



# KARS KEY KLICKS



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## CONTESTING & SHIRT ORDERS AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

The Next KARS General Meeting will be September 7th, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital meeting room.

After the usual short business meeting, there will be an informal program on contesting and some tips by some of KARS devoted testers. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and join the discussion about SSB as well as CW contesting. Contesting season is nearly upon us.

Order your KARS club shirt at the September meeting. See picture pg 2.



All smiles as Bill N9OE and Rollie N9RJM accept the IC7000 from Howard AK9F for KARS Emcomm trailer.

### AK9F CONTRIBUTES RADIO FOR EMCOMM

Howard AK9F thought the KARS Emcomm trailer looked rather bare when we had it on exhibit at KARS-FEST, so he set about to help remedy the situation. Howard showed up at the August board meeting with a new radio. He presented an Icom 7000 HF/VHF/UHF transceiver to Emcomm committee chairman Rollie N9RJM. Thanks Howard!

### WATSEKA SCHOOL CLUB WINS BIG

It is official...W9GRS finished 2nd Place in the Feb. 2010 School Club Round-Up! The official results are posted at the link below:

[www.arl.org/school-club-roundup-scr](http://www.arl.org/school-club-roundup-scr)  
We didn't do too bad, though we were hoping to get that top spot after a strong October showing. If you go by combining the scores of both October and February SCR's we were the tops in the Junior High Division.

de Troy W9KVR  
Another outstanding effort by the Glen Raymond School Club! ...editor

### KARS BOARD MEETING

KARS board meeting will be held September 21st at El Campeseno restaurant. Eat at 6...Meet at 7

### NCS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sept. 6th KC9FAV  
Sept. 13th N9LYE  
Sept. 20th KE9MG  
Sept. 27th K9NR

Don't forget the net!  
Mondays at 2100 hrs. local time

### ILLINOIS QSO PARTY 2010

As the summer days get shorter, the autumn contesting season is fast approaching. In 2009 KARS took second place club aggregate score in the Illinois QSO Party!

It's time to move into our rightful place...at the top! The ILQP will be held on October 17th. Actually, it runs from 1700Z to 0100Z. In other words, Sunday afternoon from 12PM to 8PM.

For complete info check the web page at: [www.w9awe.org/ilqp2010.html](http://www.w9awe.org/ilqp2010.html)

When you send in your log be sure to indicate your club affiliation as Kankakee Area Radio Society and not SMC (this contest only). Iroquois County ops are very welcome to add their scores!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 11th W9TRF  
Sept. 15th W4HYB  
Sept. 15th K9BIG  
Sept. 18th Velda  
Sept. 29th Terry  
Sept. 30th WB9Z

Let the newsletter editors know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong

### KARS KALENDAR

Sept 7.....KARS General Meeting  
Sept 10-11.....W9DXCC Convention  
Sept 11-13.....ARRL VHF QSO Party  
Sept 12.....KARS BIKE RIDE  
Sept 18-19.....Peoria Hamfest  
Sept 21.....KARS Board Meeting  
Sept 25.....CFMC Radio EXPO  
Sept 25-26.....CQWW RTTY DX Contest  
Oct 5.....KARS General Meeting  
Oct 17.....Illinois QSO Party  
Oct 19.....KARS Board Meeting  
Oct 30, 31.....CQWW SSB DX Contest

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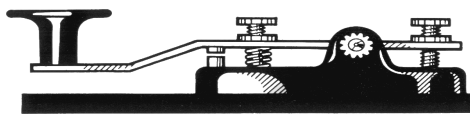
*146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access  
449.8/444.8 114.8 PL Access*

*Also, co-sponsors:*

*145.130 107.2 PL Access*

*Additionally, KARS sponsors:*

*144.39 Wide Area APRS digi-peater  
145.53 KARS DX Cluster*



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# KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE

## FIRST ANNUAL WAUPONSEE TRAIL BIKE MOBILE RIDE AND COOK-OUT SEPTEMBER 12

We will meet at President Bill Dau's house (N9OE) in Custer Park, Il, at 2:00 PM and ride the Wauponsee Bicycle Trail for 2 hours or so and then return for a pot luck/cookout at Bill and Emily's house. Like Greg's pool party, bring meat to grill and a dish to pass. Bill will put your perishables in the refrigerator. You do not have to ride in order to come to the cookout. We will eat at 5:00 PM so you should arrive before then. All KARS members, get this date on your calendar.

**TO BILL'S HOUSE:** Take West Court Street to Wall Street. Turn north on Wall Street which is (Rt. 113) toward Custer Park. Drive about 15 miles on Rt. 113 and look for Jay Drive on the left side of the road. Turn left and proceed to 35802 Jay Dr. Bill's house is on the right side of the street.

This bike ride is to be the first of what we hope will become an annual event.

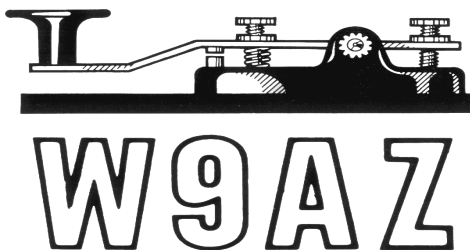
## ORDER YOUR KARS SHIRT NOW

Bob K9SAT has been working long and hard searching for a vendor for club shirts. It has been many years since the club has placed an order, so be sure to come to the September meeting to place your name on the list for a new shirt. Below is the final design of the shirts. Bob is also planning to take orders for club jackets. He will have all the information at the September meeting.



## HISTORY OF OUR CLUB LOGO

by Ken W9YNI



### A LONG LONG TIME AGO:

The Kankakee Area Radio Society, was still printing the club newsletter on a Mimeograph machine. We also used a typewriter for our letters and Correspondence.

We needed a more professional image, after all we had then just become a Illinois Corporation. A logo seemed in order.

At a club meeting back in the late 60's, it was decided to have a contest and everyone was to submit their ideas for a club logo. There were not many ideas submitted, but one simple idea stood out and was approved by all.

The Ham who drew the current "J 38" key was a old timer at our radio hobby. He worked on old AtwaterKent radios, repaired the first superheterodyne radios and later repaired the first tube type TV's. He was self trained and self educated. He didn't even have a high school diploma, but later received the equivalent of todays GED.

He was a Draftsman for Kroehler Mfg for many years and after Kroehler closed their doors became an illustrator for Roper Corporation.

He started me in radio when I was in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Grade by building a crystal set and then many more projects.

Yet he never had a Ham license until 1967. His first call was WN9VLJ. He then held another Novice license in 1969 as WN9CTA. Next was a Technician License with the call of WB9LOP.

His big problem was copying code. It was the hardest thing for him to do and getting his Novice at 5 WPM was a major accomplishment.

The theory was never a problem for him.

It is sort of ironic that his Logo submission was a straight key, but with his artistic talents it was easy for him to draw. I think he was trying to tell us something about CW. The logo has lasted many years now and I hope it goes on well after my time.

He was born in 1908 and became a Silent Key back in May 1987. The club somehow found the original drawing, as it was done in those days in Black India Ink and oversize. It was framed and presented to me with the help of Howard AK9F. It now proudly hangs in my Ham Shack.

His name was Orville Buser...he was my Dad.

73 Ken Buser W9YNI



John K9BYT worked security at the Bears training camp before "keeping order" at the annual KARS pool party.



The gang chowing down at the pool party, one of the things they know best.



Everyone is placing bets. Is Will K9FO really going to jump in the pool???