

# KARS KEY CLICKS



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## Picnic & Mobile Installations in August

The next KARS meeting will be August 1st, 5:30 PM at the [Hickory Hill Shelter in the Kankakee River State Park](#) (the most southeastern shelter).

This will be a picnic meeting.

Everyone is responsible for their own food, drink, table service, etc. After a brief business meeting, there will be a demonstration of mobile installations.

We will attempt to cluster the mobiles together. Be mindful of where to park if you don't have a mobile to display. See you there!



July 26 — Foxes N9DWE & MJ

### KARSFEST EXAM RESULTS

by Carl K9CS

At the KARSFEST license exam session on July 16 five people took a total of seven exams, resulting in three new Generals.

James Gruenwald, KB9OLL, of Joliet and Jeffery Wright, KD9FJY, of Allerton, IL upgraded from Tech to General.

Zachary Malinowski, who had no license, passed the Tech and General exams. Zachary's new callsign is KD9IZI.

Participating Volunteer Examiners were Ed, W9EJM, Bill, N9OE, Clay, N9IO, Craig, N9FD, Don, K9NR, and Carl, K9CS

### NCS FOR AUGUST

The [net meets every Monday](#) at 2000 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 7 N9RJM  
August 14 KD9CGC  
August 21 N9OE  
August 28 K9KSG  
Don't forget the net!

### KARS KALENDAR

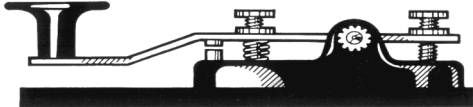
Aug 1.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
Aug 5.....[NA QSO Party CW](#)  
Aug 6.....[Two Rivers Bicycle Tour](#)  
Aug 6.....[Hamfesters Hamfest](#)  
Aug 12.....(Saturday).....[Transmitter Hunt](#)  
Aug 12.....[Perseid Meteor Shower](#)  
Aug 12-13.....[WAE DX CW Contest](#)  
Aug 15.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
Aug 19.....[NA QSO Party SSB](#)  
Aug 19-20.....[SARTG WW RTTY Contest](#)  
Aug 21.....[Solar Eclipse](#)  
Aug 25-26.....[SMC Fest](#)  
Sept 5.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
Sept 9-11.....[ARRL Sept. VHF Contest](#)  
Sept 15-16.....[W9DXCC Convention](#)  
Sept 16.....[Peoria Superfest](#)  
Sept 19.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
Sept 23.....[Radio Expo Hamfest](#)  
Sept 23-24.....[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  
[KARS DX Custer w9az.ddns.net](#)



# W9AZ

### KARSFEST 2017 A SOLID INCREASE!

With the cooperation if the weather bureau and the exceptional work of our Hamfest Committee, the 2017 KARSFEST was a solid success. The interviewed exhibitors reported satisfaction with business. The flea market was noticeably larger. Increased ticket sales and careful control of expenses resulted in an approximately 50% increase in net proceeds.

A big thank you and a job well done goes out to new Chairman Art K9XI ! Art really took the ball and ran with it. Kudos also to retiring Chairman Craig N9FD who worked extensively with Art to smooth the transition. A job well done to all KARS members who worked hard to insure success!

### FOXHUNT NEWS

Transmitter hunts continue to be very popular! What better way to spend a beautiful summer day! At least during August, we continue to have Wednesday afternoon / evening hunts. However, the [next hunt will be on Saturday August 12th](#). We are trying to accommodate everyone...at least until the days grow too short. See you at the next KARS hunt!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 1 W9ARH  
August 2 KA9MDJ  
August 4 K9RDK  
August 9 K9TP  
August 12 K9JMS  
August 22 KC9MZZQ  
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 6th!**

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## NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL LICENSED AMATEURS TO ACT! CONTACT YOUR SENATORS NOW!

Hello -

Please add your voice to the support for the Amateur Radio Parity Act S. 1534!

