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Elections and Identifying Ferrites at December Meeting

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

After a brief business meeting, the annual club elections will be held.

When the business meeting and the elections are finished, there will be a video presentation on how to identify unknown ferrites produced by Fair Rite Corporation. If, like many, you have a box of unmarked ferrites and don't know what value or composition they are. This might be for you!

KARS 2023 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1	WD9AYI
December 6	AC9CZ
December 7	N9LCX
December 13	KD9FVM
December 13	KD9HSD
December 19	K9YD
December 20	KF9IK
December 20	WA9WAQ
December 22	N9OE
December 25	KD9GLY
January 7	N9IOQ
January 13	KD9CGD
January 17	WD9FYF
January 20	K9XM
January 22	N9TDS
January 25	W9LIZ
January 27	W9KK

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



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Since we will have the Banquet in April, there WILL be a January Meeting but Not a January Newsletter!

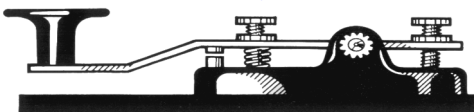
KARS KALENDAR

Dec 13	.....	KARS General Meeting
Dec 27	.....	KARS Board Meeting
Dec 25	.....	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dec 31	.....	New Years Eve Dinner
Jan 10	.....	KARS General Meeting
Jan 24	.....	KARS Board Meeting
Feb 14	.....	KARS General Meeting
Feb 28	.....	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 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters
KARS DX Cluster w9az.ddns.net



W9AZ

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

KARS BANQUET

The 2023 KARS Banquet will be Saturday Evening, April 15th, 6PM, at the Brickstone Brewery. Typically, a choice of entrees will be available to choose from. Appetizers and prizes will be provided.

Current members, family, (special guests who would like to be members) are welcome to attend. Prizes are for current members only.

Details, menu and prices to follow.

KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

Dec 3-5	.....	ARRL 160 Contest
Dec 10-11	.....	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Dec 17-18	.....	Stew Perry 160 Contest
Jan 7-8	.....	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Jan 14-15	.....	NAQP CW
Jan 21-22	.....	NAQP SSB
Jan 27-29	.....	CQWW 160 CW Contest
Feb 24-26	.....	CQWW 160 SSB Contest

NCS FOR DECEMBER

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.

December 5	KD9NPQ
December 12	KC8HDF
December 19	N9OE
December 26	K9NR

NCS FOR JANUARY

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.

January 2	KD9NPQ
January 9	KC9HDF
January 16	N9OE
January 23	N9IO
January 30	K9NR



KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE

KARS PROUDLY RECOGNIZES MEMBER ANDREW DAU N9BMB WHO RECEIVED COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION

also

RECEIVED RECOGNITION IN THE 2022 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Andrew earned recognition for academic achievements in school combined with outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10, and/or AP Exams.



The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships that began in 1955.

Andrew Dau N9BMB (left) is the son of Diane N9DLD and William Dau N9OE of Bonfield, Illinois. A graduate of Reed -Custer Junior High and a member of Tri-Parish Catholic Communities, he is an honor roll student involved in Scholastic Bowl, Habitat for Humanity, Augustinian Youth Ministry, and the Math Team. He is also a member of the National Honor Society. As an athlete, he has competed on the Cross Country and Track and Field teams at Providence Catholic. His junior year, he earned Most Improved Player for both cross country and track and field. He also serves as the co-captain of the cross country team this year. He plans to study Electrical Engineering in college. "Classes at Providence changed the way I think and approach problems, so now I have a mindset that is much more prepared for the challenges of college courses," says Dau. "The two courses that exemplified this the most are my Honors Physics and AP English Language and Composition my junior year. Physics moved beyond rote memorization of formulas and even beyond being told how aspects of the world work. With guidance, the class found for itself the rules of the universe. AP English Language and Composition- my favorite class I have ever taken- delved into the purposes of people. By the end of the class, I was subconsciously analyzing what people say. I am now a much more knowledgeable individual with purpose behind my actions."

NEW YEARS EVE DINNER

Assuming the Wuhan Labs bio weapons division doesn't unleash another wave of highly contagious viruses to plague the world, we will once again hold the unofficial KARS New Years Eve Dinner get together.

If, like a lot of people, you don't like long, loud parties or bars but would like to spend a little pleasant time with friends ringing in the new year (and hopefully new politicians), then this is for you! This is a semi-impromptu dinner at El Mexicano's Restaurant. No reservations, no deposits, no formal dress. Order from the menu. Come and go as you please. Technically, it starts at 5PM but it really starts when you get there! So, make sure you get there! You do not have to be a KARS member to attend. Happy New Year!

"THANK YOU KARS" FROM A LIBRARIAN!

by Brian KD9NPQ

Early in November I received an email from a librarian who was running a radio and broadcasting history class for 10 to 14 year olds. For one of their group projects they used information received through the "dxlinks" section of our website, w9az.com. The librarian wrote "I've been able to get some great use out of your Radio Society's resource links list during these times of remote learning. We were even able to use some of this information for our most recent group project! Thanks so much for sharing!"

