

# KARS KEY KLICKS

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## Radio Propagation Presentation in August

The next KARS meeting will be August 2nd, 7 PM at in the public meeting room. Use the south entrance.

After a brief business meeting, Carl Leutzelschwab K9LA will present a program on Radio Wave Propagation via Skype. Carl, the newly appointed ARRL Central Division Vice-Director has authored many publications and is a widely known authority on the subject. He is a retired Motorola RF Design Engineer, was first licensed in 1961, and has been on many DXpeditions

### CHAIRMAN WANTED

After several years of fine work, Craig N9FD is stepping down as KARSFEST Chairman. Consequently, the position needs filling. Time to step up and help out y talk...be a do-er. Volunteer today! Co-chairmen are also solicited.

### BOARD MEETING

The KARS board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 16th at El Mexicano's.

Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

### NCS FOR AUGUST

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 or 145.130 backup repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

August 1 KD9CGC  
August 8 K9KSG  
August 15 N9OE  
August 22 K9NR  
August 29 N9RJM

Don't forget the net!



KARS July meeting

### KARS KALENDAR

Aug 2..... [KARS General Meeting](#)  
Aug 3..... [Transmitter Hunt](#)  
Aug 6-7..... [NA QSO Party CW](#)  
Aug 7..... [Two Rivers Bicycle Tour](#)  
Aug 7..... [Hamfesters Hamfest](#)  
Aug 12..... [Perseid Meteor Shower](#)  
Aug 13-14..... [WAE DX CW Contest](#)  
Aug 16..... [KARS Board Meeting](#)  
Aug 20-21..... [SARTG WW RTTY Contest](#)  
Aug 20-21..... [NA QSO Party SSB](#)  
Aug 26-27..... [SMC Fest](#)  
Sept 6..... [KARS General Meeting](#)  
Sept 10-12..... [ARRL Sept. VHF Contest](#)  
Sept 16-17..... [W9DXCC Convention](#)  
Sept 17..... [Peoria Superfest](#)  
Sept 20..... [KARS Board Meeting](#)  
Sept 24..... [Radio Expo Hamfest](#)  
Sept 24-25..... [CQWW DX RTTY Contest](#)

*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  
145.53 KARS DX Cluster

### KARSFEST 2016 A SUCCESS!

In spite of the weather not being in our favor, the 2016 KARSFEST was a success. Early threatening weather and rainfall around 10AM no doubt kept many away. Still, the interviewed exhibitors seemed to do okay and the fest finished in the black for KARS.

Kudos to Chairman Craig N9FD. A job well done! Pictures on Page 2

### ARRL CENTRAL DIVISION ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

Long time ARRL Central Division Director Dick Isely W9GIG has announced his retirement from the ARRL BOD. Dick, 77, a former US Navy pilot and retired American Airlines pilot reports he is in good health and wants to hand the position to a younger person.

That younger person will be Central Division Vice-Director Kermit Carlson W9XA. Kermit, a Senior Engineering Physicist at Fermilab, has been Dick Isely's running mate first elected in 2001.

Replacing Kermit Carlson as Vice-Director is well known propagation guru Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA.

Isely has been elected an ARRL Honorary Vice-President by the ARRL BOD.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 2 KA9MDJ  
August 4 K9RDK  
August 9 K9TP  
August 12 K9JMS  
August 22 KC9MZQ  
August 29 N9ECM

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

**Don't forget the Two Rivers Bike Tour on Sunday August 7th!**

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

**KARSFEST 2016**



**Manning the gate at KARSFEST**



**Clay N9IO & Cindy N9IOQ at the club tables**



**Foreboding clouds over the flea market**

**FOXHUNT PHOTOS—July 9**



**Group photo at the start**



**K9NR...the Fox!**



**K9QT...the Winner!**

**FOXHUNT PHOTOS—July 23**



**Hunting teams lined-up at the foxes lair 0 waiting for the remaining hunters**



**K9QT...the FOX!**



**N9FD...the Winner!**

**FOXHUNT NEWS**

Transmitter hunters were active in July. On the 9th, Don K9NR hid at Greater Kankakee Airport. Mike WU9D found the fox first, but Billie K9QT had the lowest mileage making her the fox for the next hunt.

Billie K9QT, the fox on the 23rd was hidden off Eagle Island Road. Best mileage and first place went Craig N9FD, although Rollie N9RJM found the fox first. A well attended event with 8 hunting teams, everyone did exceptionally well finding the fox in good time in spite of the location near the river.

Other hunters participating in these hunts included: Jim KB9VR and crew, John N9DWE & XYL MJ, JR K9KSG, Terry & Paul W9IEY, Bill N9OE, Diane N9DLD & Andrew N9BMB, Scott KD9GHM.

The next foxhunt will be held on Wednesday August 3rd at 5:30PM If you've n hunted you can ride along to see how it's d o



**KD9GHM...new ham...first time hunter**