



# KARS KEY KLICKS



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## Round Table / Show and Tell Discussion

The KARS General Meeting for September will be held at the Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club on Tuesday September 10th. Everyone is invited whether a club member or not.

Our intent with this program idea is to go "around the table" more or less giving everyone a chance to either share in a project or procedure specific to an event or device that you enjoy or piece of equipment or device that interests you limited only by your imagination.

Alternatively you may want to physically show your project/idea in an actual show and tell setting or video it's up to you. You have free reign.

Most importantly we are just hoping you will at the least come to the meeting and ask questions on subjects that interest you in hopes someone attending will have an answer or know where to find that information or get back to you with that information.

### NCS FOR SEPTEMBER

The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 repeater.

- September 2 N9FD
- September 9 KD9NPQ
- September 16 N9OE
- September 23 K9XI
- September 30 N9OE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- September 11 KD9CGA
- September 15 K9BIG
- September 15 KD9CFV
- September 15 W9WWE
- September 15 W4HYB
- September 18 KC9CAZ
- September 21 WB9RUE
- September 29 Terry
- September 30 WB9Z



Aug 2024 KARS Meeting

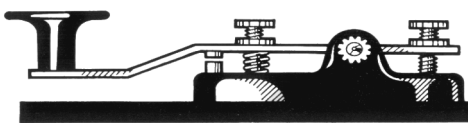
### KARS KALENDAR

- Sept 10.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
- Sept 13-14.....[W9DXCC Convention](#)
- Sept 21-22.....[Peoria Hamfest](#)
- Sept 22.....[CFMC Radio Expo](#)
- Sept 24.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- Oct 5.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
- Oct 8.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
- Oct 19...(tentative).....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
- Oct 22.....[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  
W9AZ-1 and W9AZ-2*



# W9AZ

### ILLINOIS QSO PARTY!

The 2024 Illinois QSO Party will be held Sunday, October 20th, 12 to 8 PM local time. Operation is on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 & 2 Meters. All modes CW/SSB/FM. The exchange is your RS(T) and IL county or RS(T) and state for non-Illinois stations.

A great way to spend the day as your schedule will allow to make as many contacts and Illinois Counties as possible. Be sure to submit your log with KARS (Kankakee Area Radio Society.)

You'll find everything you need, county map of Illinois, list of all 102 counties and all the planned activities from each county including rover and portable operation at:

<https://w9awe.org/ilqp/>



**W9DXCC supports DXPeditions through the NCDXF Sept 13-14**

### KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

- Sept 7.....[Russian RTTY WW Contest](#)
- Sept 1.....[Colorado QSO Party](#)
- Sept 1-2.....[Tennessee QSO Party](#)
- Sept 14-15.....[WAE DX Contest SSB](#)
- Sept 14-16.....[ARRL Sept VHF Contest](#)
- Sept 21-22.....[Texas QSO Party](#)
- Sept 21-22.....[Iowa QSO Party](#)
- Sept 21-22.....[New Jersey QSO Party](#)
- Sept 21-22.....[New Hampshire QSO Party](#)
- Sept 28-29.....[CQWW DX RTTY Contest](#)
- Sept 28-29.....[Maine QSO Party](#)
- Oct 5-6.....[California QSO Party](#)
- Oct 12-13.....[Makrothen RTTY Contest](#)
- Oct 12-13.....[Arizona QSO Party](#)
- Oct 11-13.....[Nevada QSO Party](#)
- Oct 12-13.....[Pennsylvania QSO Party](#)
- Oct 12-13.....[South Dakota QSO Party](#)
- Oct 19-20.....[New York QSO Party](#)
- Oct 20.....[Illinois QSO Party](#)**
- Oct 19-20.....[Stew Perry Topband Challenge](#)
- Oct 26-27.....[CQWW DX SSB](#)

