passing over Philadelphia. Canham, whose call letters are W9LCH, said he heard the signals about 10:40 a.m. He tape recorded them and has the entire 18 minutes on his machine.

Gerald Kray, Bradley, picked up the signals shortly after 4 p.m. Sunday as the satellite was reportedly flying over Chicago. He said he had from 10 to 12 minutes of signals. His call letters are K9DFC.

W. G. Williams, 372 N. Greenwood Ave., who had been unable to pick up any signals Saturday, did catch them Sunday along with the other operators.

Willis Bowser, 1181 S. Fifth Ave., reported extremely clear signals when he heard them about midnight today. Bowser said that according to his computations the satellite was to pass over this area at 12:10 a.m. today.

He said he started listening at 11:45 p.m. Sunday and caught the signals soon thereafter. He said they built up to a peak at about 12:10 a.m. He kept getting the signals for another 10 minutes before they faded out.

Bowser, whose call letters are

K9IFO, said that he figured in the 20 minutes he was catching the signals the satellite was covering about 6,000 miles. He said the signals he gained were much stronger than any he has heard from recordings on the radio or television.

Bowser explained that the frequency where the signals are heard is at 20.005 megacycles. He figures the best times for hearing the signals are from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Throughout the state ham operators are reporting hearing the signals, according to wire services. Jack Brown of Waukegan said he heard the radio signals for about five minutes around 8:35 a.m. today.

In Mt. Vernon, two suburban amateur radio operators who have been recording transmissions from the new moon, said Sunday night the heretofore steady "peep" has died out and is now received as a pronounced "hiss."

Amateur Ed Howell suggested there is a possibility the power generating source of the satellite's transmitting equipment may be losing its energy.

Howell and Bill Lance said their recordings of the satellite's transmission have revealed some other "strange sounds." Howell said the sounds indicate that some unknown radio equipment in the United States is attempting to "bounce signals" off the Russian-made-satellite.

Pictured is an article posted in the October 7th Daily-Journal in 1957.

Quoted are BBCHS (Bradley-Bourbonnais) Highschool teacher Mr Durwood Canham W9LCH.

Mr Gerald Kray K9DFC of Bradley had made an audio recording.

Our friend and former President and W9AZ trustee Mr Will Bowser K9FO (formerly K9IFO) gave his account in great detail. Will recently left us as a silent key.

The article also included a few hams from around Illinois.

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Kankakee Beagle Attempts Radio Contact With Doggone Red Space Hound

Life doesn't sound too pleasant for the Russian space hound spinning around the world in Sputnik II, according to the expression on the face of Rufus, Kankakee beagle hound shown in the top photo.

Rufus is trying to hear radio signals being emitted from the earth satellite, over the ham radio set of his master, Edward P. Drolet, 846 S. Chicago Ave. Drolet, who pointed out that Rufus is not licensed to operate his station to talk back to the space hound, is at the right.

In the lower photo, a Russian space hound, scientifically dubbed a "malyshka" is shown partially in a space suit. The photo was released in Canada by an official Soviet source. (Journal photo, 11-16-57)

Finishing up with our clips from those first two satellites from 1957 Sputnik and Sputnik-2.

This last article, featuring "Rufus" the beagle "trying to contact that Doggone Red space hound" is a classic by Mr. Ed Drolet, W9IBU. Ed was the Illinois State's Attorney to Kankakee County through the 1970's. Ed changed his callsign to W9IM in later years.

This is probably my favorite KARS archive picture not to mention I (N9IO) was born Nov 1957. I continue to be fascinated with all of the positive press Ed Drolet and others like him in KARS were able to obtain for KARS and amateur radio back in the day.

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