

# KARS KEY KLICKS



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## “Fox Hunt Primer” April Meeting

The next [KARS general meeting](#) will be held at the Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportmen’s Club Tuesday April 9th at 7PM.

Our April meeting will feature a fox hunting primer along with a show-and-tell featuring of equipment used by KARS hunters. [Fox hunting](#) has continued to be very popular in our ranks so bring your secret weapons to show. To be sure this is about transmitter hunting not live animals.

We have already held a couple of well attended hunts so far and look forward to seeing all of you April 9th.

Tally Ho!

This will also be a great opportunity to get caught up with dues and sign up for the April 20th Banquet.

### Please support your club... KARS 2024 DUES ARE DUE!

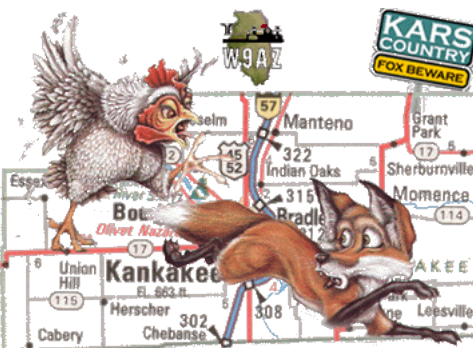
Regular Membership	\$30
Family Membership	\$40
Senior Membership	\$15
Senior Family Membership	\$20
Full Time Student Membership	\$15
Disabled Membership	\$15
Activity Military	Waived

### NCS FOR APRIL

The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

April 1	KD9NPQ
April 8	KC9HDF
April 15	N9OE
April 22	K9XI
April 29	N9OE

Don't forget the net!  
Mondays at 2000 hrs. local time



Apr 8, 2024 – Total Solar Eclipse in Indiana [\[Link\]](#)

### Fox Hunt Primer April Meeting

March 30.....	<a href="#">KARS Foxhunt</a>
<b>April 8.....</b>	<b>Total Solar Eclipse</b>
<b>April 9.....</b>	<b><a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a></b>
April 13.....	<a href="#">KARS Foxhunt</a>
<b>April 20.....</b>	<b><a href="#">KARS Banquet (Page 2)</a></b>
<b>April 23.....</b>	<b><a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a></b>
April 27.....	<a href="#">KARS Foxhunt</a>
May 11.....	<a href="#">KARS Foxhunt</a>
<b>May 14.....</b>	<b><a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a></b>
May 17, 18, 19.....	<a href="#">HAMVENTION</a>
May 25.....	<a href="#">KARS Foxhunt</a>
<b>May 28.....</b>	<b><a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a></b>

*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 Two Wide Area APRS digi-peaters  
KARS DX Cluster [w9az.ddns.net](#)

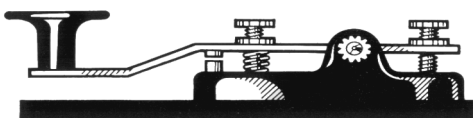
### KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

April 6-7.....	<a href="#">Missouri QSO Party</a>
April 6-7.....	<a href="#">EA RTTY Contest</a>
April 6.....	<a href="#">Mississippi QSO Party</a>
April 6-7.....	<a href="#">Louisiana QSO Party</a>
April 13.....	<a href="#">New Mexico QSO Party</a>
April 13-14.....	<a href="#">Georgia QSO Party</a>
April 13-14.....	<a href="#">North Dakota QSO Party</a>
April 20-21.....	<a href="#">Nebraska QSO Party</a>
April 21.....	<a href="#">ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB</a>
April 20.....	<a href="#">Michigan QSO Party</a>
April 20-21.....	<a href="#">Ontario QSO Party</a>
April 21.....	<a href="#">Quebec QSO Party</a>
April 27-28.....	<a href="#">SP DX RTTY Contest</a>
April 27-28.....	<a href="#">Florida QSO Party</a>
May 4-5.....	<a href="#">Indiana QSO Party</a>
May 4-5.....	<a href="#">7 Land QSO Party</a>
May 4-5.....	<a href="#">Delaware QSO Party</a>
May 4-5.....	<a href="#">New England QSO Party</a>
May 18.....	<a href="#">Arkansas QSO Party</a>
May 25-26.....	<a href="#">CQWW WPX CW Contest</a>
June 1-2.....	<a href="#">Kentucky QSO Party</a>
June 1-2.....	<a href="#">ARRL Inter Digital Contest</a>
June 8-10.....	<a href="#">ARRL June VHF Contest</a>

