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AUGUST MEETING ON ANTENNAS

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT "AERIALS" BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK!

The next KARS meeting will be August 6th, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital in the public meeting room. Use the south entrance.

After a short business meeting, a program on practical antenna theory will be presented. Find out what all those strange terms mean and what is a good skyhook for the little pistol or the big gun.

KARSFEST

Karsfest 2013 is now ready for the history books. This year's hamfest was a resounding success thanks to all the hard work by KARS dedicated members who tirelessly give of their time and efforts.

Craig N9FD put in a heroic effort as chairman assuring that everything came together flawlessly.

See pictures and results of test session on page 3.

A formal report will be presented at the August general meeting.

NCS FOR August

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 OR 145.130 backup repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

N9LYE August 5
WD9FYF August 12
N9OE August 19
N9FD August 26
Don't forget the net!



July meeting program featuring Log-book of the World by Ken W9IE & Don K9NR

KARS KALENDAR

Aug. 4.....	Hamfesters hamfest
Aug 3-4.....	NA QSO Party CW
Aug 6.....	KARS General Meeting
Aug 10-11.....	WAE DX CW
Aug 17-18.....	BARTG WW RTTY
Aug 17-18.....	NA QSO Party SSB
August 18.....	Foxhunt
Aug 20.....	KARS Board Meeting
Sept 3.....	KARS General Meeting
Sept. 7.....	Radio Expo hamfest
Sept 14-16.....	ARRL Sept. VHF Contest
Sept 17.....	KARS Board Meeting
Sept 20.....	W9DXCC Convention
September 21.....	Peoria Superfest
September 28-29.....	CQWW DX RTTY

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access
449.8/444.8 114.8 PL Access
145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters
145.53 KARS DX Cluster

SEVERE WEATHER NET OPERATIONS IMPORTANT!

The National Weather Service has asked KARS to move local weather spotting reports to the .130 repeater. This will free up the .34/.94 machine for reports to the NWS station WX9LOT. The WX Bureau forecast center is a VERY busy place in severe weather. They monitor five ham repeaters all around the Chicago area. KARS .34/.94 machine is important because several repeaters from the South and West use it to send reports to the NWS

This means that net control stations will have to monitor both 146.940 and 145.130 simultaneously. To reiterate, local stations report to KARS net control on 145.130 and not 146.940. Net control then relays reports to WX9LOT on 146.940. If you find yourself in a position where you have important weather information for the net but cannot hit the 145.130 machine...by all means use 146.940 if necessary

BOARD MEETING

The KARS board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20th at El Campesino. Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

K9TP August 9
K9JMS August 12
KC9MZQ August 22
N9ECM August 29

Let us know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.

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

FOXHUNT FRENZY



Paul W9IEY, Jim KB9VR and John N9LYE deciding where to go eat after the fox hunt.



Clay N9IO & Crystal W9IOU, both top notch hunters in their own right, team up for this hunt.



Don K9NR, who came in second, accompanied by Stuart, visiting from Cambridge, England.



Jim KB9VR and crew with well equipped hunting vehicle, including map board for triangulation.



Foxhunt winner Billie K9QT, was crewed by Paul W9IEY & XYL Terry; also Billie's daughter Briti ham. Sheri MØSLA aka KF9IK



Pete K9OWQ who was the fox, posing with "The Ham".

FOXHUNT RESULTS JUNE 30TH HUNT

Pete K9OWQ, lent his talents as Fox for the hunt. He was hiding along the Kankakee River on Sandbar road. The river managed to present a dilemma for hunters as they were not sure which side he was on.

Billie K9QT and her team followed the "Crystal principle" (named for Crystal W9IOU) and proceeded slowly, sometimes progressing only a few feet between readings near the end of the hunt. They were able to get a true reading and found the fox in 7.6 miles, followed by Don K9NR at 12.2, and Clay N9IO at 14.1. Also finding the fox were the KB9VR team and N9LYE who hunted solo.

Crystal was heard to exclaim, "You should have listened to me Dad." The hunters enjoyed Pizza at Chicago Dough after the hunt.

DAYTON ATTENDANCE 2013

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA) has released the official attendance figures for Hamvention 2013 at 24,542. This continues the upward trend from the all time low of 17,250 in 2008. The all time high was 33,669 in 1993.

Like all hamfests, Hamvention suffers from declining exhibitors and flea market sellers. There are more people attending but less to see. Buying and selling on the Internet takes out a big chunk and more hams prefer the instant gratification of buying to building.

The best thing any hamfest or show can do these days is make the exhibitor, commercial or individual, welcome and keep their costs as low as possible.

Hamvention is still a great show and many hams look forward to an annual pilgrimage to Dayton!

WAKE AND AMSTERDAM ISLAND DXPEDITION PREPARATIONS CONTINUE

KARS member Jerry WB9Z reports that things in general are on track for the operations at Wake Island in the Pacific and Amsterdam Island in the Indian Ocean.

These are huge undertakings and down at Jerry's QTH, thousands and thousands of feet of coax and radials have already been prepped and made ready for shipment to these remote islands.

Antennas for simultaneous operation on all bands and modes will be installed...that's a LOT of antennas! The logistics are huge.

Funding is always a challenge. Consider a small donation to help defray the many hundreds of thousands of dollars needed to make these operations happen!

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KARS club table. People line up to put ticket stubs in drum.



Inside vendors provide lots of goodies for air conditioned shopping



Walking through the flea market, hams find many bargains.



New Extra class William N9OTP receives his CSCE and congratulations from KARS President Don K9NR

KARSFEST TEST SESSION

At the test session held during KARSFEST 2013 we had 12 people take license exams, resulting in 2 new Techs, 3 upgrades to General and 1 upgrade to Extra.

The new Extra is William Rainey, N9OTP, from University Park. Upgrading to General were Randy Iliff, KB9LIL, of Park Forest, Edward Countryman, KC9WKO, of Frankfort, and Dana Anderson, KC9WKP, also from Frankfort. Thomas Sauch of Bourbonnais and Thomas Halko of Wheatfield, IN earned Tech licenses. Congratulations to all!

Participating Volunteer Examiners were Don K9NR, Billie K9QT, Bill-N9OE, Pete NI9H, Ron WB9JYZ and Carl K9CS.

KARS conducts test sessions at KARSFEST each year and at other times as needed. If you are ready to upgrade your license or know of someone ready to take a license exam to upgrade or for a new license, contact Carl, K9CS, or any KARS officer.

73, Carl K9CS



KARS members John N9LYE and Don KC9QPM taking a well deserved break, during the hamfest



Paul W9IEY and KARSFEST chairman Craig N9FD discuss plans for next

W5VRO WIDOW DONATES EQUIPMENT TO KARS

The widow of W5VRO generously donated his station equipment to KARS. The gear was sold at the KARS Hamfest. A kind thank you goes out to her. The funds and equipment will live on honoring Bill's memory.



Will K9FO and Rollie N9RJM look over old Kenwood, while Don K9NR converses with guest.

