

# KARS KEY CLICKS



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## ANNUAL KARS OCTOBER AUCTION

The next KARS meeting will be October 2nd, 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 will try to squeeze in as many foxhunts as possible. Saturday, October 6th is the next scheduled hunt. 12:00 Noon - 2:00PM. The fox will be K9NR, the winner of the September 22nd 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



Fun at the KARS September picnic meeting

### KARS KALENDAR

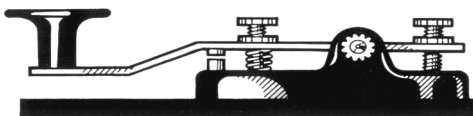
Sept 29-30.....[CQWW DX RTTY Test](#)  
**Oct 2**.....[KARS General Meeting \(AUCTION!\)](#)  
**Oct 6**.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)  
**Oct 6-7**.....[California QSO Party](#)  
**Oct 16**.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
**Oct 20**.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)  
**Oct 21**.....>>>[Illinois QSO Party](#)  
**Oct 27-28**.....[CQWW DX SSB Contest](#)  
**Nov 3-5**.....[ARRL Sweepstakes CW](#)  
**Nov 6**.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
**Nov 10-11**.....[WAE DX RTTY Contest](#)  
**Nov 17-19**.....[ARRL Sweepstakes Phone](#)  
**Nov 20**.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
**Nov 24-25**.....[CQWW DX CW Contest](#)

*The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:*

<i>146.34/.94</i>	<i>107.2 PL Access</i>
<i>449.8/444.8</i>	<i>100.0 PL Access</i>
<i>145.130</i>	<i>107.2 PL Access</i>

*Additionally, KARS sponsors:*

<i>144.39</i>	<i>2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters</i>
<i>W9AZ DX Cluster</i>	<i>w9az.ddns.net</i>



# W9AZ

### IL QSO PARTY-OCTOBER 21

Don't forget! The 2018 Illinois QSO Party is Sunday, October 21st, 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**

**"KANKAKEE AREA RADIO SOCIETY" for the club aggregate score!**

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



Aerial view of the KARS September picnic

### 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 1	KD9CGC
October 8	K9KSG
October 15	N9OE
October 22	K9NR
October 29	WD9FYF

## Don't Forget the AUCTION !



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



**WR9L's SHACK**

Current station includes:

- Yaesu FT-1000MP** for HF
- Yaesu FT-991** for HF/VHF/UHF
- Ameritron Amplifier** for HF
- Ameritron Tuner** for HF
- Older than dirt gear:
- ICOM IC-551** for 6 Meter Beacon
- ICOM IC-251** for 2 M Beacon
- Kenwood TS-530**
- HAMMARLUND SP600** Just because!
- AMECO 6N2 Transmitters** Memories!
- Heath DX-20 Transmitter** Novice days
- Knight R-55A Receiver** Novice days
- Assorted accessories, test gear and homebrew stuff

My first taste of radio was when I was around 6. We had an old RCA counsel radio that listed on the front dial where you could find all of the far-away places that you could hear – Rome, Tokyo, Tropics, Police, etc. That really peaked a 6 year olds interest.

At 14 I built my first Heathkit – a GR64 shortwave receiver but I didn't get the Ham bug until I met Dan WA9WAQ. We lived in the same neighborhood and he introduced me to Ham radio and became my Elmer.

I was licensed as a Novice in Jan. 1969 as WN9AQE using my GR64 receiver and a borrowed Heathkit DX-20 from Dan. I eventually graduated to a Knight R-55A receiver.

73 Greg WR9L

**KARS SHACK OF THE MONTH—WR9L**

Send in your shack photo today!

**W9DXCC DX CONVENTION**



A special treat for about 20 KARS and Chicago Mobileers club members...a tour of the world class station of WB9Z/NV9L

Thanks Jerry!

As usual, KARS members enjoyed the ever popular W9DXCC DX Convention, one of the largest in the nation. Pictured above are WB9Z & NV9L, N9TK & K9TP, K9FO, K9NR, N9IO & N9MBR. Attending but not in the pics are K9CS & W9LIZ

**Don't forget the Illinois QSO Party !**



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## August 28th Foxhunt



**Winners: KA9TAG, N9DWE with K9KSG at the starting point**



**Hunters gathering at the fox's lair**



**The foxes...Paul W9IEY & Terry luring the hunters**

## September 11th Foxhunt



**KB9VR & N9DWE team up to start**



**K9KSG & KD9CFV closing in on the foxes**



**Fox Dave KA9TAG & Winner Clay N9IO**

## September 22th Foxhunt



**The hunters gather at the Meadowview starting point**



**The hunters at the foxes lair—what a great way to spend a beautiful day!**



**Winner Don K9NR with the Fox Clay N9IO—Time to eat!**

### RELEASE OF WSJT-X 2.0 BETA VERSION ANNOUNCED

The “candidate release” of the latest version of the popular software is available for download at: <https://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjt.html>

The new software will offer improved decoding sensitivity, improved support of DXpeditions, increased data lengths for messages & increased support for contests including various VHF and the RTTY Roundup.

If you wish to participate as beta tester or just get accustomed to the new features, download and install!

### KARS BOARD MEETING

KARS board meeting will be held at El Mexicano restaurant on October 16th, 6PM to eat and 7PM to meet. KARS members and their families are welcome to attend.