

# KARS KEY KLICKS



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## 2007 Expedition to Montserrat Program

The next KARS meeting will be December 6th 7PM at the first floor St. Mary's Hospital Meeting Room. Use the main entrance on the south side.

There will be a brief business meeting followed by a presentation on the KARS member 2007 DXpedition to Montserrat Island.

A great Power Point presentation with narration from the operators.

See you there!

### BOARD MEETING

**New Location!!!**

KARS board meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 20th, and Tuesday January 17th.

**The December and January board meetings will be held at Ryan's Pier in Aroma Park.** Eat at 6PM. Meet at 7PM. All members are welcome.

### NEW YEARS EVE DINNER

Unofficially, a group of KARS members have been getting together around 5 PM on New Years Eve at El Mexicano's Restaurant for dinner. We then go our own way to party or more often; go home, relax and welcome the New Year in our own way.

As stated earlier, this is an unofficial activity...not to be confused with the annual KARS banquet. While there are no reservations required, we need to have an idea of how many plan to show.

This is a relaxing get together. No program. No plans. Just order from the regular menu, visit, enjoy the food and have fun. If you and your significant other plan to attend, send K 9 N R an email at: "donk9nr@gmail.com" so we can give the restaurant an idea of how many to expect.



### KARS KALENDAR

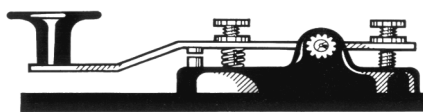
- Dec 2-4.....[ARRL 160 Meter Contest](#)
- Dec 3.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
- Dec 6.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
- Dec 9-11.....[ARRL 10 Meter Contest](#)
- Dec 17-18.....[Stew Perry Top Band Contest](#)
- Dec 20.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- Dec 25.....**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- Dec 31.....**KARS NEW YEARS DINNER (Pg 1)**
- NO KARS GENERAL MEETING IN JANUARY**
- Jan 7-8.....[ARRL RTTY Roundup](#)
- Jan 14.....[NA QSO Party CW](#)
- Jan 17.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- Jan 21.....[NA QSO Party SSB](#)
- Jan 22.....[WRCA Wheaton Hamfest](#)
- Jan 22.....[KARS BANQUET \(Pg 2\)](#)
- Jan 27-29.....[CQWW CW160 Contest](#)

*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

## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

### KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET

KARS 2016-2017 Holiday Banquet is scheduled for 5:30 PM, Sunday January 22nd, at the Hilton Garden Inn Riverstone, I-57 Exit #308. Cocktails at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6 PM.

### REMEMBER!

This is in lieu of our regular meeting...there will be no January general meeting  
**MENU ON PAGE 2.**

### 2017 DUES ARE DUE

It's that time of year. KARS dues have not been raised in over 30 years and they won't be raised this year either!

- Adult Member    \$30
- Family Rate     \$40
- Senior (65), Full time student, Disabled...1/2 rate

**New Members** who joined in the second half of 2016 are covered for 2017.

**There will be no January newsletter so that the editors may enjoy the Holidays also!**  
**Merry Christmas**

### NCS FOR DECEMBER

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.

- Dec 5th            N9RJM
  - Dec 12th          KD9CGC
  - Dec 19th          K9KSG
  - Dec 26th          N9FD
- Don't forget the net!



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**KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET**

Sunday January 22 2017

5:30 Cocktails

6:00 Dinner

At the

**Hilton Garden Inn of Kankakee**

Exit 308 I-57

Riverstone Parkway

All drinks will be a cash bar. There will not be a paid bartender in our room.

The bar is located down a hall in a different room.

The club will cover room fees and provide two appetizer trays.

Attendees will pay for their meals & drinks.

We must know if you plan to attend by January 1, 2017  
to let the restaurant know how many to plan for.

**MENU**

8oz Filet Mignon

\$35.95

Chicken Vesuvio Dinner

8oz Grilled Chicken Breast Lightly Breaded & Sauteed with Garlic Wine Sauce

\$21.95

Baked Salmon

Topped with White Wine, Lemon, Caper Butter Sauce

\$24.95

All entrees come with:  
Green Salad, Baked Potato,  
Lemon Butter Broccoli  
Warm Rolls and Butter  
Coffee, Ice Tea & Water

Please send checks to:  
Don Kerouac K9NR  
6311 E Flora Street  
Kankakee, Illinois 60901

Or pay at a club meeting or function



***HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!***



# Elections

It's time for the annual election of KARS Officers/ Board Members. Sooo, why not put your name on the ballot. Nominations are accepted right up to the election and you can write-in your choice of candidate. Below is the present "ticket." It's very flexible!

