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Annual KARS Auction October Meeting

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Tuesday, October 14th – 7:00 PM
at *Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club*

It's time to rummage through your garage, shed, basement, or attic for electronic treasures to put on the auction block!

Auctioneer: **YOU**... channel your inner Dan, WA9WAQ, to sell your surplus goodies!

Items: Anything radio, electronic, or computer-related is welcome. (Maybe leave that brand-new \$8K rig at home ... unless you really want to sell it cheap!)

Proceeds: 10% of each sale goes to the club treasury.

A **very brief business meeting** will follow the auction.

NCS FOR OCTOBER

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.

October 6	KC9HDF
October 13	KD9NPQ
October 20	N9OE
October 27	TBD

KARS BOARD MEETING

October Board Meeting Tuesday,
Oct. 28th at El Mexicano's Restaurant.
6PM to eat...7PM meeting
Everyone welcome!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 1 Gordon	October 14 N9YNZ
October 1 KC9SQG	October 15 K9IOC
October 4 K9NIA	October 22 NV9L
October 4 W9BBB	October 26 WB9CDE
October 6 KE9CPG	October 27 N9CIW
October 7 NN9T	October 29 N9JGC
October 13 WR9L	October 30 W9VEC

Let us know if your birthday is missed or listed in error.

The Newsletter is Back!

Share your ideas,
stories, articles, or
favorite internet
resource (YouTube or
website) to keep us
updated on what's
happening in your ham
radio world and beyond.

We'd love to hear
from you!

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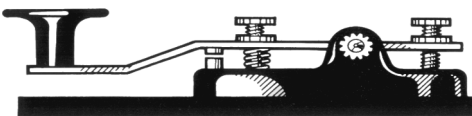
KARS KALENDAR

Oct 4		Transmitter Hunt
Oct 14	(Annual Auction)	General Meeting
Oct 19	.....	IL QSO Party
Oct 28	.....	KARS Board Meeting
Nov 11	.....	General Meeting
Nov 25	.....	KARS Board Meeting
Nov 27	.....	Thanksgiving

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

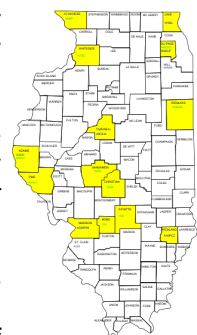
ILLINOIS QSO PARTY!

The 2025 Illinois QSO Party will be held Sunday, **October 19th**, 12 to 8 PM local time. Operation is on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 & 2 Meters. All modes CW/SSB/FM. No repeater contacts! The exchange is your RS (T) and county or RS(T) and state for non-Illinois stations.

A great way to spend a few hours. Make as many contacts as your schedule will allow and please be sure to submit your log with the Kankakee Area Radio Society (full club name) for the club aggregate score.

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/> (page 2)



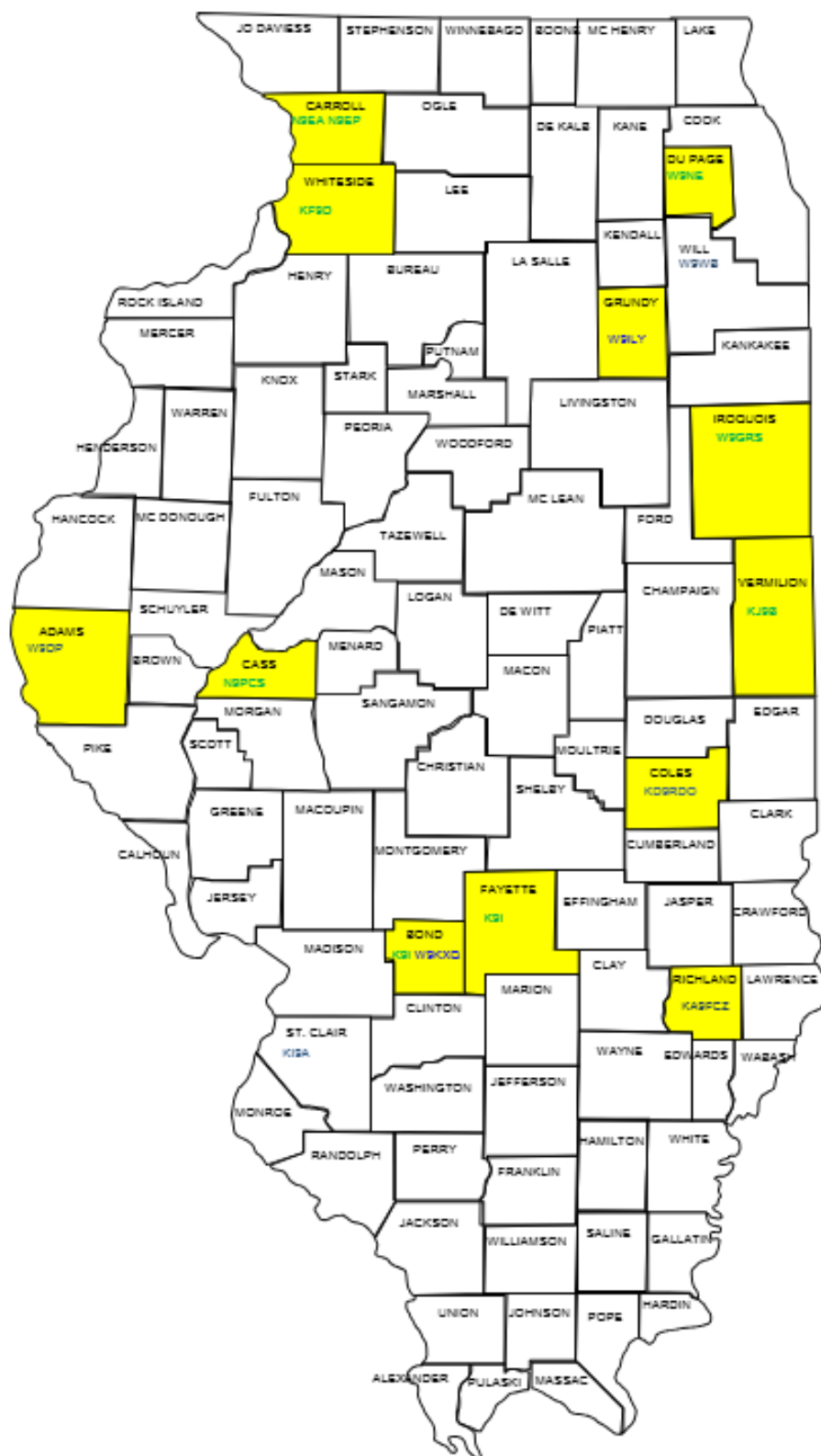
KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

