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TRANSMITTER HUNTING

FOX HUNTING FEATURED AT KARS SEPTEMBER MEETING

The next KARS meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th, 7PM at the St. Mary's Hospital meeting room.

After a short business meeting there will be an informative "show and tell" program on Transmitter Hunting.

If you've always wondered about Fox Hunting, or have been participating for years, this program by Clay N9IO will be enjoyed by all.

If you are a hunter, be sure to bring your antenna and some stories to share.

You can learn how to build your own antenna and join in the fun. A fox hunt date will be decided on at the meeting. Everyone is encouraged to participate. It's a blast! Practice hunts can be arranged for new hunters to "get their feet wet" (their antennas broke in)!

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

KARS Sept. board meeting will be held at 6 PM, September 20th. at Coyote Canyon Buffet on Rt. 50. The business meeting will be held after dining on the delicious offerings on the buffet. All KARS members and spouses are invited to attend.

NCS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 5 N9LYE
September 12 N9FD
September 19 N9OE
September 26 N9FD

The net meets every Monday at 2100 hours local time. *Don't forget the net!*



August KARS meeting: Bill N9OE visits websites pertaining to amateur radio which were submitted by members.

KARS KALENDAR

September 6.....KARS General Meeting
September 10.....(pg 2) KARS Bike Ride
September 10-11.....Radio Expo
September 10-12.....ARRL VHF QSO Party
September 16-17.....W9DXCC Convention
September 17-18.....Peoria Superfest
September 20.....KARS Board Meeting
September 24-25.....CQWW DX RTTY
October 4.....KARS General Meeting
October 9.....NA Sprint RTTY
October 16-17.....Illinois QSO Party
October 18.....KARS Board Meeting
October 29-30.....CQWW DX Contest SSB

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access
449.8/444.8 114.8 PL Access
145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 Wide Area APRS digi-peater
145.53 KARS DX Cluster

KARS CLUSTER COMPUTER GETS REBUILD

Bill N9OE has been busy with the much needed updating of KARS cluster computer. The computer had developed a habit of crashing at the most inopportune times, such as during contests or when everyone was looking for that rare DXpedition.

Much thanks also goes to Bob N9MBR for donating the computer.

ILLINOIS QSO PARTY

Aside from lower A/C bills, there is one nice thing about approaching autumn...contest season!

The Illinois QSO Party this year will be held on October 16-17. The past two years, KARS has placed second high club score in the state and very nearly took first place!

We had great club participation and we are looking to take another crack at that elusive first place.

Be sure to get on and work up a log for the club aggregate contest score. A full time effort would be great but even a few hours would be a big help.

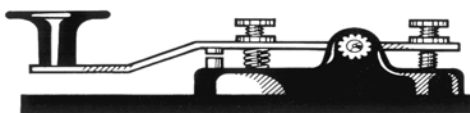
Get the full info at the Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club (Quincy) web page at: www.w9awe.org

Remember, on your submission to indicate Kankakee Area Radio Society as your affiliated club!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 11 W9TRF
September 15 K9BIG
September 15 W4HYB
September 18 Velda
September 29 Terry
September 30 WB9Z

Let us know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.



W9AZ

SEE YOU AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

KARS MEMBERS HAVING FUN!

TROY W9KVR INSPIRES MIDDLE SCHOOL'S FIRST PLACE WIN IN SCHOOL CLUB ROUND-UP

By Troy W9KVR

I just received word from the School Club Round-up powers to be that the results from the last 2 years are finally posted on the ARRL website. I knew we finished 2nd place during the 2009-2010 school year, but did not know how we did last year. The results are the link below:

<http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup-scr> (Click here for results in pdf)

The W9GRS did very well as it turns out and beat perennial power houses K4WBM and K7BZN to sweep both the October and February editions of the School Club Round-up. Jake Anderson, KC9OQN, had a goal of bringing a first place to W9GRS before he heads to the high school this year, taking charge of control ops duties for the crew. The W9GRS crew made the decision to operate more digital due to poor conditions operating SSB. This turns out to be in our favor as digital contacts are worth twice as much as SSB contacts. Even though we didn't rack up the QSO's like the 2nd and 3rd place schools, students focused on getting the important school station multipliers and State/DX multipliers. We have worked closely with the traditionally strong K9SOU Bloomington High School South led by Neil Rapp, WB9VPG, to try to bring a dual win for the "9's" They finished a solid 3rd place and new-comer NQ9P from downstate Pana finished in the top-ten. I believe this might be the first time that Section 9 station has finished first in the Middle School Division and It was nice to see a "9" station at the top.

ZO-Fest A BIG SUCCESS!

Once again, ZO-Fest was a great time. The gathering at Ralph K9ZO's landscaping business in Bloomington, IL was well attended by contesters and DXers from all over the Midwest.

Programs on contest stations and the South Orkney DXpedition were presented and incredible BBQ was enjoyed by all.

