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ANNUAL AUCTION AT NOVEMBER MEETING!

The next KARS general meeting will be at 7PM on Tuesday, November 1st at the public meeting room at St. Mary's Hospital. After the usual business meeting, the dynamic duo of Dan WA9WAQ and Will K9FO share command of the gavel as they auction off all the many fine treasures brought in by KARS members.

Make sure you have carefully combed through your garage, attic, basement, shed and shack for anything you would like to sell at the auction. As usual, ten percent goes to the club treasury. Anything that might be remotely of interest to a ham is welcome.

Usually, no one brings large amounts of cash to the auction. So you probably won't want to carry in your most expensive gear!

This meeting is always a LOT of fun, so be there!

KARS BOARD MEETING

KARS November board meeting will be held in the banquet room of El Campesino Mexican restaurant on November 15th.

All KARS members and spouses are welcome to attend.

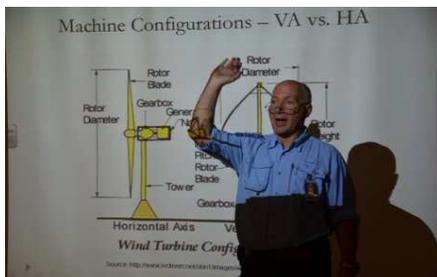
Eat at 6:00. Meet at 7:00

NCS FOR NOVEMBER

Nov 7	N9LYE
Nov 14	K9NR
Nov 21	N9OE
Nov 28	N9FD

Don't forget the net!
Mondays at 2100 hrs. local time

AS PROMISED.....Check out more pictures from W9DXCC on page 3



KARS members learn about Alternative Energy at November meeting from KCC instructor Tim Wilhelm.

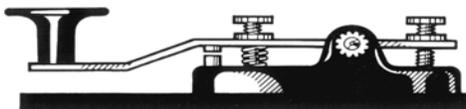
KARS KALENDAR

- Nov 1.....KARS General Meeting
- Nov 5-7.....ARRL CW Sweepstakes
- Nov 12-13.....WAE DX Contest RTTY
- Nov 15.....KARS Board Meeting
- Nov 19-21.....ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
- Nov 26-27.....CQWW CW DX Contest
- Dec 2-4.....ARRL 160 Contest
- Dec 6.....KARS General Meeting
- Dec 10-11.....ARRL 10 Meter Contest
- Dec 15.....KARS Board Meeting
- Dec 25.....Merry Christmas!
- Dec 17-18.....Stew Perry 160 Contest
- Dec 31.....Happy New Year!

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 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters
145.53 KARS DX Cluster*



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for officers and board members will be entertained at the November meeting. If you're ready to "throw the bums out" or would like to run for an office yourself, then stand up and be counted! Our board members and officers are dedicated and hard working, but still manage to have lots of fun in the process.

CONTEST SEASON OPENS WITH NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES

Starting with ARRL CW Sweepstakes and ending with the Stew Perry 160 Distance Challenge, there are seven continuous weekends of major contests followed by two weeks off for Christmas and News Years.

Then there are 4 contests in January and 4 in February!

DX and stateside, CW, RTTY and SSB, there is a contest for every taste. Get your station ready for all the fun today!

KARS ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual KARS banquet is rapidly approaching. We would like to hear from everyone about our new venue. Voice your opinion at the next meeting concerning location and date.!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

KC9FAV	Nov 3rd
KC9QPM	Nov 10th
N9IO	Nov 12th
AI9L	Nov 20th

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

It's Autumn 2011 Contest Season!

Fox Hunting

A "TAIL" OF 2 FOXES

Once upon a time a clever hunter named Clay (N9IO) decided to present a program on fox hunting. All the members were in awe of the possibilities and fun awaiting those who ventured out on such a hunt. The first fox (aka transmitter) hunt was such a success, that two more were planned for October. This is the story of those two hunts.

On Sunday, October 9, a cunning fox named John (aka N9LYE) tried his best to confound those who ventured out to discover his lair. John had won the September hunt, so it was his destiny to become the prey. John's lair was appropriately chosen, as it was in a parking lot for hunters at Kankakee State Park. Eight vehicles equipped with hunting gear set off from Meadowview in the quest. John used the river to his benefit, as hunters got a northwest reading and traveled out Rt. 102, having to backtrack south across Warner Bridge road to Rt. 113. Don K9NR was the winner of the hunt in mileage and also the first to arrive at his lair, as he drove out Rt. 113 straight to the foxes lair, declaring he took 113 to enjoy the scenery.

Alas, since Don had won the hunt, he was then transformed from Don the mighty hunter into Don the humble fox for the hunt on October 23rd. Once again, the parking lot at Meadowview was filled with intrepid hunters brandishing their antennas. A reading from the southeast was received by all, and the gallant hunters began their adventure. Don had carefully chosen his lair behind a large metal building in Aroma Park. Once again the river played its treacherous trickery, sending some of the hunters to hunt on the wrong side, before discovering the error of their ways. Alas, the fair-haired maiden Crystal W9IOU accompanied by her brave knight Chip K9IOC accepted the challenge and drove straight to their prey. The brother sister team won in mileage, even though their revered father Clay N9IO was the first to find the fox. Clay finished a respectable second in mileage. A surprise entrant into the foray was the team of Chuck KC9UEI and the lovely maiden Rossana. The team took third place, in their first ever foxhunt, with a measuring tape antenna, carefully constructed the preceding night. The hunters once again gathered for repast at El Campesino. A surprise birthday cake for the fox Don K9NR was enjoyed by all.

Alas, fear not would-be hunters, transmitter hunting will resume when warm weather once again graces the land. Thus ends our "tail" of two foxes.

You too can partake of this challenging hobby. Check out the information provided on KARS Fox Hunt web page.

A note from the Web Master / Fox Hunt Coordinator N9IO: I am very pleased to report that the last three fox hunts held since September have produced eight hunt teams at each. The 2012 hunt season is now looking great!!! Keep working on your equipment... Thank you to everyone for getting involved this year. Another hunt is possible but unlikely due to the start of contest season in Nov.73'



Rollie N9RJM holds toy fox while John N9LYE tries to read. Hey Rollie, it's not fair making John laugh!



Fox hunt winner Don K9NR poses with the trophy Fox after October 9th hunt



Mr. Fox seems to be giving advice to Don KC9QPM.



Part of foxhunt group pose for picture after October 9th hunt.



Rollie N9RJM with XYL Jane displays his Moxon antenna



Craig N9FD makes final adjustments to newly constructed Quad. Hopefully the glue is finally dry.



Terry (XYL of Paul W9IEY) serves up Foxhunt brownie to Greg WR9L



Clay N9IO checks out Craig N9FD's new quad, while Paul W9IEY looks on.



John N9LYE's "secret weapon" Doppler system, with which he won September hunt. It served him well at last hunt



Brother-sister team Crystal W9IOU and Chip K9IOC took first place in October 23rd hunt



First to find Fox, Clay N9IO poses with his quad antenna. However, he was beaten by his son and daughter.



New ham and first time hunter Chuck KC9UEI and XYL Rossana placed a respectable third in latest hunt.



Billie K9QT, with Terry and Paul W9IEY passed the fox 3 times before spotting him hiding in plain sight!!!



Foxhunt group swaps tales after hunt at El Campesino restaurant



Will K9FO wins prize at W9DXCC convention



Clay N9IO visits with former Central Division Vice Director Howard K9KM at W9DXCC



Mike K9AJ and XYL with Mark K9TP at W9DXCC



Central Division Director Dick W9GIG With ARRL president Kay N3KN at W9DXCC convention