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FIELD DAY & WRITELOG IN JUNE

The [next KARS meeting](#) will be June 3rd, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital in the public meeting room. Use the south entrance.

Bring your laptop. After a short business meeting, there will be a refresher course on the Writelog program in preparation for Field Day.

Be sure to attend!

TUNING THE BANDS

As we leave the Spring Equinox behind and move towards the summer Solstice, DXing on the HF bands often drops off a bit.

However, summertime 6 meter propagation is cranking up with openings from the Midwest to the deep south, the far western states, the east coast and even to Central and South America.

Single hop E Skip and occasional double hop is common now. Keep an eye (ear) on the Magic Band. Also, check out 2 meter SSB/CW for tropo propagation. Lots of fun to be had!

TRANSMITTER HUNT

The [next foxhunt](#) will be Saturday, **May 31 at 11:00AM**. Note the time change! Usual rules and start location apply. N9FD to be the fox. Another foxhunt will be held on **June 14th**.

NCS FOR JUNE

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

June 2	AC9CZ
June 9	N9RJM
June 16	N9LYE
June 23	N9RJM
June 30	N9FD

Don't forget the net!



Rollie N9RJM with his homemade Moxon antenna at May KARS meeting

KARS KALENDAR

May 31.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
June 1.....[Starved Rock RC Hamfest](#)
June 3.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
June 14.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
June 14-16.....[ARRL June VHF QSO Party](#)
June 15.....[6 Meter Club Hamfest](#)
June 17.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
June 28-29.....[FIELD DAY](#)
July 1.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
July 12-13.....[IARU HF World Championship](#)
July 13.....[Fox River RC Hamfest](#)
July 15.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
July 19-20.....[CQ Worldwide VHF](#)
July 19-20.....[NAQP RTTY](#)
July 20.....[KARSFEST](#)

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94	107.2 PL Access
449.8/444.8	114.8 PL Access
145.130	107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39	2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters
145.53	KARS DX Cluster

KARS FIELD DAY

Attention all KARS members:

Lots of help will be needed Saturday morning, June 28th, to get the antennas up in the air, generators set up, etc.

Setup will start at 10AM Saturday. KARS operations will commence at 1PM local and run around the clock till 1PM Sunday. We will be operating portable with emergency power. All members are invited to participate.

Camp all night if you like or come and go as you please.

There will be a refresher on Writelog at June KARS meeting.

Dues paying KARS members who participate in the setup/teardown/operation are entitled to a steak! Saturday evening will feature the popular steak dinner with Will K9FO manning the charcoal grill (Will reports that he may have a conflict...we're keeping our fingers crossed). Remember to bring chairs, table service, beverage and a side dish or desert to share with your fellow hams. See you at Field Day

Come to the meeting for directions or check out the ARRL Field Day operations map on the League web page.

A big thank you to Kevin N9REG and his family for again hosting [KARS Field Day](#).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 10	N9OQC
June 20	KC9LBZ
June 26	KF9DM
June 26	W9IOU
June 30	K9BAK

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

NEW TIME FOR TRANSMITTER HUNTS Ì 11AM

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KARS EXPEDITION TO THE DAYTON HAMVENTION 2014



Don K9NR, Harry WD9FYF and Steve W9DX ready to depart for Dayton



super booth was packed with activities all three days of the event.



Wright Patterson Air Force Base, a favorite destination for hams in Dayton



Jerry WB9Z, Val NV9L and the rest of the Amsterdam Island crew receive the Dayton DX Banquet



Steve W9DX, on behalf of The Texas DX Dennis Motschenbacher K7BV for their participation in the new Yeasu Fusion project



Don K9NR with ARRL President Kay Craigie N3KN at Dayton Hamvention

KARS BOARD MEETING

The meeting will be held on June 17th in the private dining room at El Mexicano's Restaurant by the Hilton Hotel and Walmart south of town near the I-57 exit. Eat at 6 P.M. Meeting at 7 P.M. All members and spouses are welcome.

FOR SALE

Yaesu FT-920 with 500Hz CW Filter, SP-8 Filtered Speaker...\$800 for all. Icom IC-746 with 350Hz and 1.9kHz filters...\$700. Ameritron ALS-600 Amplifier...\$700. Kenwood TL-922A Amplifier with 10m option...\$800. All in very nice condition. Will deliver within 100 miles or so in IL and NW IN. Call: Clay N9IO 815 651-7336 n9io@hotmail.com

Command Technologies

Commander HF-2500 Amplifier, full legal limit, all modes, all bands, like new condition...\$1800. Will deliver within 100 miles or so in IL and NW IN. Call: Don K9NR, 815-545-7548 or 815-939-7548 donk9nr@gmail.com



Jerry WB9Z hosted top DXers on their way to the Dayton Hamvention at his annual Pre-Dayton BBQ



and Contesters for his hospitality, thanks his guests for attending

CERTS TRAINING

Kankakee County will be holding CERTS (Community Emergency Response Team) training this summer at the County sheriff's complex 3000 South Justice Way. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 7 to 10 P.M. starting June 4th through July 17th. Any Kankakee county resident over the age of 18 is invited to take this free course and become a member of CERT. As an amateur radio operator, you would be a welcome member of the team, being able to transmit emergency messages as well as being an active participant in times of disaster, or search and rescue operations.

KARSFEST

Remember to attend the July KARS meeting where final planning for the 2014 KARSfest will be worked out. Find out where you can be most helpful to your club. See you there!

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FOXHUNT May 10th



Hunters get ready for Foxhunt in the Meadowview shopping center. Participating in the hunt were Ed W9EJM, Dan WA9WAQ, Don K9NR, Craig N9FD, Crystal W9IOU, Clay N9IO. Don KC9QPM and Rollie N9RJM



First place went to Craig N9FD, followed by the team of Crystal W9IOU and Clay N9IO. The FOX John N9LYE joins them for the photo

Ed W9EJM and Dan WA9WAQ take a break after finding the FOX. Check out all the cars in the parking lot.

FOX John N9LYE snug as a bug in a...well you know. He sat comfortably on the floor of his vehicle running absurdly high power amid a parking lot full of cars. John never disappoints with his penchant for creativity.



John N9DWE and Jim KB9VR brought their foxhunt antennas to the May meeting, and explained the merits of each.

Clay N9IO with his trusty Quad antenna explains the logic of his active attenuator at the May meeting



Rollie N9RJM demonstrates how to fold up one of the tape measure antennas he made for the May meeting. Rollie can give you the directions to make one of your own. The good part is, they work really well. He demonstrated them at the meeting.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR BIKE RIDE

Once again we have been asked to provide services for the Two Rivers Bike Ride. Mark Steffen will be at the June meeting to give details about the August ride.

See you at the
V t c p u o k v v g t
May 31st
and June 14th!