



# KARS KEY KLICKS



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## KARS ANNUAL BANQUET

Saturday April 15th - (6PM - 9PM) in the Brickstone Brewery Banquet Room - Reserve Now!!!

The April 11th 2023 [KARS General Meeting](#) will be held 7PM at the Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club.

KARS is setting a new precedent beginning this month to hold our business meetings after the program conclusion. Our April program will feature Scott, K9ABN with a presentation on portable operations, including a few demonstration setups. The new club 'go' kit will also be displayed by Brian KD9NPQ. After the presentation, a short Q&A session will be held. Members are encouraged to bring along their own portable 'go' kits to show!

Finally, Scott will talk about a couple of places to operate POTA (Parks On The Air).

An evening you won't want to miss!  
See you there!

### BOARD MEETING CHANGE

For April 2023 **ONLY**, the KARS Board Meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday (April 18th) and not the 4th Tuesday at El Mexicano's Restaurant. 6PM to eat...7PM to meet!

### NCS FOR APRIL

[The net](#) meets every Monday, 2000 hours local time on 146.34/.94

April 3 KD9NPQ  
April 10 K9NR  
April 17 N9OE  
April 24 K9XI

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 1 WU9D  
April 4 KC9OQQ  
April 17 N9MBR  
April 25 W9IE  
April 26 K9CS

If we miss your birthday or get it wrong, please let us know!



Photo from the January 2020 KARS Banquet pre Wuhan China plague event.

### KARS KALENDAR

- April 11.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
- April 15.....[KARS Annual Banquet!!!](#)
- April 18.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- April 22.....[Transmitter Hunt \\*](#)
- May 6.....[Transmitter Hunt \\*](#)
- May 9.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
- May 19-20.....[Dayton Hamvention!!!!](#)
- May 23.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)

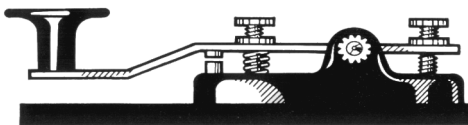
\* *Weather Permitting!*

*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](#)