## Don't Forget the Illinois QSO Party in October!

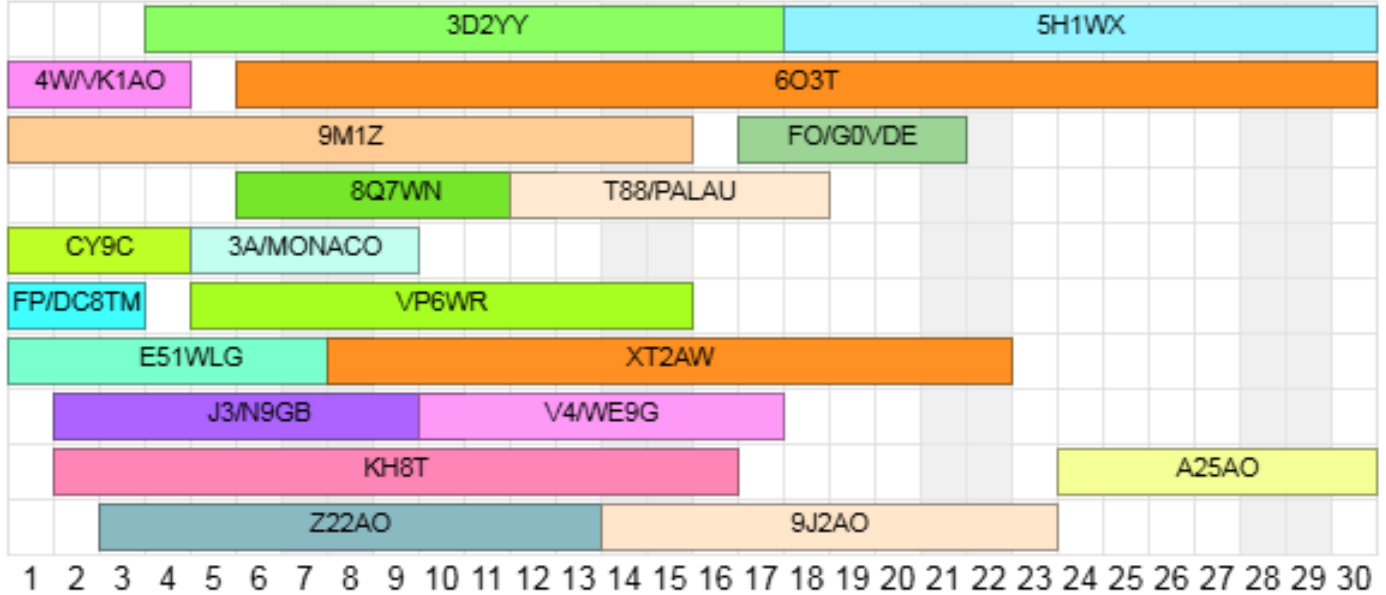
# KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE



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## FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: September 2, 2024



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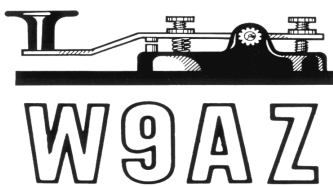
### SEPTEMBER

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**(Above)**  
KARS had a mostly Flex Radio Field Day this year from the shop of N9OE - 4D class

**(Pictured below)**  
Andrew, N9BMB, is heading into his sophomore year at Villanova University, where he is studying electrical engineering. Andrew earned his technician license in 2015, and recently advanced by earning both his general and extra licenses over this summer. Wishing Andrew all the best as he continues his academic journey and grows in his field.



## A special viewing of the Perseid Meteor Showers I will treasure forever

by Greg Hart WR9L

On August 3rd of this year my very good friend of 55 years became a SK.

Of the many HAM related traditions and experiences Don K9NR and I have shared together, I will cherish them all with fond memories.

His expertise and knowledge in many aspects of our mutual interests has taught me a great deal.

One of our shared interest was in astronomy, particularly in meteor showers.

The tradition of meteor watching started with Will K9FO (SK), when many of the local hams would meet him at a spot called Mary's Berries to view the stars and share many stories.