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

April 1	WU9D
April 4	KC9OQQ
April 17	N9MBR
April 25	W9IE
April 26	K9CS



# W9AZ

**Hamvention is just around the corner - May 17, 18, 19**

KARS HOMEPAGE— **WWW.W9AZ.COM** —KARS HOMEPAGE

## KARS ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday April 20th 2024

Time: 6PM - 9PM

At [Brickstone Brewery & Restaurant](#)  
557 William Latham Drive Bourbonnais, IL

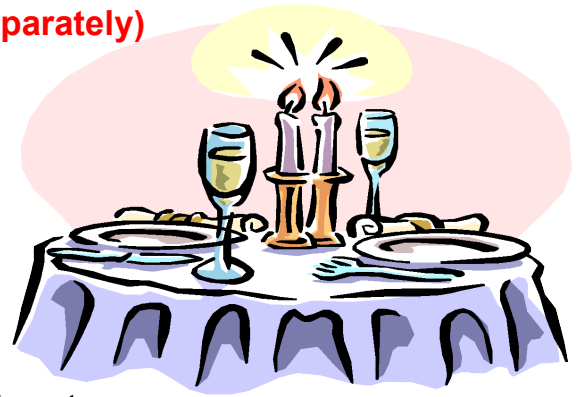
### Menu:

#### Italian Dinner (\$25.00/person)

(You must order and pay for your drinks on site separately)

#### Buffet Style

- Tomato Vodka Rigatoni
- Lemon Peppered Roasted Chicken
- Slowly Roasted Sirloin of Beef
- Red-Skin Mashed Potatoes
  - Vegetables
  - Fresh Garden Salad
  - Ice Cream
- Hors d'oeuvre trays...veggies & dip, Bruschetta, etc



The club **WILL** cover tax, tip, Ice Cream,  
Hors d'oeuvre trays...veggies & dip, Bruschetta

The club will **NOT** cover drinks however.

**Reservations and check, made payable to KARS are needed right away.**

Please send Diane N9DLD an email at ([hartlys@gmail.com](mailto:hartlys@gmail.com)) that you want to reserve.  
The April 12th meeting would be a good opportunity to make payment  
but in any event but we need to hear from you via email.

We don't want anyone to miss out. Guests are welcome,  
KARS membership or a Ham license are not required.

**Due to recent health issues please DO NOT email Don K9NR with your reservations  
Don is unable to accommodate your requests at this time.**

Bring to meetings or mail your check & reservation info to:  
Diane Dau N9DLD  
2397N 10,000W Rd.  
Bonfield, Illinois 60913

The Board has approved \$300 for door prizes and the club  
will sponsor Ice cream, Hors d'oeuvre trays...veggies & dip, Bruschetta, etc.  
The club will write one check for all, so please make every effort to pay the club in advance.

**Everything is covered, except for drinks.  
You order and pay for your drinks there.**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

