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ARRL SECTION MANAGER - FEBRUARY MEETING

The next KARS meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 7 P.M. in the regular meeting room on the first floor of St. Mary's Hospital.

Following a short business meeting...

[ARRL Illinois Section](#) Manager Tom Ciciora, KA9QPN, will be the guest speaker at the next KARS general meeting Tuesday, February 02 at 7:00 p.m. In addition to being the Illinois SM, Tom coordinates the [Central Division ARES program which covers Illinois](#), Indiana and Wisconsin. Tom will be speaking to club members about the Amateur Radio Emergency Services program, known as ARES, and how it operates in today's political climate. He will also be discussing what requirements and training go along with this program.

If you are interested in emergency communications, this is a program you won't want to miss.

By Ed W9EJM

KARS strongly supports the "DXers Code of Conduct"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 3	K9XI
February 4	K9QT
February 8	KM9Z
February 11	KD9CFX
February 14	KC9QXV
February 14	K9BAC
February 15	NI9H
February 20	N9LYE

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



The "unofficial" KARS New Years Eve Dinner

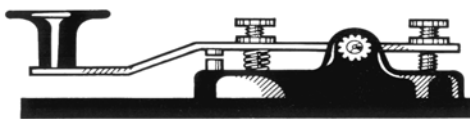
KARS KALENDAR

- Feb 2.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
- Feb 13-14.....[CQ World Wide WPX RTTY](#)
- Feb 16.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- Feb 20-21.....[ARRL International DX CW](#)
- Feb 26-28.....[CQ 160 Meter SSB](#)
- Feb 27.....[NAQP RTTY](#)
- March 1.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
- March 5-6.....[ARRL International DX SSB](#)
- March 6.....[Sterling Hamfest](#)
- March 15.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- March 19-21.....[BARTG RTTY](#)
- March 26-27.....[CQ World Wide WPX SSB](#)

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*



W9AZ

TECHNICIAN CLASS

By Ed W9EJM

The Kankakee Area Radio Society (KARS) will again be sponsoring a training class for anyone wishing to earn their Technician Class license. Classes will begin Wednesday, February 3rd and run for eight consecutive Wednesdays from 7pm - 9pm at the [Kankakee County Sheriff's Complex, 3000 S. Justice Way, Kankakee](#). On the final day of class, March 23, the test for Technician Class radio operator's license will be given. Classes will be taught by members of KARS.

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2016 DUES ARE DUE

If you were unable to pay your dues at the annual Banquet, be sure to get them to [Kevin KC9QXV](#) at the earliest opportunity.

Dues remain unchanged:

Regular:	\$30
Family:	\$40
Student:	\$15
Senior:	\$15
Disabled:	\$15

Active military dues are waived

NCS FOR FEBRUARY

February 1	N9RJM
February 8	K9NR
February 15	N9OE
February 22	W9EJM
February 29	N9RJM

Don't forget the net!

Mondays at 2100 hrs. local time

It's time to plan your Dayton agenda!

KARS HOMEPAGE— WWW.W9AZ.COM —KARS HOMEPAGE

KARS ELECTION RESULTS

KARS 2015 election of officers was held at the December meeting. The results were:

President	Don K9NR
Vice President	Rollie N9RJM
Secretary	Ed W9EJM
Treasurer	Kevin KC9QXV
Director	Carl K9CS
Director	Craig N9FD
Director	Billie K9QT
Director	Clay N9IO
Director	Francis KE9MG

WHERE'S THE DX?

As we go to press, the K5P Expedition to Palmyra Island at about 63,000 Q's is scheduled to end January 26th. The concurrently running VP8STI Expedition to South Sandwich Island at about 30,000 Q's is now QRT. Braveheart owner Nigel Jolly declared a WX emergency and ordered to VP8STI team to cease all operations and return to the ship. The team is now safely aboard the Braveheart. All the equipment and personal gear is still on the island. They hope to return to the camp site during next good weather window. Once they retrieve their equipment, they could make a determination as to whether they can proceed to South Georgia to do VP8SGI as planned. Local K9AJ is a VP8 op. K9CT, K9NW and WB9Z are all on Palmyra K5P. Safe travels to both DXpedition crews.

Other good picks...

FJ - St. Barthelemy Call TBA January 28 thru February 9, 40-10 meters, possibly 80

EP - Iran February 1 thru February 11, 40, 20, 15, 10 meters, CW, RTTY, SSB, Not really an expedition but a national contest, a rare chance to work Iran

3W - Vietnam Now thru February 6, 40,20,17,15,10, 6 meters, CW, SSB, PSK31

5H2SF - Tanzania WS5K operating as 5H2SF from Tanzania from January 26 to February 10.

3G9JA - Chile Not super rare but not real common either, CE5COX will be using the call 3G9JA on 40, 20, 10 meters, CW & SSB from Hornos Island (counts as Chile)

Good DX to all!

2016 KARS HOLIDAY BANQUET

Good Food, Good Fun, Nice People



BOARD MEETING

The next KARS board meeting will be held on Feb. 16th in the banquet room at El Mexicanos Mexican Restaurant on Riverstone Parkway off the I-57 308 exit.

All KARS members and spouses are welcome to attend.

Eat at 6:00. Meet at 7:00

MEETING PROGRAMS

If you have an idea or a suggestion for an interesting program, please let Don K9NR or Rollie N9RJM know.

A good program really makes for a good meeting! So what's your idea?

ARTICLES NEEDED

KARS newsletter is only as good as the articles submitted. Let us know what you are up to.

A collage of pictures from the informal New Years Eve dinner



The very popular KARS New Years Eve Dinner has become a must do for most active KARS members. We reserve the banquet room at El Mexicanos. Beyond that it is a no reservation, order off the menu event. If you are not the party animal type but still want to have dinner on NYE with friends, this is for you!



KARS EMAIL LIST REFLECTOR

The [KARS email reflector](#) is intended to serve the membership and friends of the Kankakee Area Radio Society.

Everything from subscribing to a new account and accessing archived messages is accessible from here.

To see the collection of prior postings to the list including attached files log-in to this page at [Kars-w9az Archives](#).

Be aware that the reflector will not forward attached files for security sake.

Please virus check any file you intend to send to the group. No (.exe) files! (.pdf) (.doc) are OK.

Normal reflector use is to send quick email messages to the large group, not file transfers.

To post a message to all the list members, send your email to kars-w9az@w9az.com.

Web Master: The most common mistake I encounter is members trying to post a message from an email address **not subscribed**.

Please subscribe from every address you intend to use. An even easier way to create an account is to [email your web master](#)

webmaster@w9az.com (from the email account you want listed please) I can do it for you.

The reflector will automatically generate a password for you (you can change it at any time). **N9IO (KARS Web Master)**