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KARS MEETINGS DURING WUHAN VIRUS LOCKDOWN

The June KARS Meeting has been cancelled yet again because of...well...you know what July meeting to be decided at the June Board Meeting

The May KARS Board Meeting was held via ZOOM. Clay N9IO arranged it and it worked out well. It allowed the Board to conduct necessary business without the whole world listening in.

The June board meeting will be held in the same manner. We all look forward to normal meetings at El Mexicano again.



Wiley fox JR K9KSG at the May 16th KARS transmitter hunt

TRANSMITTER HUNT

Weather permitting, the next foxhunt will be Saturday, May 30 at **1:00PM.** Usual rules and starting location apply. N9FD, winner of the last hunt will be the fox.

Be sure to read the story of the last hunt on page 2.

NCS FOR JUNE

The net meets every Monday at 8 PM local time on the 146.34/.94 repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

- June 1 N9LYE
- June 8 K9KSG
- June 15 N9OE
- June 22 N9DWE
- June 29 K9NR

Don't forget the net!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- June 3 KD9JMS
- June 5 KD9CGC
- June 5 KD9CGB
- June 8 K9ABN
- June 10 N9OQC
- June 17 K9BKR
- June 20 KC9LBZ
- June 20 KD9NPQ
- June 26 KF9DM
- June 26 W9IOU
- June 30 K9BAK

If we miss your birthday or get it wrong, please let us know!

KARS KALENDAR UPDATES

As a result of the Communist Chinese Wuhan virus lockdown imposed upon an unsuspecting world, many Amateur Radio contests that in the past were lightly operated are turning into pretty good operating events.

Consequently, we have expanded and subdivided the KARS KALENDAR KOLUMN onto separate entities...the Standard KARS KALENDAR and the KARS KONTEST KALENDAR.

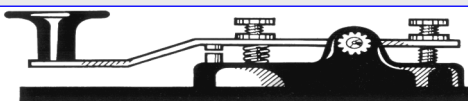
This allows us to list contests that may be of interest to members that were overlooked in the past. We try to include CW, SSB & RTTY. DX & Domestic. If you are a county hunter, working on DXCC or WAS awards, if you like HF or VHF, we hope to include events that will assist you in your pursuits.

So, while you are interred in your home while some overweight politician tells you that your constitutional rights are really just suggestions and he alone will let you know what your rights are...fire up the rig and have some fun and smile when you think of the next gubernatorial election day!

BTW. If your CW skills are a little rusty, try out the 1 hour long CWT's, three times every Wednesday, morning, afternoon & evening. Check out CWops on Google.

KARS KALENDAR	
May 30.....	KARS FOXHUNT
Cancelled....	Starved Rock RC Hamfest
June 2...	Cancelled..... KARS Meeting
June 13.....	KARS FOXHUNT
Cancelled.....	6 Meter Club Hamfest
June 16.....	KARS Board Meeting
June 27.....	KARS FOXHUNT
July 7.....	<i>tbd</i>..... KARS Meeting
Cancelled.....	Indianapolis Hamfest
July 19.....	<i>tbd</i> KARSFEST
July 21.....	KARS Board Meeting

KARS KONTEST KALENDAR	
May 30-31.....	CQWPX CW
June 6-7.....	Kentucky QSO Party
June 13-15....	ARRL June VHF Contest
June 13-14....	DRCG WW RTTY
June 20-21....	West Virginia QSO Party
June 20-21.....	Stew Perry Topband
June 27-28.....	FIELD DAY
July 1.....	Canada Day Contest
July 4-5.....	DL DX RTTY
July 11-12....	IARU RS Championship
July 18-19.....	NAQP RTTY
July 18-19.....	CQWW VHF



W9AZ

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*
- KARS DX Cluster w9az.ddns.net*

Work some DX or a new contest today!