## 2016 W9AZ BALLOT FOR OFFICERS & DIRECTORS FOR 2017

**President:** Don K9NR\*  
**Write-ins:** \_\_\_\_\_

**V President:** Rollie N9RJM \*  
**Write-ins:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary** Ed W9EJM \*  
**Write-ins:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer** Kevin KC9QXV \*  
**Write-ins:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Directors (vote for 5)**

**Carl** K9CS \*

**Billie** K9QT \*

**Craig** N9FD \*

**Clay** N9IO \*

**Francis** KE9MG \*

**Harry** WD9FYF

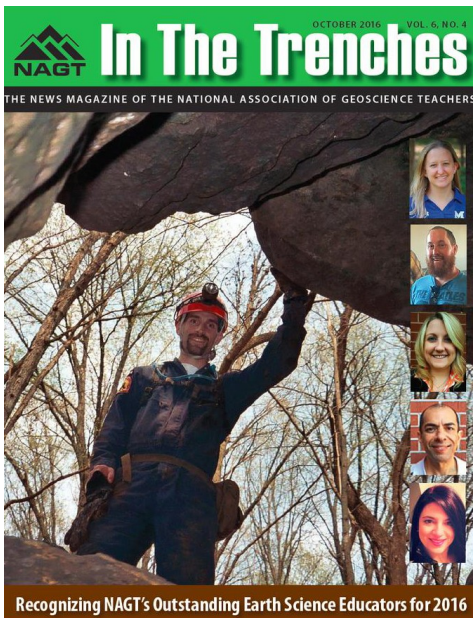
**Bill** N9OE

**Your call here?** \_\_\_\_\_

\* Present office holders

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS AT W9GRS GLENN RAYMOND SCHOOL IN WATSEKA

by Troy W9KVR



The highlight was adding to our list a school station from Minnesota.

We have now contacted schools in 45 different states, unofficially trailing only K9SOU's 48 in the overall total. Not to be satisfied with that, we went portable during our annual Turkey Run S.P. geology trip and operated from the Turkey Run S.P. as W9GRS/9 from Indiana!

We utilized a borrowed Tarheel II antenna from Benny KC9GWD and a 12-volt deep cycle battery from Mike KC9HHT hooked up to our Kenwood TS-480. Placing the antenna on the roof of the "yellow charter" we fired up the radio. After some fine-tuning we were able to work 7 schools from the portable QTH including long-time friends at Bloomington High School South K9SOU. It was enough to earn top honors for Indiana based middle schools as well.

We now have the distinction of being the only school to earn two state top finishes in our category in the same contest. A lot of students are looking forward to February and a chance to add to the W9GRS legacy.

Go W9GRS! de editor

### TROY W9KVR AWARD

W9KVR was elected 2016 Outstanding Teacher of Science by the National Association of Geoscience Teachers. Troy went to Colorado in September to accept the award. He was even put on the cover of their magazine. Besides being a Science teacher and a licensed ham, Troy is a caver friend of Don K9NR.

Congrats Troy!

### W9GRS STUDENTS IN ACTION

W9GRS participated in the October 2016 School Club Round-up but went a very different direction this year. We only operated from the school QTH two days and made enough contacts to win the top Illinois junior high school honors for the 8th consecutive year.

(continued in next column)



# It's antenna maintenance time!



## AERIAL ACTIVITIES AT THE W9IE QTH

by Ken W9IE

Here are some pictures of W9IE's latest antenna party. Pete NI9H stopped by and helped out. So we tipped the 70ft tower over and put a sort-of new antenna on it. I built a Tri-Band beam out of a Hy-Gain Driven Element and a boom, Reflector and Director from a Wilson beam.

Some on-air tests with Will K9FO using this hybrid showed some good results.

Thanks to Pete Ni9H for the help!

73, Ken W9IE



## ARRL MEMBERSHIP

Most everyone knows that without the ARRL there would be no amateur radio. KARS is an affiliated club and everyone should be an ARRL member! Do your part and [join/renew your membership today!](#)

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1	WD9AYI
December 6	AC9CZ
December 7	N9LCX
December 13	KD9FVM
December 19	KC9EOT
December 20	KF9IK
December 20	WA9WAQ
December 22	N9OE
December 28	K9JLK
January 7	N9IOQ
January 13	KD9CGD
January 17	WD9FYF
January 20	K9XM
January 22	N9TDS
January 25	W9LIZ
January 27	W9KK

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



## PREPPING K9FO's QTH FOR WINTER OPERATION

Will K9FO with a little help from Ken W9IE prepare some of Will's transmit and receive antennas for the upcoming winter season and in particular for low band operation. Will's Beverage receive antennas in particular had suffered damage from falling tree branches and the occasional deer encounter.

K9FO is ready for some 160 action, are you?



## TRANSMITTER HUNT PICS

In all kinds of weather!



**November 5th Hunt**  
Hunters arriving at fox's lair



**November 5th Hunt**  
Mike WU9D packing it in



**November 5th Hunt**  
Fox W9IEY & Winner N9FD

### RECORD FOX HUNTS

The November 5th and November 19th transmitter hunts hosted record numbers of hunting teams...12 and 10 respectively with up to 19 team members!

The practical season is drawing to a close with a final hunt of the year scheduled for Saturday December 3rd.

The usual starting place at 11AM with lunch to follow after hunt.

The fox will be John N9DWE  
Hope to see everyone there!



**November 19th Hunt**  
Fox N9FD & Winners N9DWE  
& KC9YDA



**November 19th Hunt**  
After Hunt Dinner at  
Mancinos

From all the hams at KARS to all the hams of the world...

Have a very  
**Merry Christmas!**  
 and a **Happy New Year!**