By using the link:

<https://arrrl.rallycongress.net/ctas/urge-us-senate-to-support-amateur-radio-parity-act>

It is a simple matter to send your comments to your Senator. When I was visiting the offices of the Senators from Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana last week, something that I did hear often was that the Senator's staff would like to hear from our membership. By using this Rally Page we can insure that your comments are hand-delivered directly to each Senator's office. If you have any questions about the legislation please feel free to email me at W9XA@ARRL.ORG

A copy of ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR's call to action is included below.

73,

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<http://www.central.arrrl.org/>

ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, is calling on League members to urge their US Senators to support the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2017, S. 1534. ARRL has opened a RallyCongress page to simplify the task...

*"[W]e are at a crossroad in our efforts to obtain passage of The Amateur Radio Parity Act," Roderick said. He said the campaign to secure passage of the bill scored a major victory earlier this year when H.R. 555 passed unanimously in the US House of Representatives. Obtaining passage of the companion Senate bill, S. 1534, is the final legislative hurdle.*

*"Now is the time for all hams to get involved in the process!" Roderick said. "Many of you already live in deed-restricted communities, and that number grows daily."*

*He urged radio amateurs now restricted by a Homeowners Association from installing effective outdoor antennas to visit the RallyCongress site and e-mail their two US Senators. He also encouraged those not now affected by deed covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs) to support their fellow radio amateurs by doing the same.*

*"If you want to help create an opportunity — not available before now — for Amateurs who live in deed restricted communities to install effective outdoor antennas on property that they own or lease, send these e-mails today!" Roderick said. "We need you to reach out to your Senators today. Right away."*

*S. 1534 was introduced in the US Senate on July 12, marking another step forward for this landmark legislation. Senators Roger Wicker (R-MS) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) are the Senate sponsors. The measure will, for the first time, guarantee all radio amateurs living in deed-restricted communities governed by a Homeowners Association (HOA) or subject to any private land-use regulations, the right to erect and maintain effective outdoor antennas at their homes, while protecting the aesthetic concerns of HOAs.*

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## HAMVENTION SETS SECOND HIGHEST RECORD IN 2017

relayed courtesy of Jerry WB9Z

The tally is in, and [Hamvention®](#) 2017, at its new venue in Xenia, Ohio, attracted 29,296 attendees, official spokesperson Mike Kalter, W8CI, told ARRL. That is the second-largest reported attendance in the history of the event.

Hamvention attendance peaked in 1993 at 33,669, before the 1996 change in date from April to May while it was still being held at Hara Arena. Attendance in 2016 for the show's final year at Hara was 25,364. Hamvention relocated to the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center this year, after Hara Arena announced last summer that it was closing.

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Hamvention General Chair Ron Cramer, KD8ENJ, called 2017 "a most successful year. We knew this would be a big year but this was even beyond our expectations," Cramer said. "The challenge was great to reinvent Hamvention® at a new venue in a very short time period. From all the e-mails, letters, and calls I have received over the last few weeks, we have accomplished it successfully."

Cramer expressed appreciation for all constructive criticisms and said each idea is being evaluated. Held May 19-21, Hamvention 2017 has received largely positive reviews, despite

traffic problems on opening day and heavy rain during the weekend.

"We all recognize the traffic, rain, mud, and parking issues, but part of those issues were corrected even before show weekend was over," Cramer

said. "Other issues are being worked on already for next year's show." He and Kalter said the Hamvention Committee has joined Greene County, municipal officials, and the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center Advisory Board in addressing improvements for 2018. Kalter and Cramer also thanked the 657 volunteers who put in long hours to make Hamvention 2017 a reality. The Dayton Amateur Radio Association sponsors Hamvention.

"We can't control the rain but we promise there will not be some of the other issues next year," Cramer said. "There may even be some new surprises in store," he added, pointing out that Hamvention has 3 more months to plan for the 2018 event than it did for this year's.

