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"Drones" March Meeting Program

The next KARS general meeting will be held at the Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportmen's Club Tuesday March 12th at 7PM.

Our March meeting will feature special guest speaker Matthew Kwiatkowski KC9QGC of Minooka. A graduate Lewis University Matthew is Chief Information Security Officer at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory considered among the nation's top network security experts. Matthew will share his expertise and interest in "drones" at our March meeting. Matt is also a pilot and aviation mechanic specializing in light aircraft. Matt is the son of KARS members Paul W9IEY and his mother Terry... We look forward to hearing Matt's program. See you there!



Matt Kwiatkowski KC9QGC



The Vernal Equinox The First Day of Spring

The equinox's occur twice a year...in the spring is the Vernal Equinox...in the Fall is the Autumnal Equinox.

On the day of the Equinox, the Sun is directly over the Equator and the day and night are of equal length.

KARS KALENDAR

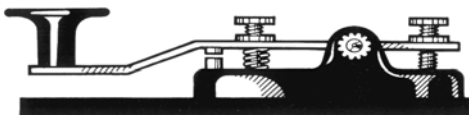
March 10.....Daylight Savings Time
March 12.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
March 16.....[KARS Foxhunt](#)
March 19.....Vernal Equinox-Spring!
March 26.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
April 9.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
April 20.....[KARS Banquet \(Page 2\)](#)
April 23.....KARS Board Meeting

*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 Two Wide Area APRS digi-peaters
[KARS DX Cluster](#) [w9az.ddns.net](#)



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KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

March 2-3.....[ARRL DX SSB](#)
March 9-10.....[Oklahoma QSO Party](#)
March 9-10.....[Stew Perry 160 Contest](#)
March 9-10.....[Idaho QSO Party](#)
March 10-11.....[Wisconsin QSO Party](#)
March 16-17.....[Virginia QSO Party](#)
March 16-17.....[Russian DX Contest](#)
March 16-18.....[BARTG RTTY](#)
March 30-31.....[CQWW WPX SSB](#)
April 6-7.....[Missouri QSO Party](#)
April 6-7.....[EA RTTY Contest](#)
April 6-7.....[Mississippi QSO Party](#)
April 6-7.....[Louisiana QSO Party](#)
April 13.....[New Mexico QSO Party](#)
April 13-14.....[Georgia QSO Party](#)
April 13-14.....[North Dakota QSO Party](#)
April 20-21.....[Nebraska QSO Party](#)
April 21.....[ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB](#)
April 20.....[Michigan QSO Party](#)
April 20-21.....[Ontario QSO Party](#)
April 21.....[Quebec QSO Party](#)
April 27-28.....[SP DX RTTY Contest](#)
April 27-28.....[Florida QSO Party](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Let the newsletter editors know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.

March 2	W9IEY
March 2	N9DLD
March 4	N9DWE
March 6	KC9VDI
March 11	KC9ZKA
March 14	KC9OAK
March 23	N9HJR
March 24	K9BYT

Please support your club...

KARS 2024 DUES ARE DUE!

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

NCS FOR MARCH

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.

March 4	KD9NPQ
March 11	KC9HDF
March 18	N9OE
March 25	K9XI

Don't forget the net!

Mondays at 2000 hrs. local time

Clocks spring ahead Sunday March 10 at 2AM

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

KARS ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday April 20th 2024

Time: 6PM - 9PM

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

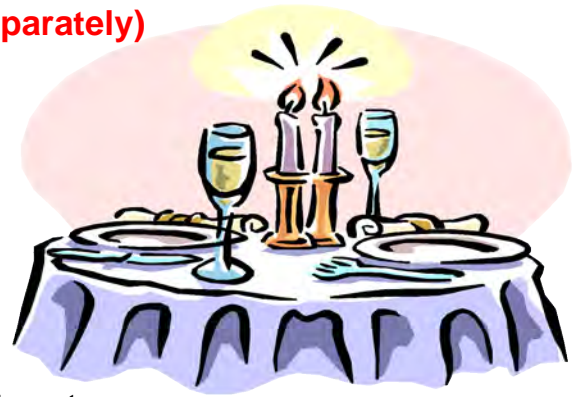
Menu:

Italian Dinner (\$25.00/person)

(You must order and pay for your drinks on site separately)

Buffet Style

- Tomato Vodka Rigatoni
- Lemon Peppered Roasted Chicken
- Slowly Roasted Sirloin of Beef
- Red-Skin Mashed Potatoes
- Vegetables
- Fresh Garden Salad
- Ice Cream
- Hors d'oeuvre trays...veggies & dip, Bruschetta, etc



The club **WILL** cover tax, tip, Ice Cream,
Hors d'oeuvre trays...veggies & dip, Bruschetta

The club will **NOT** cover drinks however.