Over the years Don and I would continue this tradition, getting together many times throughout the year to spend hours looking up to the stars and Don could point out every star that had a name in the sky!

Don and I always looked forward to the Granddaddy of meteor showers, the Perseids, in early August. Craig N9FD joining us in recent years.

Don was texting me in June firming up our plans. We had a new viewing site that we used for the first time last year. It turned out to be the best location that we had ever used in the area and we were really looking forward to another great meteor shower.

Don's service was on August 11, the meteor shower was to peak that night.

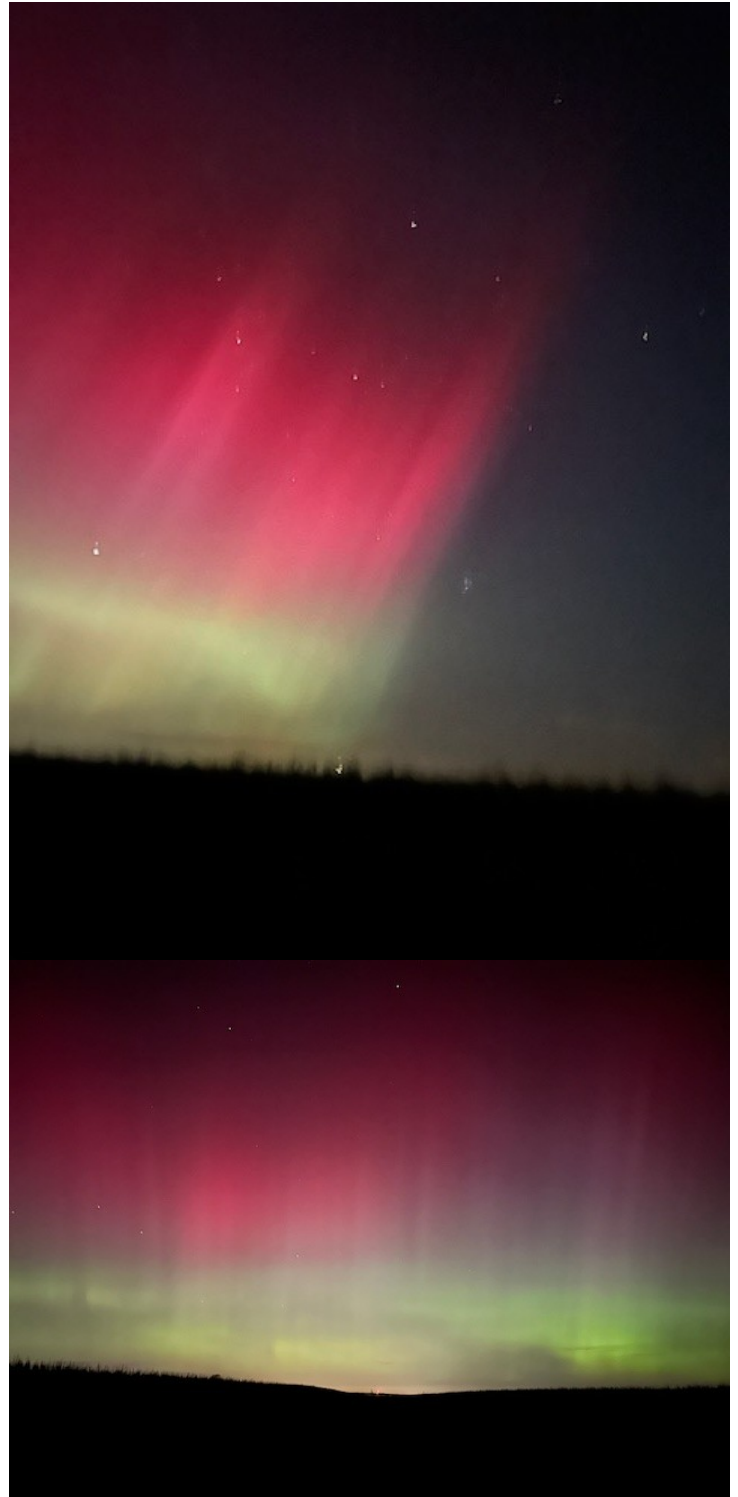
I wasn't really feeling the enthusiasm that night on my way out to the site . A big part of this experience was missing! Craig N9FD joined me and we made the most of it, Don being the focus of our conversations.

