



# KARS KEY KLICKS



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## TEMPORARY MEETING DAY CHANGE!!!



**I WON! NO, I WON!  
HEADS OR TAILS!  
Poor Fox!**

In the first Transmitter Hunt of the season, hunters Mike WU9D and Craig N9FD have a gentleman's discussion over a tie for first place...both came in at 13.3 miles. Don K9NR was the fox. Other hunters included: WA9WAQ & W9EJM, N9DWE & KC9YDA, KB9VR & KA9MDJ, K9QT, K9KSG, N9RJM, W9BBB & W9ARH & WD9FYF, W9IEY & Terry for a total of ten hunting teams!

A great repast followed at Sammy's Pizza in Momence.

The next hunt is this Saturday,  
March 4th, Noon to 2PM

The fox will be Mike WU9D  
Everyone is invited! See you there!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| March 2  | W9IEY  |
| March 2  | N9DLD  |
| March 4  | N9DWE  |
| March 11 | KC9ZKA |
| March 14 | KC9OAK |
| March 20 | N9RJM  |
| March 23 | N9HJR  |
| March 24 | K9BYT  |

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

The [next KARS General Meeting](#) will be **Wednesday**, March 8th, 7PM in the public meeting room at the EOC in the **Sheriff's complex south of town. Remember, that is Wednesday and NOT Tuesday!**

After a brief business meeting, Ed W9EJM and Rollie N9RJM will present a program on "SKYWARN." It's that time of year again. Be sure you are up to date on severe weather spotting and know the difference between a wall cloud and a squall line!

See you at this important meeting!

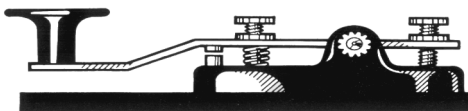
### KARS KALENDAR

**March 4-5**.....[ARRL International DX SSB](#)  
**March 4**.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)  
**March 5**.....[Sterling / Rock Falls Hamfest](#)  
**March 8**.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
**March 12-13**.....[Wisconsin QSO Party](#)  
**March 18-20**.....[BARTG RTTY Contest](#)  
**March 21**.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
**March 25-26**.....[CQ World Wide WPX SSB](#)  
**April 4**.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
**April 8-9**.....[Georgia QSO Party](#)  
**April 16**.....[ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB](#)  
**April 18**.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
**April 22**.....[N Cen IN Hamfest - Peru, IN](#)

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](http://w9az.ddns.net)



# W9AZ

### 2017 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. Either in person at the meeting or mail to:

Kevin Mansberger  
1346 W Cap Circle  
Bourbonnais, IL 60914  
Dues remain unchanged:  
Regular: \$30  
Family: \$40  
Student: \$15  
Senior: \$15  
Disabled: \$15

Active military dues are waived

### KARS Places 2nd [IL QSO PARTY](#) Club Competition 300,668 Points

Some particularly notable winning KARS logs were recognized.

**NV9L PLAQUE -  
IL MOST QSO'S PHONE ONLY**

**K9NR CERTIFICATE -  
#2 IL FIXED HIGH POWER**

**K9CS CERTIFICATE -  
#5 IL FIXED LOW POWER**

**WR9L CERTIFICATE -  
#2 2-COUNTY PORTABLE**  
Congrats to everyone that contributed.

### NCS FOR MARCH

|          |        |
|----------|--------|
| March 6  | N9RJM  |
| March 13 | K9NR   |
| March 20 | N9OE   |
| March 27 | KD9CGC |

Don't forget the net!  
Mondays at 2000 hrs. local time

## It's time to plan your Dayton agenda!

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

**CLUB LOG ONLINE SOFTWARE**

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**CLUB LOG ONLINE SOFTWARE**

Looking for a Software Package to keep track of you DXCC Contacts? I have tried several systems, none of which worked for me...not that my requirements are that strict...I just wanted something that was easy to use and showed what I needed. LOTW does the work and helps you get the credits for any awards you may be working towards. "BUT HERE IS WHAT IS NEAT." [Club Log](#) shows you which DXCC entities you have and what you still need with many ways to display this information. Another great feature is it will show what is active on the Cluster and, using filters, display only those spots that you need! There are several ways to get the countries you have worked into Club Log and to get started you can download all you LOTW contacts into a file in you computer and then upload them into Club Log. You will need to set up an account in [Club Log](#) to use it but it is password protected and can only be accessed by yourself. Try it and see if it fills your needs! de Ken W9IE

**MORSE CODE CLASS CONTINUES!**

Because the March meeting is shifted to Wednesday March 8th, the code class for that week will be Tuesday March 7th. See you there! And thanks to Ken W9IE & XYL Judie for their Hospitality!

