



# KARS KEY CLICKS



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## October Meeting Also Cancelled due to Chinese Plague!

The October 2020 KARS meeting has also been cancelled due to the Communist Chinese government's plague upon the world.

Of course, that means the popular KARS October auction will also be cancelled.

With each passing month, we get closer to the day when we will be inoculated and life will return to normal. When once again, we will enjoy going to meetings, functions, activities and gathering at a nice eatery enjoying good company and conversation.

We hope to see everyone soon! Until then, be safe and stay healthy!



What better way to spend a beautiful summer day than to participate in a KARS Transmitter Hunt!

Hunters start to gather at the foxes lair Saturday September 5th

### FOXHUNTS!!!

With good summer weather soon to be a thing of the past, we will try to squeeze in as many foxhunts as possible. Saturday, October 17th is the next scheduled hunt. We will continue to stick with the hour and a half format...1:00PM - 2:30PM. The fox will be Don K9NR, the winner of the last hunt. We'll continue having hunts as long as possible. Don't miss out! Winter lasts a long time!

### KARS BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meetings will return to normal at El Mexicano's...soon hopefully!

### NCS FOR OCTOBER

The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 OR 145.130 backup repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

October 5	N9LYE
October 12	K9KSG
October 19	N9OE
October 26	N9DWE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 1	KC9SQG
October 4	K9NIA
October 4	W9BBB
October 7	NN9T
October 13	WR9L
October 14	N9YNZ
October 15	K9IOC
October 16	KB9NYW
October 22	NV9L
October 24	KB9ZQU
October 26	WB9CDE
October 26	K9NR

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

### KARS KALENDAR

Oct 3.....	<a href="#">Transmitter Hunt</a>
Oct 6.....	<a href="#">KARS General Meeting (cancelled)</a>
Oct 17.....	<a href="#">Transmitter Hunt</a>
<b>Oct 18 .....</b>	<b><a href="#">Illinois QSO Party</a></b>
Oct 20.....	<a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>
Oct 31.....	<a href="#">Transmitter Hunt</a>
Nov 3.....	<a href="#">KARS General Meeting (cancelled)</a>
Nov 14.....	<a href="#">Transmitter Hunt</a>
Nov 17.....	<a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>

*The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:*

*146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access*

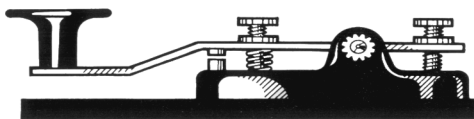
*449.8/444.8 100.0 PL Access*

*145.130 107.2 PL Access*

*Additionally, KARS sponsors:*

*144.39 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters*

*145.53 KARS DX Cluster*



# W9AZ

### NEW RELEASE OF WSJT-X

A new update of the popular digital mode software, WSJT-X has been announced.

It features enhancements for 2200 Meter and 630 Meter operation but should not have any effect on other modes including the popular FT-8 mode.

### KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

Oct 10-11.....	<a href="#">Makrothen RTTY Contest</a>
Oct 10-11.....	<a href="#">Arizona QSO Party</a>
Oct 10-11.....	<a href="#">Nevada QSO Party</a>
Oct 10-11.....	<a href="#">Pennsylvania QSO Party</a>
Oct 10-11.....	<a href="#">South Dakota QSO Party</a>
Oct 17-18.....	<a href="#">Stew Perry Topband Challenge</a>
Oct 17-18.....	<a href="#">New York QSO Party</a>
<b>Oct 18.....</b>	<b><a href="#">Illinois QSO Party</a></b>
Oct 24-25.....	<a href="#">CQWW DX SSB Contest</a>
Nov 7-9.....	<a href="#">ARRL Sweepstakes CW</a>
Nov 14-15.....	<a href="#">WAE DX RTTY Contest</a>
Nov 21-23.....	<a href="#">ARRL Sweepstakes Phone</a>
Nov 28-29.....	<a href="#">CQWW DX CW Contest</a>
Dec 4-6.....	<a href="#">ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest</a>
Dec 12-13.....	<a href="#">ARRL 10 Meter Contest</a>
Dec 26-27.....	<a href="#">Stew Perry 160 Meter Contest</a>

## Everyone will miss the October Auction!

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



## WILL BOWSER K9FO SK

1930—2020

Picture taken November 2007 at the Montserrat Volcano Observatory

It is with deepest regret the we report the passing of Will K9FO...a past KARS president and member for over 60 years and a friend to all. Will received his Novice call, WN4EWQ, in 1954, then W4EWQ, then K9IFO and finally K9FO. Rest in peace Will

"We had some great times, great memories & lots of laughs with Will & Howard"...**Jerry WB9Z & Val NV9L**  
 "I really hated to hear this news. He was a great guy and I really enjoyed visiting with him. He will be missed"...**Craig K9CT**  
 "Will was one of my first contacts as a new ham just shy of 30 years ago"...**Kyle N9OQC**