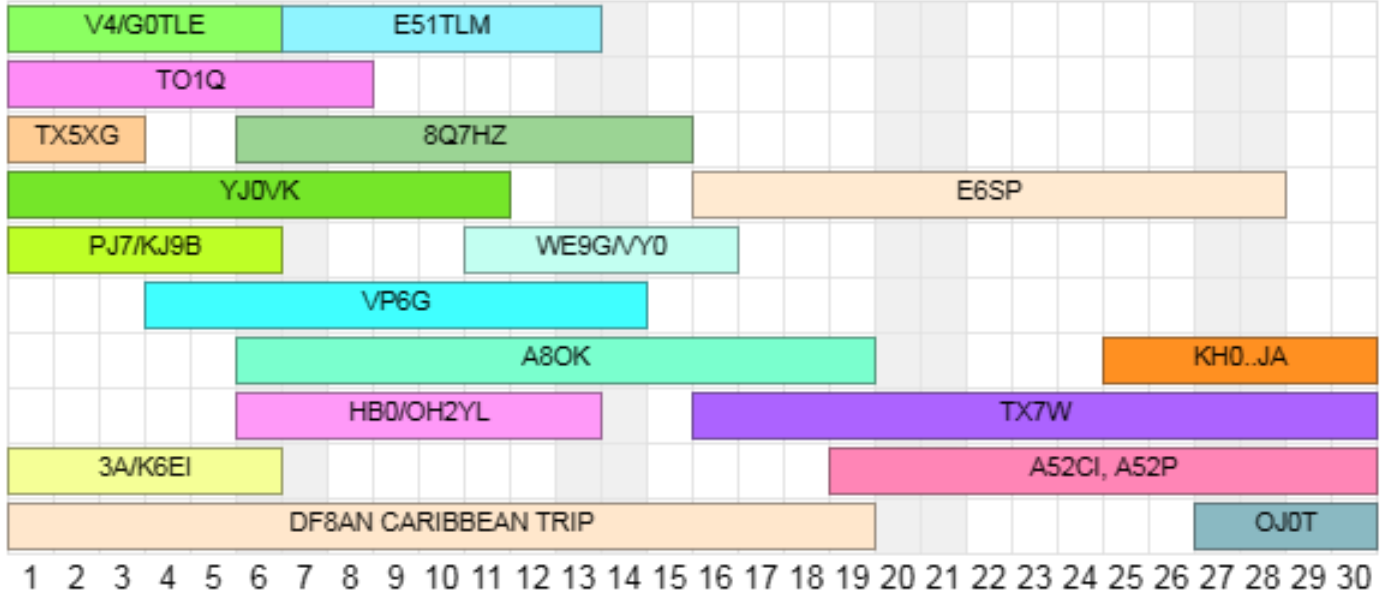
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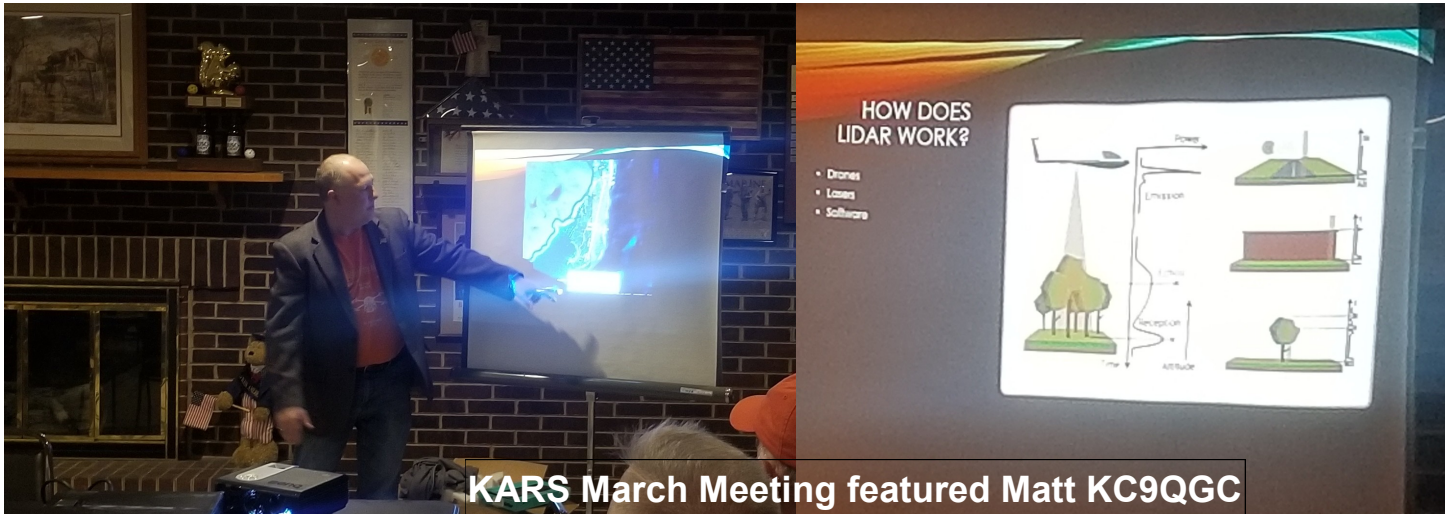


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APRIL

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**Matt KC9QGC delivered an excellent program in March! Thank you Matt!**



KARS March Meeting featured Matt KC9QGC





**KARS Fox Hunters are back at it in 2024**



J.R. K9KSG (The Fox)

The March 16 hunt was won by Tony AA9CC. (not pictured.)

Tony will be our fox on March 30th.



KB9VR and N9DWE

**KARS Archives  
1955**

Sunday, Dec. 11, 1955 KANKAKEE SUNDAY JOURNAL

**Get Call Letter License Tags**

Members of the Kankakee Area Radio Society are among the radio "hams" throughout the state displaying their call letters on their 1956 auto license plates. From left are Bill Williams, president, Beryl Dassow, Don Rockwell, secretary, and Bob Gray. Dassow is from Clifton, the others from Kankakee. A new law enables amateur radio operators to obtain the licenses for an additional \$3. The Kankakee area group has close to 50 members, including 19 licensed operators. Many have mobile radio transmitters in their cars available for use in event of emergency. (Journal photo)



KARS Archives  
1954

Shown at his Boy Scout meeting, **Ken Buser W9IE** of Kankakee, IL operating the ham radio / short wave receiver he had won after winning a short wave broadcast listening contest in 1954.



KARS Archives  
1954