# W9AZ

Don't miss the **KARS ANNUAL BANQUET!**

**Saturday April 15th**

**At the Brickstone Brewery in Bourbonnais**

**Bountiful BBQ Buffet  
Appetizer trays sponsored by KARS**

**Door Prizes for Everyone!  
Bring a guest or friend  
Membership not required**

See page 3 for more details

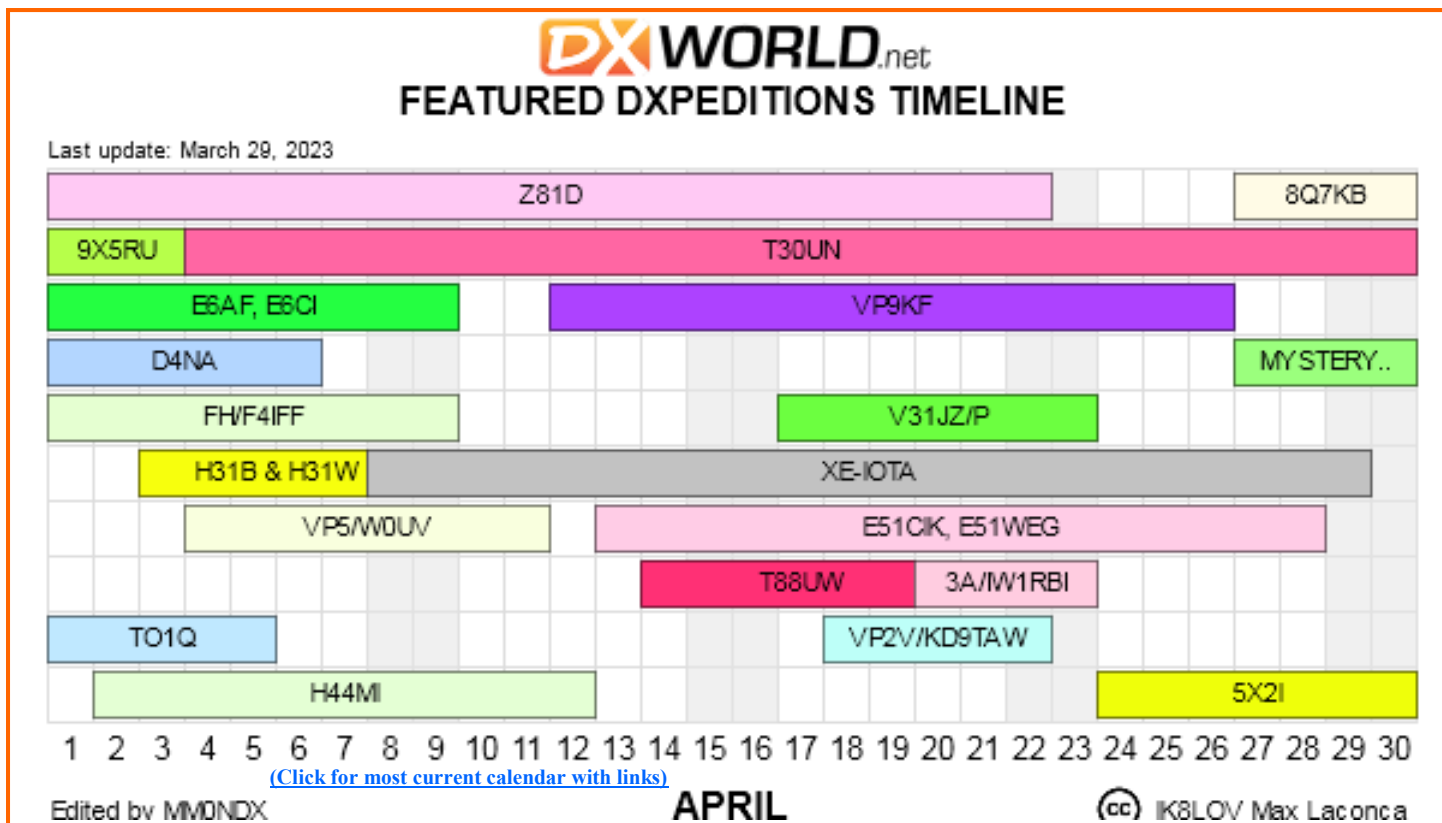
### KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

- April 8-9.....[New Mexico QSO Party](#)
- April 8-9.....[Georgia QSO Party](#)
- April 15-16.....[Nebraska QSO Party](#)
- April 15-16.....[North Dakota QSO Party](#)
- April 16.....[ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB](#)
- April 15-16.....[Michigan QSO Party](#)
- April 15-16.....[Ontario QSO Party](#)
- April 16.....[Quebec QSO Party](#)
- April 22-23.....[SP DX RTTY Contest](#)
- April 29-30.....[Florida QSO Party](#)
- May 6-7.....[Indiana QSO Party](#)
- May 6-7.....[7 Land QSO Party](#)
- May 6-7.....[Delaware QSO Party](#)
- May 6-7.....[New England QSO Party](#)
- May 20-21.....[Arkansas QSO Party](#)
- May 27-28.....[CQWW WPX CW Contest](#)
- June 3-4.....[Kentucky QSO Party](#)
- June 3-4.....[ARRL Inter Digital Contest](#)
- June 10-12.....[ARRL June VHF Contest](#)

