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Carl and I are honored to serve as the Vice Director and Director for the Central Division ARRL Membership.

The Northern Illinois DX Association hosted the 65th Annual W9DXCC Convention in Schaumburg, Illinois on Friday and Saturday September 15-16. We would like to thank ARRL President Mr. Rick Roderick K5UR for presenting his inspiring Keynote address to the record crowd.

The Central Division was pleased to approve eleven events as ARRL Hamfests in the last half of 2017. Both Carl K9LA and Kermit W9XA were active representing the ARRL at hamfests, conventions and meetings. Kermit attended 16 and Carl attended 10 events in the last half of the year.

June 13th West Allis Radio Amateur Club Waukesha, WI

July 5th Eastern Iowa DX Club Cedar Rapids, IA

July 8th Indianapolis Hamfest Indianapolis, IN

July 16th  KARSFEST Kankakee Amateur Radio Society Peotone, IL

August 4th&5th NWDXC DX Convention Spokane, WA

August 11th Rockford Area Radio Amateurs Club Rockford, IL

August 12th Angola Hamfest Angola, IN

August 20th Tippecanoe Hamfest Lafayette, IN

August 26th SMCFest The Society of Midwest Contesters Bloomington, IL

October 7th Great Lakes Division Convention  Brooklyn, MI

September 23rd CFMC Chicago FM Club Radio Expo Belvidere, IL

September 29th Wisconsin State Convention/HRO Superfest Milwaukee, WI

October 12th Big Thunder Amateur Radio Club Belvidere, IL

October 13th RSGB Convention Milton Keynes, GB

November 4th  Milwaukee Repeater Club-91 Swapfest Milwaukee, WI

November 7th – Kankakee Amateur Radio Society Kankakee, IL

November 18th Indiana State Convention Fort Wayne, IN

December 2nd Arkansas DX Association Little Rock, AR

December 23rd Six Meter Club of Chicago Annual Dinner Westmont, IL

January 6th 46th Annual Mid-Winter Swapfest Waukesha, WI

January 12th Indianapolis Amateur Radio Club Indianapolis, IN

January 13th Western Illinois Amateur Radio Club Quincy, IL

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We are proud to announce that the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society’s Ft Wayne Hamfest has been selected to host the ARRL Central Division Convention on November 18th and 19th 2018. We look forward to working with the leadership of ACARTS to make this Convention and their Hamfest a success. This will be the first Central Division Convention since 1985.

Director Carlson is honored to serve on several ARRL Board Committees; ARRL Administration and Finance Committee, ARRL-EMC Committee (Chairman), ARRL Ethics and Election Committee, (ad-hoc) Education Sub-Committee, and the (ad-hoc) ARRL PSC/VHF Contest Revitalization Committee

Respectfully Submitted,

Kermit A Carlson, W9XA

ARRL Central Division Director