



# KARS KEY KLICKS



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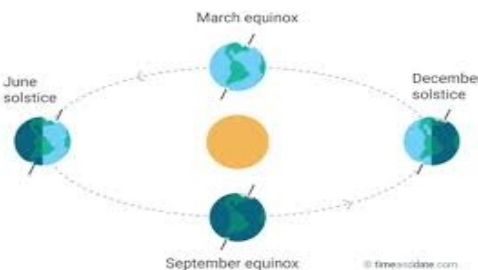
## A new Venue for KARS Meetings!

See Page 2 for Details

At the risk of being too optimistic, it appears that the Communist Chinese Wuhan Corona Virus is finally losing it's grip on the world's population.

Consequently, the next KARS general meeting will be held at the Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportmen's Club Tuesday March 8th at 7PM.

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### The Vernal Equinox The First Day of Spring

The equinox's occur twice a year...in the spring is the Vernal Equinox...in the Fall is the Autumnal Equinox.

On the day of the Equinox, the Sun is directly over the Equator and the day and night are of equal length.

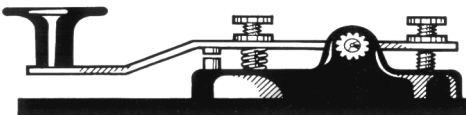
### KARS KALENDAR

- March 8 ..... [KARS General Meeting](#)
- March 13 ..... [Daylight Savings Time](#)
- March 8 ..... [Weather Spotter Webinar](#)
- March 10 ..... [Weather Spotter Webinar](#)
- March 16 ..... [Weather Spotter Webinar](#)
- March 20 ..... [Vernal Equinox-Spring!](#)
- March 22 ..... [KARS Board Meeting](#)
- April 12 ..... [KARS General Meeting](#)
- April 26 ..... [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 Two Wide Area APRS digi-peaters  
KARS DX Cluster w9az.ddns.net



# W9AZ

### NEW PERMANENT KARS MEETING DAYS

Note that all future KARS General meeting days will be the second Tuesday and Board meetings will be the fourth Tuesdays of the month.

### KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

- March 5-6 ..... [ARRL DX SSB](#)
- March 12-13 ..... [Oklahoma QSO Party](#)
- March 12-13 ..... [Stew Perry 160 Contest](#)
- March 12-13 ..... [Idaho QSO Party](#)
- March 13-14 ..... [Wisconsin QSO Party](#)
- March 19-20 ..... [Virginia QSO Party](#)
- March 19-20 ..... [Russian DX Contest](#)
- March 19-21 ..... [BARTG RTTY](#)
- March 26-27 ..... [CQWW WPX SSB](#)
- April 2-3 ..... [Missouri QSO Party](#)
- April 2-3 ..... [EA RTTY Contest](#)
- April 2-3 ..... [Mississippi QSO Party](#)
- April 2-3 ..... [Louisiana QSO Party](#)
- April 9-10 ..... [Nebraska QSO Party](#)
- April 9-10 ..... [New Mexico QSO Party](#)
- April 9-10 ..... [Georgia QSO Party](#)
- April 9-10 ..... [North Dakota QSO Party](#)
- April 10 ..... [ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB](#)
- April 16-17 ..... [Michigan QSO Party](#)
- April 16-17 ..... [Ontario QSO Party](#)
- April 17 ..... [Quebec QSO Party](#)
- April 23-24 ..... [SP DX RTTY Contest](#)
- April 30-May 1 ..... [Florida QSO Party](#)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

- March 2      W9IEY
- March 2      N9DLD
- March 4      N9DWE
- March 11      KC9ZKA
- March 14      KC9OAK
- March 23      N9HJR
- March 24      K9BYT

### UKRAINE RTTY CONTEST CANCELLED DUE TO WAR

In an act that almost defies belief in these more enlightened times, the Russian Dictator Putin has ordered a full scale invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine. We wish all the people of the Ukrainian nation peace and safety in their courageous fight for their very lives

We also wish peace and safety to those Russian people who are bravely protesting the brutal war.

### KARS 2022 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 FEBRUARY

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.

- March 7      KD9NPQ
- March 14      N9OE
- March 21      N9LYE
- March 28      N9DWE

Don't forget the net!