The meteor shower was somewhat less productive than last year.

We still saw quite a few meteors and Don would have been upbeat about that, and then we realized he must have given us something special for this night.

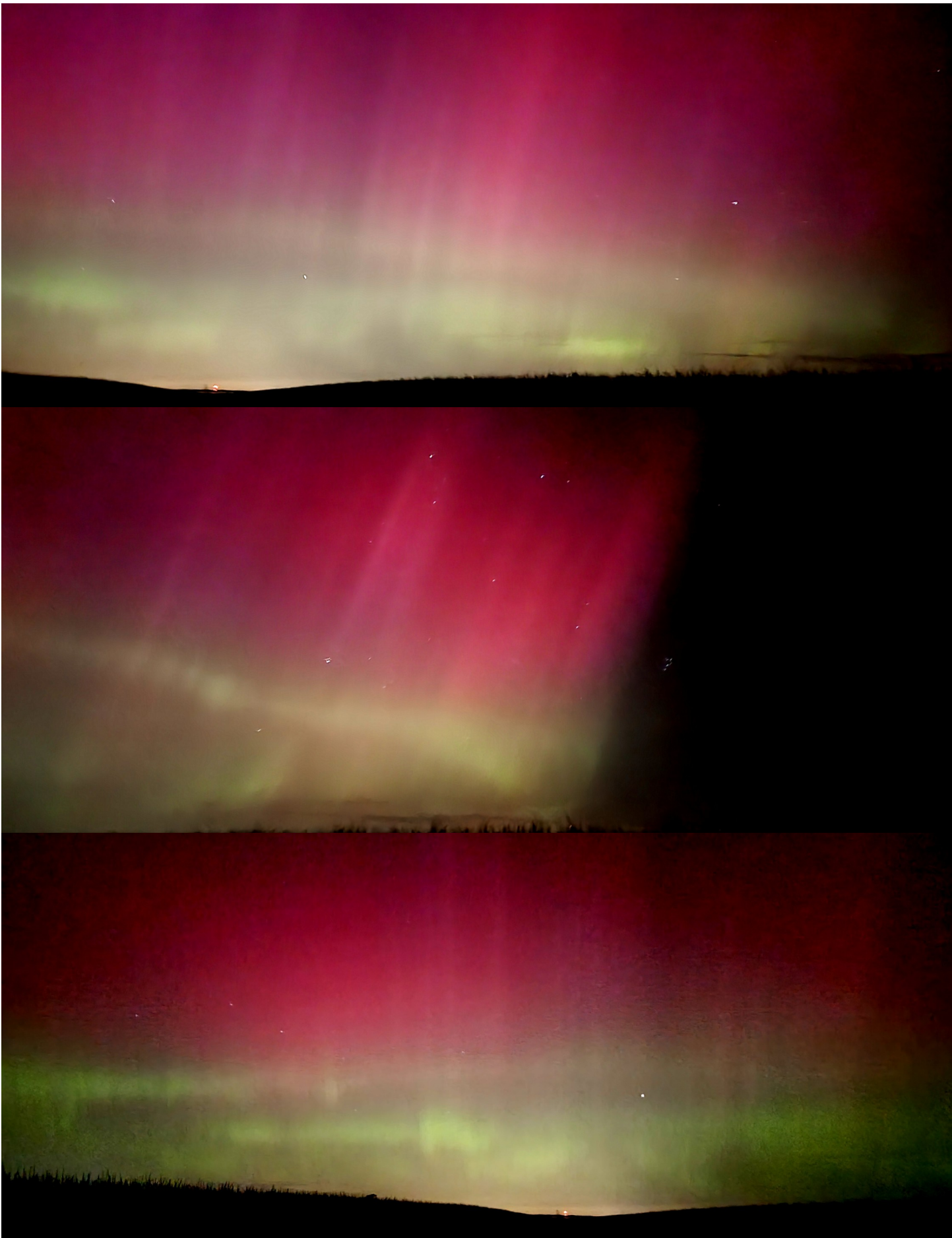
Craig and I turned our heads to the North and saw the most intense Aurora that we have ever seen, stretching from the Western horizon through the North to the Eastern horizon. The Aurora persisted for at least 45 minutes dancing and shimmering with the occasional meteor dropping through the northern lights.

