



# KARS KEY CLICKS



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## Bouvet...the way it was, at the April meeting!

The [April KARS meeting](#) will be at 7PM, Tuesday April 3rd at St. Mary's Hospital **Franco Conference Center...** **South entrance across from St Rose right of the security desk** instead of the left side where we normally meet.

After a brief business meeting, there will be a special insider program on the Bouvet DXpedition.

It will feature a Power Point presentation created by K9CT and narrated by Bouvet operators Jerry WB9Z and Jim N9TK. Jerry and Jim have fascinating accounts to tell you about the difficulties, dangers and beauty of their journey and the mysterious island called Bouvet. Val NV9L, the chief North American Pilot station will contribute her angle on the events of the long odyssey. Arrive early to guarantee yourself a seat! See you there!

Remember to send a photo of you and your shack today! Include a little write-up of your gear, antennas and favorite activities.

### NCS FOR APRIL

[The net](#) meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

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| April 2  | N9ETT  |
| April 9  | K9KSG  |
| April 16 | N9OE   |
| April 23 | KD9CGC |
| April 30 | K9NR   |

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:*

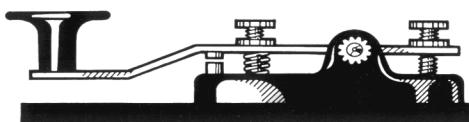
144.39 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters  
KARS DX Cluster [w9az.ddns.net](http://w9az.ddns.net)



### WA9WAQ receives 50 year plaque. Congratulations Dan

### KARS KALENDAR \*\*\*

**April 3**.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
**April 7-8**.....[Mississippi QSO Party](#)  
**April 7-8**.....[Missouri QSO Party](#)  
**April 14**.....[New Mexico QSO Party](#)  
**April 14-15**.....[Georgia QSO Party](#)  
**April 15**.....[North Dakota QSO Party](#)  
**April 15**.....[ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB](#)  
**April 17**.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
**April 21-22**.....[Michigan QSO Party](#)  
**April 21-22**.....[Nebraska QSO Party](#)  
**April 21-22**.....[Ontario QSO Party](#)  
**April 28-29**.....[Florida QSO Party](#)  
**May 1**.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
**May 5-6**.....[Indiana QSO Party](#)  
**May 12-13**.....[Arkansas QSO Party](#)  
**May 15**.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
**May 18-20**.....[Dayton HAMVENTION!!!](#)  
**May 26-27**.....[CQWW WPX CW Contest](#)  
\*\*\*\*\*See tentative Foxhunt dates in next column



# W9AZ

### FOXHUNT CALENDAR

After a long, cold winter there is a pent up demand for a transmitter hunt!

To that end we have put together tentative dates, all Saturdays, for April, May & June...

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|----------|----------|
| April 14 | April 28 |
| May 12   | May 26   |
| June 9   | June 30  |

These avoid major radio events, Hamvention, etc. When we get a better feel for hunter availability, we may plan an evening week day event. Get your vote in for what week night you would prefer. Of course the weather is the big variable and can make the final dates a moving target!

### INDIANA QSO PARTY

Operations are gearing up for the 2018 Indiana QSO Party to be held Saturday May 5th. There will be lots of activity as the INQP coincides with the New England and 7-Land QSO Parties held the same weekend.

K9NR, K9CS and N9FD will be operating Multi-Single from AK9F's farm in rare Perry County Indiana. They plan to use the W9AZ call sign.

For rules and operating aids, check out the HDXCC site at:

["www.hdxcc.org/inqp"](http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| April 1  | WU9D   |
| April 4  | KC9OQQ |
| April 5  | K9CWF  |
| April 11 | WB9WEC |
| April 17 | N9MBR  |
| April 19 | WB9WOC |
| April 25 | W9IE   |
| April 26 | K9CS   |
| April 28 | N9NAH  |

If we miss your birthday or get it wrong, please let us know!

## Have you made your Hamvention plans?



## K9FO's SHACK

Hi all KARS.

I am Will Bowser and have been hamming for 64 years. I am on most every day and have just as much fun as my first contact in 1954.

My shack has a Flex 6500 rig with a Flex Maestro control and a HP laptop as the main radio. I just got it a couple of weeks ago and am learning a lot. My Flex and computer gurus are Ken, W9IE, and Don, K9NR. Thanks guys! I also have an Icom IC-7000 that I use mostly for VHF.

My Modest antenna farm is an inverted "L" with remote tuner for 160, a quarter wave vertical for 80, a 40 Dipole and a 20/15/10 rotatable dipole on a 35 foot tower. Also a 30M half-sloper on the tower. They all work better than I hoped.

More shack gear is an Ameritron ALS 600 amplifier and an MFJ - 962D tuner. an MFJ 75 amp and Astron 20 amp power supplies.

I enjoy low pressure contesting and rag chewing mostly on CW but also do SSB, PSK-31, FT8, and RTTY.

73 from K9FO and see you on the air!

**Be sure to send a picture of your shack to: [donk9nr@gmail.com](mailto:donk9nr@gmail.com) Include a little write-up of your gear and your favorite activities.**

**We want to hear from everyone!  
*Do it today!***

## KARS SHACK OF THE MONTH - K9FO

### BOARD MEETING

The [next KARS Board Meeting](#) will be Tuesday April 17th in the private dining room at El Mexicano's Restaurant, adjacent to the Hilton Hotel, south of town near I-57 exit 315. Six PM to eat. 7 PM to meet. All members are welcome.

**Happy  
Spring  
Equinox!**



Ken W9IE explains his latest homebrew project at the March meeting



Mike Downey of the K3 Sheriff's Dept. hands the microphone to Kalee Dionne NBC Chicago Meteorologist with Mike Bardou NOAA Meteorologist in the background



A packed auditorium listens intently to the severe weather spotter presentation. KARS was well represented as many members attended.



The Kankakee County Sheriff's Department was well represented by Chad Gessner EMA Director and Mike Downey Chief of Corrections

# It's only about 48 days till Dayton!



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



A view of the southern ocean en route to Bouvet Island!  
Boat ride anyone?



Welcome to Cape Town to the intrepid Bouvet operators!

Once a month for the past several years, a group of Midwest Contester/DXers have met in various Bloomington Illinois restaurants to visit, exchange information, ideas and enjoy fellowship. Several KARS members usually attend. This month WB9Z, N9TK and K9CT, "fresh" from their attempt to tackle Bouvet Island for DXers everywhere presented a fascinating insider program on their incredible journey. Here are some of the pictures from the trip and that evening.

## BOUVET Not for the meek!



Looking none the worse for wear after spending 31 days bouncing around on the roughest, most dangerous seas on Earth, are KARS own Jerry WB9Z (DX Hall of Famer) and very good friends Jim N9TK and Craig K9CT. N9TK is a frequent guest operator at the WB9Z station and K9CT, of course, owns the big K9CT contest station and is the face you have seen in many magazine ads promoting the Flex line of radios. Jerry, Jim and Craig are three of the most experienced DXers/Contesters/DXpeditioners in the world!

**WB9Z and N9TK will present a program on the attempt to operate from Bouvet Island, the most remote DX entity on earth at the KARS April 3rd meeting.**

**Clear your calendar for this!**