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

May 16th KARS Transmitter Hunt



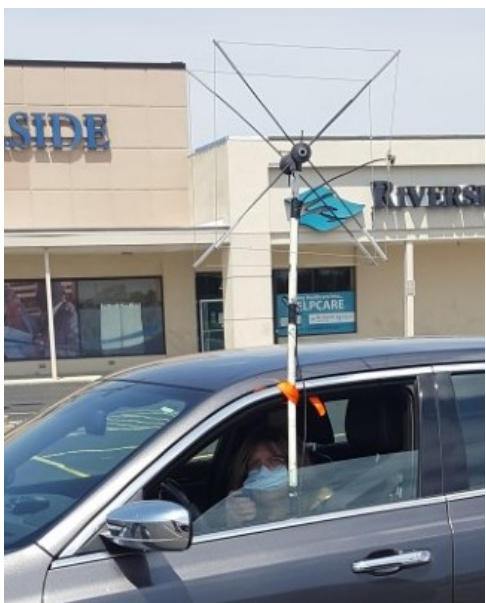
N9FD, winner of the hunt, stands guard over the den of Fox K9KSG



Hunters N9IO and N9IOQ are all smiles when they find the Fox



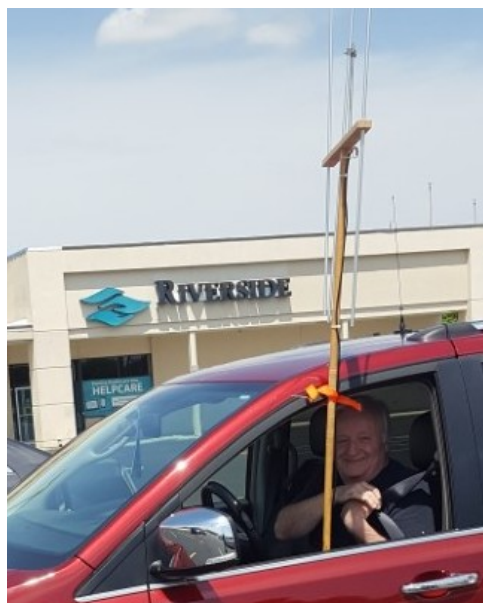
After the hunt, Fox K9KSG visits with hunter WD9GXU



Pictured Left is K9QT (quad), Right is K9NR (yagi)

Not pictured are hunters N9DWE, KB9VR and W9IOU

Foxhunts are tentatively planned every two weeks weather permitting. Listen for updates on the Monday night net. Build an antenna and come out and join in the fun.



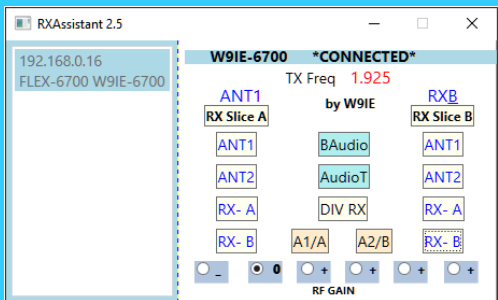
(5-26 update) by app author Ken W9IE
 RXAssistant Version 2.,5 is available for download on the KARS Web Site. W9AZ.com
 No Big changes but the new version will handle messaging to the User/Program in a better way.
 When the Radio is Disconnected or turned off it will indicate the Radio has been disconnected. When this occurs it is necessary to re run the program.
 Also if the program is run before the radio is turned on it will handle the prompt to double click on the IP in a cleaner way.
 That's it, If any further questions or comments, please let me know.
 Ken W9IE

RXAssistant is a program app intended to Add Advanced Receive Antenna Assistance Option Selection to any of the FlexRadio 6XXX Radios running SmartSDR versions 2.6.1 or greater or any 3.x version.
 Clickable buttons in the on-screen GUI add additional functions such as quick toggle access to the Binaural Audio, Headphone/Speaker and Diversity Receive.

Plus two special buttons
A1/A and **A2/B** with Hot Key access via Keyboard keys [and] respectively.

You could optionally minimize(-) the app off the desktop and still have full access to ALL RX Antennas while maintaining focus on the keyboard.
 (Hot Key Access implemented at the request of Craig K9CT)
 Full explanation of all in the included instruction page .pdf file.

RXAssistant Version 2.5 Update
 5-26-2020



Ken explains barring any unforeseen issues version 2.5 is likely the last version. Also the number of total downloads is approaching 500 in the short time it has been made available on the KARS web site.