One of her students, "Dylan," found a great article about the history of the car radio. He suggested that we add it to our links. The article itself gives a kind of bullet point history of the car radio and includes a lot of links to valuable resources. When added, this will help increase the amount of information which can be gleaned through our resource list.

Who knows, maybe one of these young ones who took the librarian's classes will be captivated by radio and someday, maybe we will hear them calling CQ.

From the Hams at KARS to all the Hams of the world...

Merry Christmas / Happy New Year!



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NOMINATIONS / ELECTIONS

Elections will be held for 2023 Officers and Directors at the December General Meeting Dec 13th.

Nominations will be entertained right up to the last minute. If you know of someone you believe would be a good candidate, let them know and nominate them. Better still, nominate yourself for an office/director and help out by serving your club!

Happy New Year

KARS BOARD MEETING

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

6PM to eat...7PM to meet

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

EMERGENCY PRACTICE NET

There is an emergency practice net on Thursday nights at 7PM on the 444.8 KARS repeater.

Everyone is invited to check in!



W9IE

The membership of KARS would like to recognize the many contributions and talent of one of our own, Ken Buser, W9IE. Ken has spent the past couple of years perfecting his latest creation RXAssistant that has found popularity among Flex Radio users worldwide. Ken, a member of KARS since the 60's, current board member and local Flex mentor has been putting on programs at our meetings since the very first Flex radio, the Flex SDR-1000, 5000 and now 6K series of SDR radios and the numerous other projects Ken has been interested in over the years.

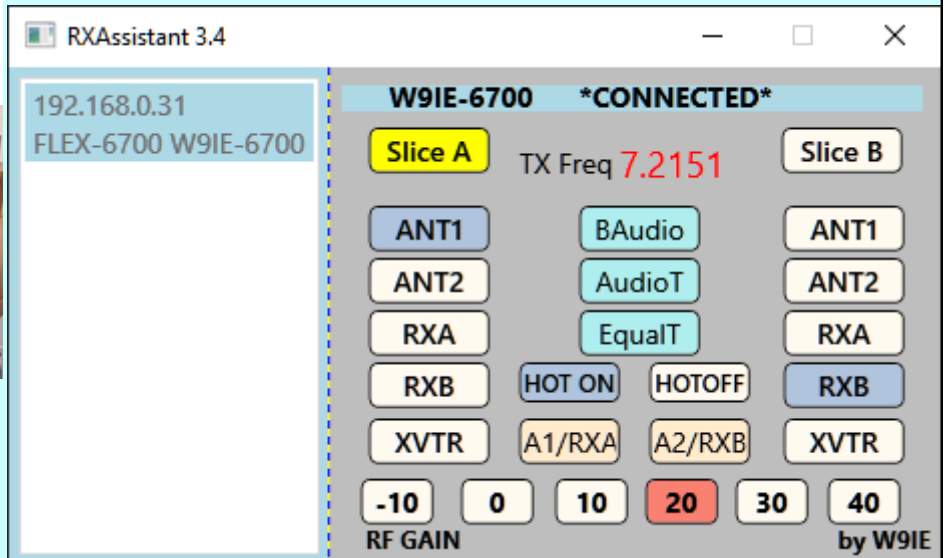
Ken realized there was a need for this program to simplify many RX related functions on the fly. Through input of like minded contesters and DXers the program has definitely matured into the much liked program it is today.

Recent additions of including a button to make use of the transverter port and additional new hot keys plus the ability to turn the Hot Keys on and off are part of the reasons to the popularity of RXA. Thank you Ken from the many Flex users of KARS for use of this great tool. - W9AZ

RXAssistant Version 3.4

By Ken Buser W9IE

Released 12-12-2022



RXAssistant is a Windows Program intended to provide Point and Click Selection of Many of the "RECEIVE" options buried in Menus in SmartSDR on your PC or Maestro Screen. IE: it's name **RXAssistant**. It will run on any Flex 6xxx Radio using SmartSDR Version 2.6.1 or greater. Options viewable below on the GUI Screen are self explanatory but additional information is available in the User PDF downloadable (below). NOTE: These operations can still be limited or modified by your Radio Model. Download link and Download instructions are available (below). Version 3.2 Has a new look and also will remember your selected Screen Position. Version 3.4 added the ability to turn the Hot Keys function On and Off with two new buttons. Full explanation in the User Doc.

Questions or Comments can be sent to myself at

kenbuser@gmail.com Ken W9IE

Downloads

[RXAssistant 3.4 Download Install.pdf](#) (Installation Instructions)

[RXAssistant 3.4 User Doc.pdf](#) (User Doc, a must read)

[RXAssistantSetup-3.4.zip](#) (App Download in a Zip file)