Don would have been talking about this one for many years but I think he probably had something to do with it including a better view. **(Photos continue on page 4)**

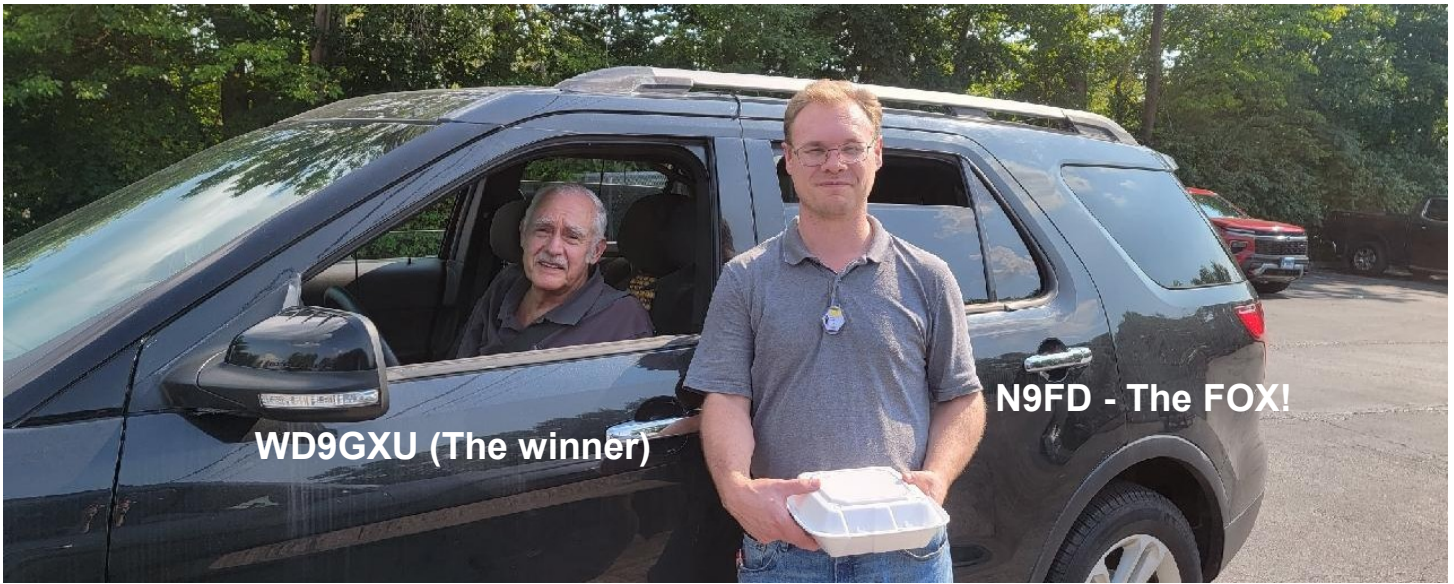


**Northern Lights the night of Aug 11th near Kankakee**

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# KARS FOXHUNT August 3rd



WD9GXU (The winner)

N9FD - The FOX!

