



# KARS KEY KLICKS



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## FOXHUNT ANTENNAS AT MAY MEETING

The [next KARS meeting will be May 6th, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital](#). The best access is the main South entrance across from St. Rose Church.

After a brief business meeting, there will be a program on Transmitter Hunting presented by Rollie N9RJM and Clay N9IO.

Rollie will bring materials and instructions for six antennas to be assembled by club members at the meeting.

Last year we had a record number of hunters, who have all been anxiously awaiting warm weather. This year we plan to hold several hunts during the summer.

The next FOX hunt will celebrate [CQ National Foxhunt Weekend](#) on May 10th. Come out and give it a try.

### BOARD MEETING

We are meeting on May 20th in the new private dining room at El Mexicano's Restaurant by the Hilton Hotel and Walmart south of town near I-57 Exit 308. 6PM to eat. 7PM to meet. All members spouses and guests are welcome.

**According to the Dayton Hamvention web page, the 2013 attendance was: 24,542**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| May 5  | KC9JQX |
| May 6  | KC9HHT |
| May 8  | K9FO   |
| May 9  | W9LEO  |
| May 13 | KC9KBR |
| May 17 | KC9MZL |
| May 19 | K1VLW  |

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



Logbook of the World presentation at April KARS meeting

### KARS KALENDAR

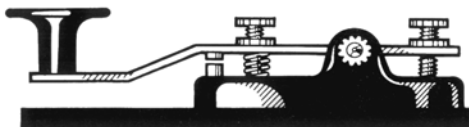
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| May 3-4    | <a href="#">Indiana QSO Party</a>       |
| May 4      | <a href="#">Sandwich Hamfest</a>        |
| May 6      | <a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a>    |
| May 10     | <b>NFW - KARS FOXHUNT</b>               |
| May 16-18  | <a href="#">Dayton Hamvention!</a>      |
| May 20     | <a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>      |
| May 24-25  | <a href="#">CQWW WPX CW Contest</a>     |
| June 1     | <a href="#">Starved Rock RC Hamfest</a> |
| June 3     | <a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a>    |
| June 14-16 | <a href="#">ARRL June VHF QSO Party</a> |
| June 15    | <a href="#">6 Meter Club Hamfest</a>    |
| June 17    | <a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>      |
| June 28-29 | <a href="#">FIELD DAY</a>               |

*The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:*

|                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| <i>146.34/.94</i>  | <i>107.2 PL Access</i> |
| <i>449.8/444.8</i> | <i>114.8 PL Access</i> |
| <i>145.130</i>     | <i>107.2 PL Access</i> |

*Additionally, KARS sponsors:*

|               |                                      |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>144.39</i> | <i>2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters</i> |
| <i>145.53</i> | <i>KARS DX Cluster</i>               |



# W9AZ

### KARS MEMBERS TO OPERATE INQP as W9AZ

Once again KARS will be represented in the [Indiana QSO Party](#) as K9NR, K9CS and WR9L head down to Perry County, Indiana for the contest on May 3rd from 11AM to 11PM CDST. They will be operating from Howard AK9F's farm near the Ohio River. Look for them on 10, 15, 20, 40 & 80 meters CW/SSB. They will be using KARS call sign "W9AZ." It would give Howard that warm and fuzzy feeling to know that we were continuing the tradition he started in the place that he so enjoyed. So give them a call!

### NATIONAL FOXHUNT WEEKEND SEASON OPENER

The [first KARS transmitter hunt](#) of 2014 is scheduled for Saturday May 10th. The hunt begins at 1PM. All hunters must start from the usual place in the eastern parking lot of the Meadowview Shopping Center.

Anyone may participate, hunters do not need to be a KARS club member. After the hunt, we will retire to a local eatery to discuss how we could have won but felt sorry for others, etc.

These hunts are a lot of fun. Where else can you mix an outing on a beautiful day with amateur radio? Field Day?

### NCS FOR MAY

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

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| May 5  | N9LYE |
| May 12 | N9RJM |
| May 19 | N9OE  |
| May 26 | N9FD  |

Don't forget the net!

## Have you made your Hamvention plans?

**WWW.W9AZ.COM—WWW.W9AZ.COM—WWW.W9AZ.COM**

### KARS CELEBRATES 90 YEARS

It seems like just yesterday, but it was [10 years ago that KARS celebrated it's 80th anniversary](#). It has been suggested that the club hold a special event station to commemorate the anniversary year. Everyone's input is welcome. Details will be worked out at future KARS board meetings, as to location and date of the event.



KARS board meeting at El Mexicano Restaurant. The food was outstanding and the meeting room was excellent.

### W9DXCC—NEW VENUE

For it's 62nd anniversary, the [W9DXCC DX convention](#) (one of the best in the nation) is changing it's venue from the Elk Grove Village Holiday Inn to the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg.

Excellent programs, QSL card checking, prizes, exhibits and the new and very popular DX Class. Also, don't forget the fun of hobnobbing with your fellow DXers, and the Banquet!

The dates for 2014 are September 19-20. You can register online and get the full lowdown at the W9DXCC homepage:

[www.w9dxcc.com](http://www.w9dxcc.com)

Several KARS members usually attend and don't forget the Friday night outing with the Society of Midwest Contesters gang!

### TWIN RIVERS BIKE RIDE

The local bicycle club may again be requesting our assistance with communications this year. [The ride this year is August 3rd](#). Harry WD9FYF is contacting the club so they can let us know the details well ahead of the ride so we can be prepared. Regrettably last year, they did not give us sufficient notice.

Two years ago KARS had a large number of volunteers who manned the microphones at the rest stations and drove the "sag wagons". It was a rewarding experience helping out the bikers who come from all over the state to participate.

Another great activity mixing the great outdoors and amateur radio!

### DX IS!

Are you getting you're fair share of DX this season? The past couple of months have been great on the high bands with lots of activity on 10 & 12 meters. The solar sunspot count has been...well...stellar! Enjoy the action while you can, because soon those bands will be like VHF again and 15 meters will be open..."once in a while!"

A lot of hams have discovered the big advantage of [ARRL's Logbook of the World in getting their DXCC confirmations the fast, easy way](#). How about you?

### FIELD DAY

Hard to believe, but [Field Day is rapidly approaching](#). The June meeting program will feature FD planning. It is, of course, the largest operating event in amateur radio.

KARS activities will again be at Kevin N9REG's QTH (thanks again Kev!) on Rt.115 a few miles west of town (map in next month's newsletter.

As usual, the ever popular steaks on the grill will be available for KARS members who help with the operations and setup or teardown.

Field Day runs continuously from Saturday June 28th till Sunday June 29th. You can come and go as you please or camp out. See you there!

**You know that little (or medium sized) article you were going to write for the newsletter? We're still waiting for it. It doesn't matter how much experience you have, everyone has something to share that would be helpful or interesting!**

**It's only about 12 days till Dayton!**