Oct 4-5	.....	California QSO Party
Oct 11-12	.....	Makrothen RTTY Contest
Oct 11-12	.....	Arizona QSO Party
Oct 11-12	.....	Nevada QSO Party
Oct 11-12	.....	Pennsylvania QSO Party
Oct 11-12	.....	South Dakota QSO Party
Oct 18-19	.....	New York QSO Party
Oct 19	.....	Illinois QSO Party
Oct 18-19	.....	Stew Perry Topband Challenge
Oct 25-26	.....	CQWW DX SSB Contest
Nov 1-3	.....	ARRL Sweepstakes CW
Nov 8-9	.....	WAE DX RTTY Contest
Nov 15-17	.....	ARRL Sweepstakes Phone
Nov 29-30	.....	CQWW DX CW Contest
Dec 5-7	.....	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
Dec 13-14	.....	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Dec 27-28	.....	Stew Perry 160 Meter Contest

Don't miss the KARS auction - October 14th!

IL QSO PARTY-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

The activity map below shows planned operations (in yellow) by county in 2025. There are a total of 102 counties. With a little luck, all 102 will have planned operations by the contest deadline.



PLEASE HELP YOUR CLUB!

Don't forget! The **2025 Illinois QSO Party** is **Sunday, October 19th**, from **12 Noon to 8PM**. Operation is on all bands... 160 through 2 meters (excluding WARC bands) and all modes... CW/SSB/FM/Digital.

The exchange for IL stations is RS/T and county; others give RS/T and state, province or country.

If you don't have HF gear, check out the activity on the FM simplex channels. FM contacts must be simplex and not through repeaters.

NEW NOTE ON DIGITAL MODES:

Due to the complexity of creating a log entry conforming to ILQP log submission rules, FT4 and FT8 contacts will receive no contact credit. Other digital modes are encouraged.

So jump in and help out. You don't have to operate the entire contest. Just hop in anytime and make a few contacts. **Be sure to submit your log with "KANKAKEE AREA RADIO SOCIETY"** for the club aggregate score!

Everything you need to know is at:

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

**Help KARS out
by making a
few QSO's in
the Illinois
QSO Party!**

**Get on the air
and stay in the
chair!**

KARS FOXHUNTS

Photos from recent fox hunts over the past few months.

WD9GXU**NN9T & WD9GXU****KE9CQV, N9DWE, WD9GXU & AA9CC**

Hidden transmitter hunts are very popular with KARS members and are a lot of fun. Come ride along; we would love to show you how to hunt. Join us for the next fox hunt on Saturday, October 4th, at 1 PM, starting from Meadowview Shopping Center.



Andrew (N9BMB), a junior at Villanova University majoring in Electrical Engineering, currently serves as President of the Villanova University Amateur Radio Club (W3YP).

The club has 17 active members, and Andrew is mentoring three of them as they prepare for their Technician license exams.

W3YP already partners with the Villanova University CubeSat Club on high-altitude weather balloon launches, providing essential technical support for tracking and data transmission. Amateur radio equipment is used for telemetry systems, which includes GPS, tracking, and radio transmitters.

Looking ahead, Andrew anticipates working even more closely with the CubeSat Club on designing, building, and launching miniature satellites.

Great work, Andrew!

