



# KARS KEY CLICKS



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## ANNUAL KARS OCTOBER AUCTION

The next KARS meeting will be October 4th, 7PM at St. Mary's Hospital meeting room. Use the main entrance on the South side. **Following a very brief business meeting, will be the annual KARS auction!**

Rummage through your garage, shed, basement, attic, etc. for electronic goodies to be auctioned off. Ten percent goes to the club treasury.

Auctioneers to be the tag team of WA9WAQ and K9FO.

Anything radio, electronic, computer related is appropriate. Probably best not to bring your new \$8K rig...unless you want to sell it cheap!

### FOXHUNTS!!!

With good summer weather soon to be a thing of the past, we'll try to squeeze in as many foxhunts as possible.

Saturday, October 8th is the next scheduled hunt. Time will be 11:00AM -1:00PM The fox will be Jim KB9VR, winner of the last hunt. Don't miss out! Winter lasts a long time!

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October 1	KC9SQG
October 4	K9NIA
October 4	W9BBB
October 7	K9KOC
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.



K9NR describes antenna analyzers at the September meeting

### KARS KALENDAR

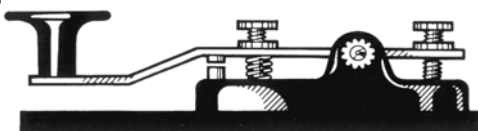
- Sept 24-25.....[CQWW DX RTTY Contest](#)
- Oct 4...[KARS General Meeting \(AUCTION!\)](#)
- Oct 8.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
- Oct 16.....[Illinois QSO Party](#)
- Oct 18.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- Oct 29-30.....[CQWW DX SSB Contest](#)
- Nov 1.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
- Nov 5-7.....[ARRL Sweepstakes CW](#)
- Nov 12-13.....[WAE DX RTTY Contest](#)
- Nov. 15.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- Nov. 19-21.....[ARRL Sweepstakes Phone](#)
- Nov 26-27.....[CQWW DX CW 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

### ILQP CONTEST OCTOBER 16th!

Don't forget! The 2016 Illinois QSO Party is Sunday, October 16th, 12 Noon to 8PM. Operation is on all bands 160 through 2 meters and all modes CW/SSB/FM. 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.

So...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 KARS as the club aggregate!**

Everything you need to know is at: <http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html>

### KARS CW CLASS

Everyone just knows that Morse Code is hard to learn...right? **Wrong bunk!** Done the correct way, CW is both easy and fun to learn. Once you learn it, you will find it to be a revelation. You will ask yourself...why didn't I learn this before?

At the October meeting, we will announce the "KARS CW Class."

Stay tuned for the particulars!

### 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 3	N9RJM
October 10	KD9CGC
October 17	N9OE
October 24	N9ETT
October 31	K9NR

## Don't Forget the AUCTION - Oct 4th!

KARS HOMEPAGE— [WWW.W9AZ.COM](http://WWW.W9AZ.COM) —KARS HOMEPAGE

**FOXHUNTS - FOXHUNTS - FOXHUNTS**

**September 3rd Hunt**



**Winning Team  
N9OE & KD9FVM**



**The Foxes  
N9BMB & N9DLD**

**PROGRAMS & NEWLETTER  
ARTICLES**

We strive to have interesting and informative programs at our general meetings. We also try to publish useful and news worthy articles in this newsletter.

So help us out by writing a paragraph or two about something you like. Also, if you have an idea for an interesting program, let us know! Remember! Our club is as much fun as we all make it.

**September 14th Hunt**



**Hunters gather at the foxes lair  
in rural Bourbonnais**



**The Winner  
K9QT**



**The Fox  
KD9FVM**

**September 24th Hunt**



**The Winning Team  
W9BBB, W9ARH, KB9VR, KA9MDJ**



**The Fox  
K9QT**



**Food afterwards at El Mexicano's  
Yum!**

**KARS BOARD MEETING**

KARS board meeting will be held at 6 PM on Oct. 18th at El Mexicano restaurant. KARS members and their families are welcome to attend.

**ELECTIONS—NOMINATIONS**

If you have had your fill of politics at the national level, we have just the thing for you! KARS nominations are solicited for the November meeting. There is little mud-slinging. In fact, it's a bit of a chore to get anyone to run. So throw in your hat or whatever and serve your club!

**Don't forget the Illinois QSO Party - Oct 16th!**

## “FLEX”able Contest Operation

### What did two Illinois Super Stations have in common this past weekend?

KARS members participated in the CQWW DX RTTY contest at the very fine stations of WB9Z and K9CT.

Ken W9IE and Carl K9CS were invited to join Jerry WB9Z and Val NV9L at the Multi-Single operation at the WB9Z station near Crescent City. Don K9NR was invited to join K9CT, AI9T, N4RR, N9CK and K9WX at the Multi-Two operation at the K9CT station near Peoria.

**Unique was the use at both stations of Flex 6500 / 6700 / Maestro radio equipment.**

### MULTI-SINGLE OPERATION AT WB9Z



It was an honor and a privilege to be one of the Op's at Jerry's station this year. The crew consisted of Jerry WB9Z, Val NV9L, Carl K9CS, and myself Ken W9IE. Jerry did such a great job putting so many things in order at the last minute...fixing antennas, running Beverage receive antennas. Not to mention connecting up his Flex 6700 and Maestro the day before. I also installed a new INTEL NUC computer to run the station. Everyone was pleased with the operation of the Flex and the station. This year we used Val's call: NV9L and it looks like we may be 2nd place in North America... Jerry and Val are the greatest of hosts.... Food & fun. More food and more fun! 48 hours is a long, long time...even for four Hams. I think I saw Carl K9CS running Q's with his eyes shut...hi, hi. **Here are the stats: 2084 Q's, 167 States and Prov's, 299 DX, 104 Zones 2,739,420 Points.**

A big thanks from Carl and I to Jerry and Val!

Ken W9IE

### MULTI-TWO OPERATION AT K9CT



**The operating positions at K9CT**

**The crew l-r  
K9WX, K9CT, N4RR,  
K9NR, AI9T & N9CK**

**The work is never done!  
Craig K9CT checks out one of the  
antennas during the contest**

To paraphrase Ken above, it was an honor and a privilege to be one of the Op's at Craig's station this year! I first operated at the K9CT Contest Station for the first time during the CQWW WPX RTTY Contest in February of this year. It was a great experience with a great crew. We won First Place/North America and even set a new record score. For the CQWW DX RTTY Contest, Craig invited pretty much the same crew of AI9T, N9CK, K9WX, K9NR, K9CT with the addition of DXer/Contester N4RR. An exceptional bunch of experienced operators with great senses of humor which equaled a lot of fun!

Just like Jerry, Craig is an outstanding host...always checking to be sure that equipment and antennas are working as they should be.

**Here are the stats: 4014 Q's, 200 States & Provinces, 372 Countries, 122 Zones, 6,243,237 Points**

Many thanks to Craig & crew for everything!

Looking forward to operating from WB9Z in the ARRL 160 Contest in December!

Don K9NR