**KARS BOARD MEETING**

The [Board meeting](#) will be held in the banquet room of El Mexicano's restaurant on March 21st. Eat at 6. Meeting starts at 7pm. All KARS members and their guests are welcome to attend. P. S. The food is good too!

**Fox Hunt Fun**



**Rigging up at the start**



**Hunters starting to arrive and lining up at the Fox's lair**



**KB9VR & KA9MDJ arriving at the hidden transmitter.**

**SEVERE WEATHER SEASON**

Be sure to attend the [KARS meeting](#) Wednesday, March 8th at the Sheriff's complex south of town. You can't do your best at weather spotting if you are not current in your training!

**ART K9XI STEPS UP TO CO-CHAIR [KARSFEST](#)**

## HamFest Update--K9XI

The leadership of KARS-Fest has been joined. While Craig, N9FD, is still very much involved, I took it upon myself at the last KARS Board Meeting to introduce a few ideas of my own on how to make KARS-Fest better. Needless to say, I was drafted. I have no complaints, because that's how I planned it.

While there is not much time to implement all of the ideas that Craig and I came up with at our recent meeting, that doesn't mean we aren't going to try. Here are some:

**Seminars:** What's hot in Ham Radio? What's garnering the most interest? Who can give a presentation on such topics? We have the time in KARS-Fest for three such seminars, at 8 AM, 9 AM, and 12 Noon. We're going to 'scour the bushes' for seminar-worthy stuff. Can you help?

**DX:** I have a couple of friends in NIDXA. I'm going to contact one of them and see if we can get a booth set up for them, with the idea of getting the local DX crowd to bring in SASE's for the bureau to return them full of cards. NIDXA should also be able to enroll new members there.

**More vendors:** I'm asking those members of KARS who are attending Dayton to help up out in passing out invitations to all of the vendors the Hamvention®, both inside and at the flea market, to give KARS-Fest a for for their itinerary. For example, I have a favorite vendor who missed last year, and we're going to try to at least get them back. We have room for up to about 60 tables on the inside. The goal is to fill them up.

**“Young people in Ham Radio” booth:** KARS has a number of the 'pre-high-school-graduation' crowd in its ranks. Any interest in getting them to have a booth of their own? We should get them involved in getting others of their age group into the Wonderful World of Amateur Radio. Wouldn't you agree? The digital aspect, for one, is the perfect way to get them interested.

Early registration of KARS-Fest with the ARRL and CQ Magazine. That's going out this week but it can't be complete as we don't have all the things we want to do lined up yet. Hopefully, we can amend later.

Local publicity: I work for half the stations in Kankakee. I'm endeavoring to get as many of them as I can to take on the role of publicists for KARS-Fest. Shouldn't be hard. We could even publicize it in Will County, being the KARS-Fest is held there.

There---those are the ideas. Anyone in the club who believes that they can help with any aspect of KARS-Fest can reach me at either [k9xi@reagan.com](mailto:k9xi@reagan.com), or [karsfest@gmail.com](mailto:karsfest@gmail.com). Be sure to put “KARS-Fest Help” in the subject line, so I can get to it fastest. Tickets and vendor sign-ups can call 815-348-7752.

Art, K9XI

**Many thanks to Art for stepping up the challenge of this important KARS event. We ask that all KARS members help out as best they can and give Art the support he needs...Don K9NR**

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**NEW ARRL ILLINOIS  
SECTION MANAGERS**

[Newly appointed ARRL Illinois Section Manager Ron Morgan AD9I](#) announced the appointment of Michael Nowack NA9Q as the new ARRL Illinois Assistant Manager.

Mike lives near Quincy and worked for 33 years at Harris Broadcast designing AM & FM Broadcast Transmitters. He received his Novice ticket in 1972 while on the staff of the University of Iowa Physics and Astronomy Department. Mike is an active contester / DXer and holds Top of Honor Roll DXCC, 5BDXCC, WAS and WAZ on several bands.

Congrats Mike!





**Pounding the Brass - Louie the Cat - Was The Purrrrrfect CW Operator**



**When troubleshooting in awkward places, four paws were better than two!  
Rest in Peace Louie**