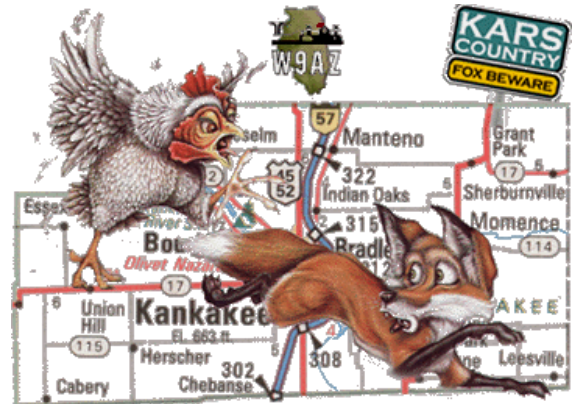
# KARS FOXHUNT August 17th

Hidden transmitter hunts are very popular with KARS and are a lot of fun. Come ride along we would love to show you how.



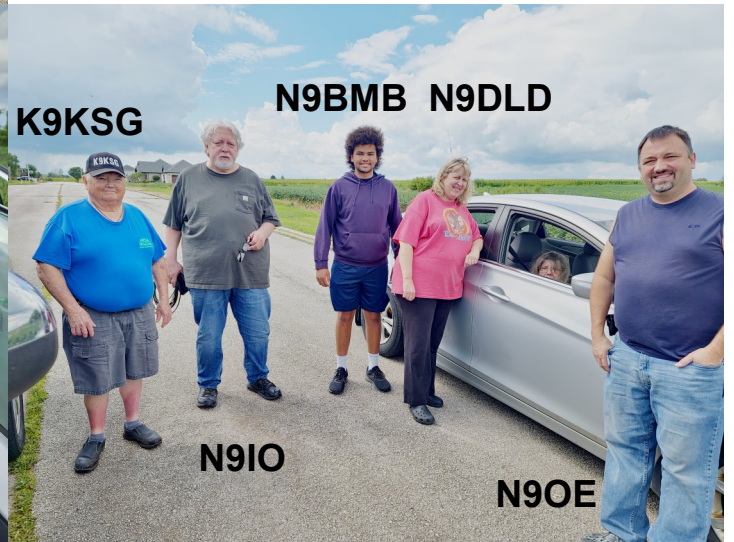
N9IO (Winner)

WD9GXU (The FOX)



N9OE

K9QT



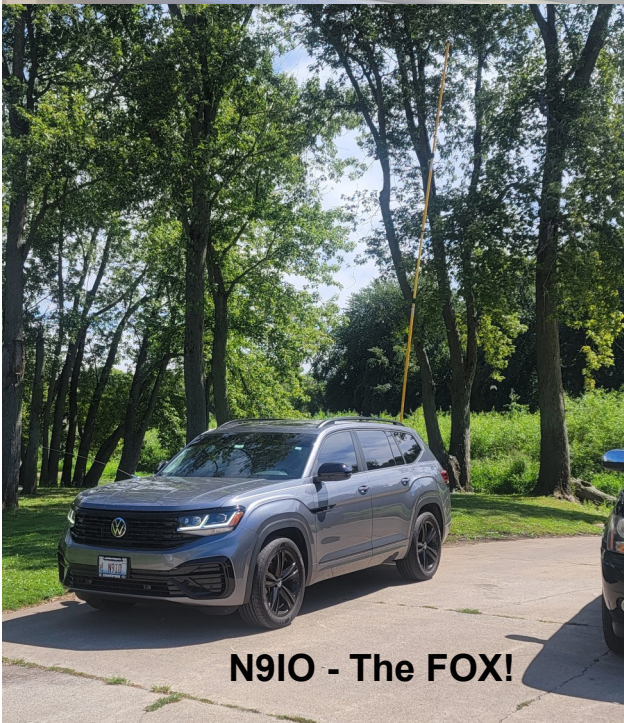
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N9IO

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# KARS FOXHUNT August 31st



**August 31st Foxhunt**

**Fox hid at the Aroma Park Boat Launch against the river**

**Remembering Don, K9NR since he hid in this same spot in 2021**