Reservations and check, made payable to KARS are needed right away.

Please send Diane N9DLD an email at (hartlys@gmail.com) that you want to reserve.
The April 12th meeting would be a good opportunity to make payment
but in any event but we need to hear from you via email.

We don't want anyone to miss out. Guests are welcome,
KARS membership or a Ham license are not required.

Due to recent health issues please **DO NOT** email Don K9NR with your reservations
Don is unable to accommodate your requests at this time.

Bring or mail your check & reservation info to:
Diane Dau N9DLD
2397N 10,000W Rd.
Bonfield, Illinois 60913

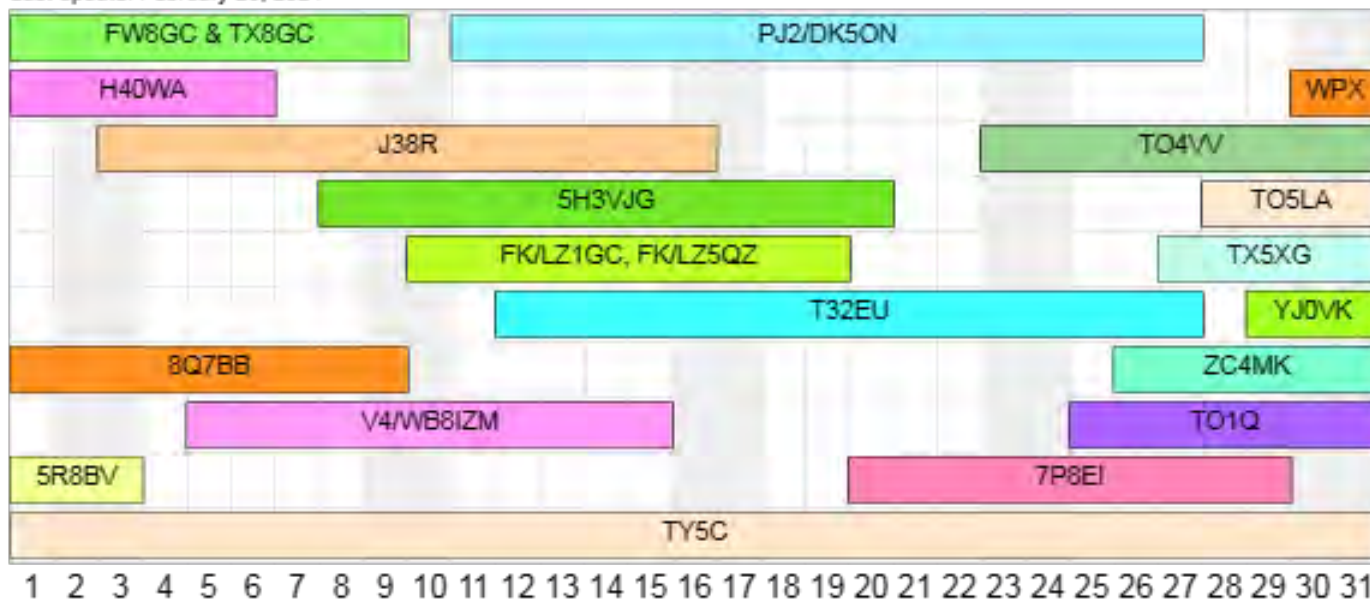
The Board has approved \$300 for door prizes and the club
will sponsor Ice cream, Hors d'oeuvre trays...veggies & dip, Bruschetta, etc.
The club will write one check for all, so you must make every effort to pay the club in advance.
Everything is covered, except for drinks.
You order and pay for your drinks there.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!


[Click for current Calendar](#)

FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: February 26, 2024



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MARCH

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NOAA Weather Transmitters were installed in Kankakee and Iroquois counties in 2003

**KARS Archives
2003**

NWS NOAA Weather Transmitters Kankakee, Iroquois Counties - 2003

Through the efforts of KARS (Kankakee Area Radio Society) members Howard Dybedock, AK9F(sk), and Jerry Rosalius, WB9Z, Kankakee and Iroquois counties has two full time National Weather Service VHF transmitters. Howard and Jerry have been working for about six months to convince the weather bureau to locate transmitters here, as the closest VHF weather radios (Chicago and Champaign, both on 162.550 mHz.) lacked the power to penetrate buildings, and often interfered with each other. But recently, Congress provided a new funding allocation which enabled the NWS to buy the equipment to serve additional counties and the Bureau agreed to add stations to our area.

Click on the link below for the "full story" and photo of the transmitter at the St Anne (Kankakee) sight.
[NOAA Transmitters at 162.525 and 162.500 mHz](#)