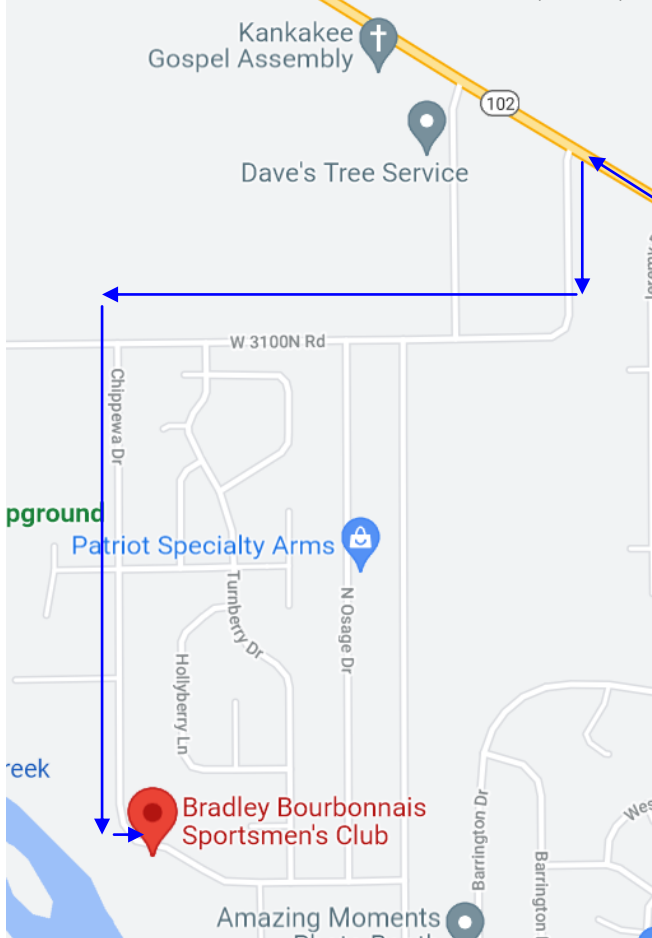
Mondays at 2000 hrs. local time

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - March 13 - SUNDAY - 2AM**

# The Bradley Bourbonnais Sportmen's Club



BRADLEY BOURBONNAIS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB (Pictured)



## **KARS GENERAL MEETINGS MOVE TO THE BRADLEY BOURBONNAIS SPORTSMEN'S CLUB**

Due to the efforts of Ken W9IE and his son in law Darrell Devors along with Larry Shedwill who is President and Bar Manager, KARS has found a new home. The Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club has generously offered their facility for the KARS monthly meetings. It is in a very safe, beautiful location on the Kankakee River in Bourbonnais. The meeting/banquet room is immediately adjacent to the bar where beer and soft drinks may be purchased. It is all on one level and therefore handicapped accessible.

Parking is very convenient. Please leave the closest slots open for BBSC members and handicapped people.

This is a very generous offer to KARS. Please be on your best behavior and leave a good impression so that we will continue to be welcome.

Our first meeting at the new location will be March 8th at 7PM. Note that all future KARS meetings will be held the SECOND Tuesday of the month and NOT the first.

We are working on a program for this Month. See you at the meeting!

**DIRECTIONS:** Follow the blue lines on the map Proceed northwest on Rt. 102. Go past Marcotte Park and turn left onto Sportsmen's Club Road. Follow Sportsmen's Club Road around the right turn curve to Chippewa Drive. Turn left onto Chippewa Drive and follow it all the way to the Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club. [Or click this link.](#)



# Weather Spotter Training Webinars

There are now three different webinars you can attend to receive your spotter training.

To register, you will find the dates and url's at:

[https://www.weather.gov/lot/spotter\\_talk](https://www.weather.gov/lot/spotter_talk).

The current March Dates are Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>

The Weekday webinars are 6:30- to 8:30 pm and the Saturday one is 10am to Noon.

Remember your training is good for two years, so if you took a webinar last year it also covers you this year.

You don't necessarily need to attend a webinar for the Chicago area (although I would encourage that), any webinar from any NWS office is valid.

Thank you and 73's

Brian Hanners

KD9NPQ

KARS ECC and Kankakee County ARES

## KARS TRANSMITTER HUNTS



### SOFTWARE UPDATES

These are the latest versions of the following software...

[WSJT-X](#) 2.5.4  
[JT-Alert](#) 2.51.0

### THE BEST LOGGING PROGRAMS

By a very wide margin, [N1MM+ Logger](#) is the most popular contest logging software in the world. It is comprehensive and regularly updated. It checks for updates every time it is run.

It includes an elementary routine logging program but it really shines as a contest logging program.

It can be easily downloaded and it is totally freeware, not crippleware or half activated.

For station logging, [DXLab](#) is extremely popular. It is great for rig control, general logging, auto logging, QSLing, DX chasing and award chasing. ...continued in next column



December 4 2021 - Above Left & Right

Top Right...The fox (Tony AA9CC) in his lair by rural Essex.

Top Left...Tony was at a park that was adjacent to the old Kankakee & Seneca RR grade. Built in 1881 and abandoned 50 years later in 1931 the railroad connected the Big Four RR in Kankakee with the Rock Island RR in Seneca.

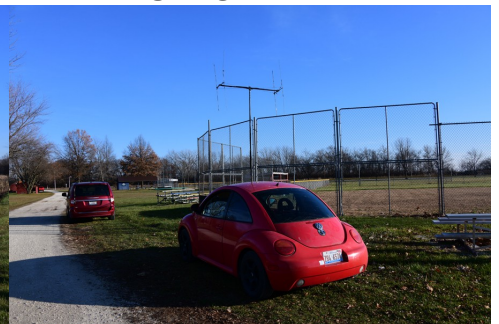
To place it in perspective, the gunfight at the OK Corral in Tombstone Arizona occurred on October 26, 1881.

It's been 141 years since the railroad was built and 91 years since the last train traversed this grade. You can still find grades, culverts, bridges and more of this railroad on Google Earth. There were stations in Bonfield, Essex and several other small towns along the way.

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You need only download and use those program elements that interest you. As stated earlier, all of it's software components interact with each other for seem less operation. It also interacts with [JT-Alert](#) to auto log your FT-8 contacts.

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October 9 2021 - Hunters gather at the fox's lair



October 9 2021 - Fox Billie K9QT with winner Don K9NR