Everyone left with renewed vigor and the desire to get that latest DX entry and contest wallpaper.



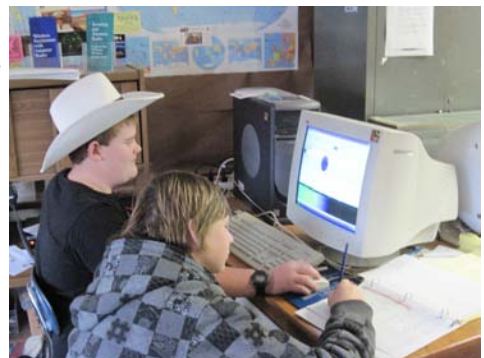
The smiles say it all...Clay N9IO and Will K9FO at ZO-Fest having fun!

KARS ANNUAL BIKE RIDE AND PICNIC SCHEDULED

September 10th is the date for KARS bike ride which was begun last year arising from the collaboration of Will K9FO and Bill N9OE. The ride will begin at the bike trail near Bills house in Custer Park. Everyone is to assemble at Bills. Bring cooler with meat for the grill and a side dish to share after the ride. You will also need a beverage and plate and silverware. A chair may also come in handy. Those who do not wish to ride are welcome to participate in the post ride picnic. Starting time for the ride will be announced on the net and at the club meeting by Bill N9OE.



Troy W9KVR and students show off their DXCC and some QSL cards. Lots of hard work, dedication and most of all FUN!



Middle School Club members working DX and logging their contacts

RESULTS OF EXAM SESSION HELD AT KARSFEST

By Carl K9CS

We had 8 people take 10 exams, resulting in 3 new Techs and 2 upgrades to Extra.

Upgrading were Tom McDaniel, KC9MAP, of Wheatfield, IN and Carl Roszczybiuk, WB9AVW, from Orland Park.

New Technicians are Adam Beedle, KC9UNQ, Bourbonnais, John Mazzuchi, KC9UNR, Bradley, and Benjamin Straw, KC9UNS, Merrillville.

Participating VEs were Pete, NI9H, Troy, W9KVR, Clay, N9IO, Billie, K9QT, and Carl, K9CS. 73, Carl

**TOP INTERNET SITES FEATURED AT KARS
AUGUST 2011 MEETING**
As compiled by Bill N9OE

Submitted by Greg WR9L:

<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/>
<http://www.vhfdx.info/index.html>
<http://www.dxwatch.com/>
<http://aprs.mountainlake.k12.mn.us/map>
<http://www.dxsummit.fi>
<http://www.spaceweather.com/>
http://www.roswellastronomyclub.com/radio_meteors.htm

Submitted by Harry WD9FYF:

<http://www.eham.net/>
<http://www.hamqsl.com/solar.html>
<http://www.astrosurf.com/luxorion/menu-qsl.htm>

Submitted by Jim NV9X:

<http://www.ac6v.com>
<http://www.ac6v.com/>

Submitted by Brian N9HJR:

<http://heavens-above.com/PassSummary.aspx?satid=25544&lat=41.47283&lng=-87.7>
www.Repairclinic.com

Submitted by Steve W9DX:

www.tdxs.net

Submitted by John N9LYE

<http://aprs.mountainlake.k12.mn.us/>
<http://solarham.com/>

Submitted by Bill N9OE

<http://www.amateurlogic.com>
<http://live.twit.tv>
<http://revision3.com>
<http://keepvid.com>
<http://nonplused.org/archives.html>
<http://www.newegg.com/>

Submitted by Don K9NR

<http://www.contesting.com/>

**MORE PICTURES OF
ZO-Fest**



A group shot of some of the attendees



Ralph K9ZO during one of the presentations



Legendary DX/Contester (and KARS member) Jerry WB9Z answering questions from attendees

**WB9Z TO HIT THE DX-
PEDITION TRAIL AGAIN**

Just when you think Jerry WB9Z has operated from every corner of the globe, he shows up somewhere else.

Back from the big South Orkney Island expedition near the South Pole Jerry will be packing his bags for Malpelo Island near the equator! Leave that polar survival gear at home Jerry!

Being one of the most experienced DXpedition operators in the world, Jerry was on the short list as Bob K4UEE put together the crew for the "2012 Malpelo Island DXpedition"

They will be using the call: HK0NA and you can get all the details at the web site www.HK0NA.com

IT'S W9DXCC TIME

The annual W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn in Elk Grove Village on September 17th.

The popular event has been held since 1953 and is attended by many hundreds of DXers. There is a day long schedule of events and programs. There will be QSL card checkers, exhibitors and many very nice prizes.

This years banquet speaker will be none other than ARRL president Kay Craigie N3KN. You can check out the hospitality suites and there will be a Friday night SMC dinner.

A favorite event of KARS members. Don't miss out on this one!

Check out the web page at:
www.w9dxcc.com

www.w9az.com