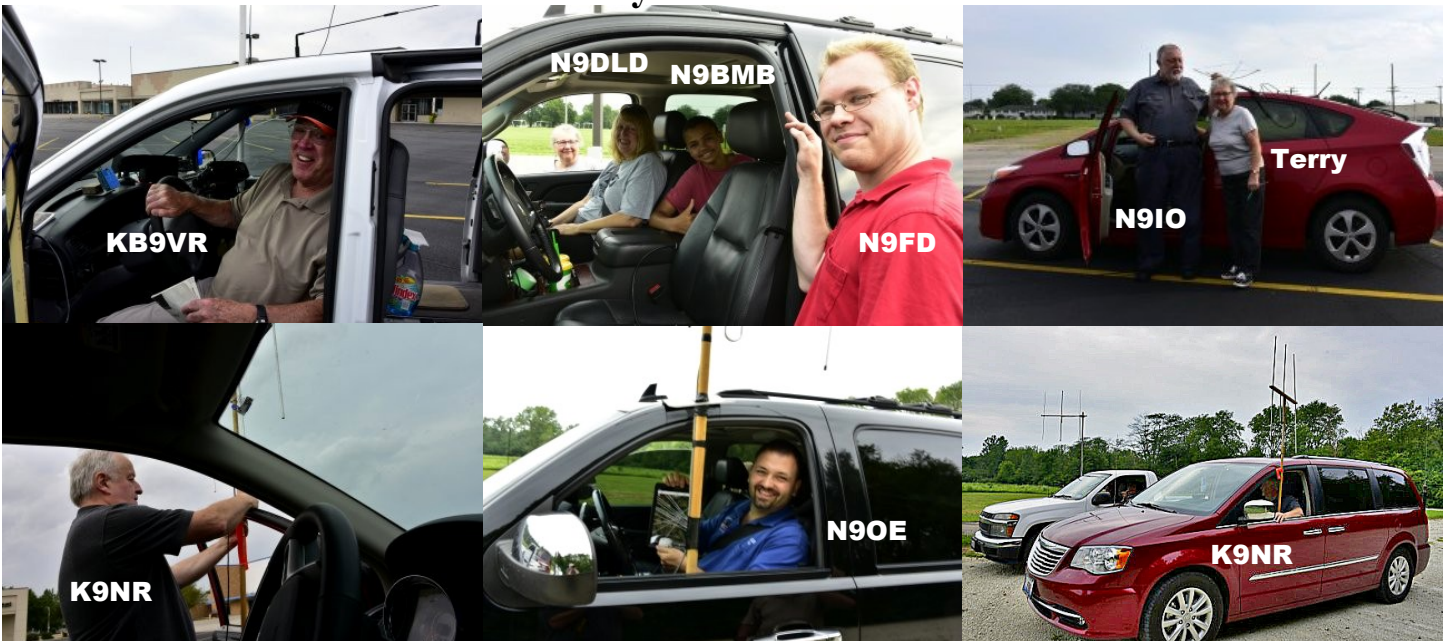
"We thank all who came to the show this first year in Greene County and hope to see you again next year," Cramer concluded. "For those that thought they would wait and see how we did, sorry you missed the show but look forward to seeing you next year. Our rough edges will be smoothed out for you by then."

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### July 8 Foxhunt



### July 26 Foxhunt



## Your Attention Needed !!!

Remember to make your wishes known to your Senators!

**[Support the Amateur Radio Parity ACT!](#)**

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### BOARD MEETING

The [KARS board meeting](#) will be held on Tuesday, August 15th at El Mexicano's. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

### FOR SALE

Very nice ICOM IC-746 with the OEM, 1.9khz and 350hz filters (Filters worth nearly \$200). Automatic ant tuner built in, 100 watts on 2 meters and 6-160 meters. Clean in excellent condition. \$600  
Email Clay N9IO [n9io@hotmail.com](mailto:n9io@hotmail.com)