**Only 39 Days to the 2023 Dayton Hamvention!**

# DX World DXpedition Calendar

April 1 through April 30

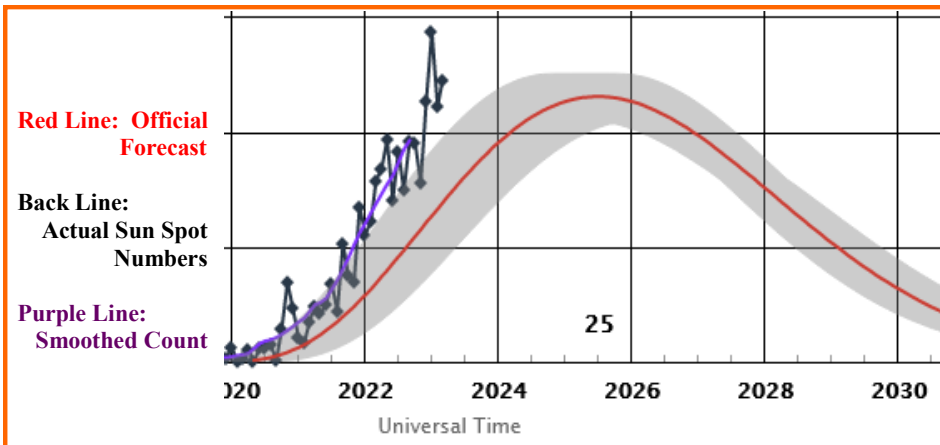


## SOLAR CYCLE 25 UPDATE

If you haven't been working tons of DX on the HF bands lately...It's your own fault!

As you can see from the graph on the right, the Sun is doing it's part...we have sunspots by the barrel! The upper bands are packed with DX from all corners of the globe well into the evening!

The chart above show's the bigger DXpeditions scheduled for April. Some nice stuff there and it does not include the tons of "sporadic" DX that shows up day and night. Have you tried 6, 10, 12 Meters lately. Of course 20, 17 & 15 Meters are packed also! GL in the pileups!



## KARSFEST 2023 UPDATE

For we who run KARS-Fest, Dayton Hamvention contains an added dimension, as our successful presence at Dayton is a great help in making KARS-Fest a success. One of the issues that has come up this past year is the reluctance of the Hamvention powers that be to allow other Hamfests to lay out copies of their flyers on the various tables around the Hamvention venue. We've decided this year to bring up for discussion to those who attend the KARS March meeting an idea to replace the expenditure for 1500 flyers with a fewer number of discreet posters around the grounds, indoor and out, containing merely the KARS QR code with a few words of description added. The posters would be normal sized paper, laminated, and attendees would be invited to use the QR reader apps on their phones to get the full information on KARS-Fest. To the right is the code. If we catalog where we put these QR code 'posters', we can retrieve them at the end of the Hamvention for use elsewhere before KARS-Fest. What do you think? de Art K9XI





**No more below zero temperatures, snow and ice to deal with!**

## ***KARS ANNUAL BANQUET***

**Saturday April 15th 2023 — Time: 6PM - 9PM**

**The Brickstone Brewery & Restaurant  
557 William Latham Drive  
Bourbonnais**

**Buffet Style BBQ**

**Baby Back Ribs, BBQ Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken Breast, Corn, Beans, Slaw, Garlic Bread, Fresh Garden Salad**

**\$25.99/person**

**You must order and pay for your drinks on site separately.**

**Reservations and check, made payable to KARS are needed right away.**

**Advance E-mails have been forthcoming but we understand this newsletter notice is of short notice so please send Diane N9DLD an email at ([hartlys@gmail.com](mailto:hartlys@gmail.com)) that you want to reserve.**

**The April 11th meeting would be a good opportunity to make payment but in any event but we need to hear from you via email.**

**Alternatively, email Don K9NR at ([donk9nr@gmail.com](mailto:donk9nr@gmail.com)).**

**We don't want anyone to miss out. Guests are welcome, KARS membership or a Ham license are not required.**

**Bring or mail your check & reservation info to:**

**Diane Dau N9DLD  
2397N 10,000W Rd.  
Bonfield, Illinois 60913**

The Board has approved \$300 for door prizes and the club will sponsor Hors d'oeuvre trays...veggies & dip, Bruschetta, etc.

**The club will write one check for all, so you must make every effort to pay the club in advance.**

Everything is covered, except for drinks.

You order and pay for your drinks there.

**SEE YOU THERE!**