"So sorry to hear the news about Will. I always enjoyed chatting with him at SMC Fests"...**Jim N7US**

"Sad news indeed."...**Gary K9GS**

"I feared this day would come. His charm and wisdom will be missed. He was a great man, a true elmer and was loved by many"...**Bill N9OE**

"Accept our condolences, our prayers are with his family"...**Wayne W9BBB & Susan W9ARH**

"Sad day indeed"...**Maury W4HYB**

"I am sorry to hear about Will, I know he

meant a lot to you both and the ham community"...**John N9DWE**

"Sorry to hear of Will's passing. He was always a fun guy to talk to".... **Howie K9KM**

"Terrible news. Definitely going to miss seeing Will at the Peotone hamfest and chatting with him. Rest in peace, Will"...**CJ WT2P**

"You can bestow many accolades on Will, but the best one is that he was *Just a nice guy*"...**Joe KC9OAK**

"Will was a great guy and loved by everyone"...**Bob K9SAT**

"Sorry for your loss! Prayers to all...**Jan KC9LBZ & Tim W9TRF**

"Will was a remarkably kind gentleman, he will be missed"...**Kermit W9XA**

"Will always made me feel welcome whether it was at field day while he was head cook, or at our KARS meetings where he would always greet you and ask how you were"...  
**Tom KC9ZKA**

"Will was a fascinating man. We will never

forget his smile, laugh & words of wisdom"...**Christy KD9CGC & Bill N9ETT**

"I am sorry to hear about will. He will be greatly missed. He was definitely an inspiration to all hams"...**Brian KC9FAV**

"It was an honor to have known him. A pleasure to talk to him. Intriguing to hear tell of him. Sobering to hear of his passing. He can't help but be remembered."...**Brian N9HJR**

"Just because it was anticipated doesn't make this news any less sad"...**Art K9XI**

"My close friend of 53 years, you're always there Will"...**Don K9NR**

"I'm thankful for the many years of warm caring friendship, the fatherly advice, and will always treasure our last conversation"...**Billie K9QT**

"His charm and wisdom will be missed. He was a great man, a true elmer and was loved by many"...**Bill N9OE**

"Your lifelong love of ham radio and this club really showed. We are all blessed to have known you. Thanks for the memories. RIP my friend"...**Clay N9IO**

"Sad day indeed. In the early 1950's Willy drove an MGB and I frequently rode shotgun with him in the local sports car rallies. We always passed numerous corvettes had pulled off to the side of the road with their brakes smoking. Willy had disk brakes where the vets had drum brakes. All we could do was smile." PS. I became a KARS member in 1951 and was President in 1956.  
 ...**Maury, W4HYB/W9QAY**



Trustee and voice of KARSFEST is SK



Will and Danny always brought a laugh to the annual KARS auction - 2009

[Two minute auction video of Will and Danny 2009 \[wmv\]](#)



# KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE

## September 5th Foxhunt



Ready! Set! Go!



Winner K9NR with fox WD9GXU

## September 19th Foxhunt



Hunters arriving at the foxes lair



Winner N9IO with the fox K9NR

## 2020 ILLINOIS QSO PARTY ACTIVITY MAP

### 2020 ILLINOIS QSO PARTY PLANNED OPERATIONS

As of 10/9/2020



**MOBILE:** N8C K0PC AD4EB K9WX N8JF

**PORTABLE:** W9TAM N9PPJ K9GXU K9BGL K7DZE K9RVE W9ABG K9NYO N9FUE K9IR W9AIU W9AJT W9EEK KD9ERS WR9L W9WE KD0NEO K9ZA W9EBK W9CEQ

**FIXED:** W9DP K9NR K19A KM9M N9ITU K9CEW AC9OH W9KXQ W9UGX W9JX KD9MS N5RP KD9GY K9CT W9GRS AD9I N9I W9ILY K9ZO AC9S W9HFK NJ9Q K16NUC N7US NT9S N9CO KD9AC N5TO W9M9I W9YS KC9NVN W9AQN N9GZ K9DRP N19M K0MOT N9UPG N9IO K9KN W9JGC ABSLM K9IUQ NN1N

**ROVER** ND9E KJ9C

### IL QSO PARTY-SINDAY OCTOBER 18

Activity map above shows planned operations by county.

There are a total of 102 counties possible. All are accounted for this year.

Don't forget! The 2020 Illinois QSO Party is Sunday, October 18th, 12 Noon to 8PM. Operation is on all bands 160 through 2 meters and all modes CW/SSB/FM/Digital. The exchange is your RS(T) and county or RS(T) and state for non-Illinois stations.

If you don't have HF gear, check out the activity on the FM simplex channels. FM contacts must be simplex and not through repeaters.

So...please jump in and help out. You don't have to operate the entire contest. Just hop in anytime and make a few contacts. **Be sure to submit your log with "KANKAKEE AREA RADIO SOCIETY"** for the club aggregate score!

Everything you need to know is at:

<http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html>

# Help out your club in the Illinois QSO Party!