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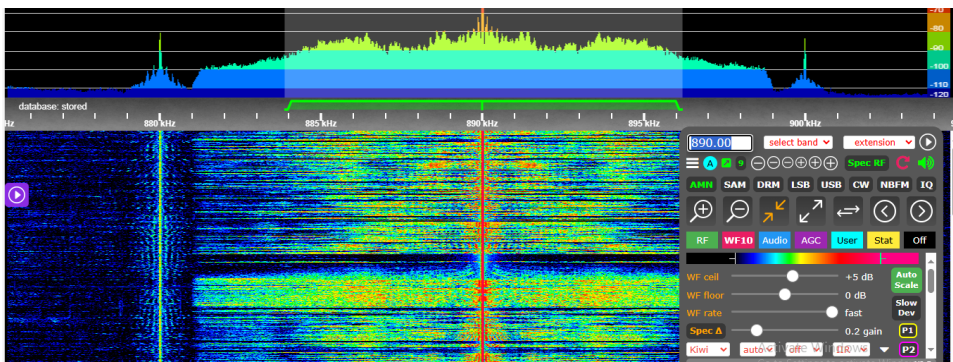
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March 2025

## Kiwi SDR Demonstration Follow up with W9IE

The next KARS general meeting will be held at the Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportmen's Club Tuesday March 11th at 7PM.

Our March meeting will feature an extended follow up presentation of the on-line KIWI SDR receiver by W9IE. We look forward to learning more from Ken's program. See you there!



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Let the newsletter editors know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.

March 2	W9IEY
March 2	N9DLD
March 4	N9DWE
March 6	KC9VDI
March 11	KC9ZKA
March 14	KC9OAK
March 23	N9HJR
March 24	K9BYT

Please support your club...

### KARS 2025 DUES ARE DUE!

Regular Membership	\$30
Family Membership	\$40
Senior Membership	\$15
Senior Family Membership	\$20
Full Time Student Membership	\$15
Disabled Membership	\$15
Activity Military	Waived

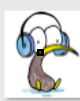
### NCS FOR MARCH

The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

March 3	KD9NPQ
March 10	TBD
March 17	N9OE
March 24	K9XI
March 31	KC9HDF

Don't forget the net!

Mondays at 2000 hrs. local time



W9IE | KANKAKEE, IL USA

<http://21983.proxy.kiwisdr.com:8073>

KiwiSDR 2 v1.804 GPS DFR

**KIWI SDR program at KARS**  
**March 11th Regular Meeting**  
**with W9IE**

### KARS KALENDAR

**March 9**.....Daylight Savings Time  
**March 11**.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
March TBD (Soon?).....[KARS Foxhunt](#)  
**March 20**.....Vernal Equinox- (4:01am)  
**March 25**.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
**April 8**.....[KARS General Meeting](#)  
**April 22**.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)  
**April 26 KARS Banquet (See Page 2)**

*The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:*

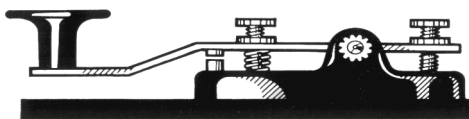
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145.130 107.2 PL Access

*Additionally, KARS sponsors:*

144.39 Two Wide Area APRS digi-peaters



# W9AZ

### KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

**March 1-2**.....[ARRL DX SSB](#)  
**March 8-9**.....[Oklahoma QSO Party](#)  
**March 8-9**.....[Stew Perry 160 Contest](#)  
**March 8-9**.....[Idaho QSO Party](#)  
**March 9-10**.....[Wisconsin QSO Party](#)  
**March 15-16**.....[Virginia QSO Party](#)  
**March 15-16**.....[Russian DX Contest](#)  
**March 15-17**.....[BARTG RTTY](#)  
**March 29-30**.....[CQWW WPX SSB](#)  
**April 5-6**.....[Missouri QSO Party](#)  
**April 5-6**.....[EA RTTY Contest](#)  
**April 5-6**.....[Mississippi QSO Party](#)  
**April 5-6**.....[Louisiana QSO Party](#)  
**April 12**.....[New Mexico QSO Party](#)  
**April 12-13**.....[Georgia QSO Party](#)  
**April 12-13**.....[North Dakota QSO Party](#)  
**April 19-20**.....[Nebraska QSO Party](#)  
**April 14**.....[ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB](#)  
**April 19**.....[Michigan QSO Party](#)  
**April 19-20**.....[Ontario QSO Party](#)  
**April 20**.....[Quebec QSO Party](#)  
**April 26-27**.....[SP DX RTTY Contest](#)  
**April 26-27**.....[Florida QSO Party](#)

### The Vernal Equinox

#### The First Day of Spring

The equinox's occur twice a year...in the spring is the Vernal Equinox...in the Fall is the Autumnal Equinox.

On the day of the Equinox, the Sun is directly over the Equator and the day and night are of equal length.

**Clocks spring ahead Sunday March 9 at 2AM**

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

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## KARS ANNUAL BANQUET

**Saturday April 26th 2025**

**Time: 6PM - 9PM**

At Brickstone Brewery & Restaurant  
557 William Latham Drive Bourbonnais, IL

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**Italian Dinner** (\$30.00/person *all inclusive*)

(Soft drinks and gratuity covered in the price)

- The club **WILL** cover tax, tip, Ice Cream and soft drinks,  
also providing Hors d'oeuvre trays...veggies & dip, Bruschetta.

**(All Alcohol / Bar Drinks is NOT covered.  
Pay your own bar bill please)**

### Menu:

Buffet Style

- Tomato Vodka Rigatoni
- Lemon Peppered Roasted Chicken
- Slowly Roasted Sirloin of Beef
- Red-Skin Mashed Potatoes
- Vegetables
- Fresh Garden Salad
- Ice Cream



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**Your reservations and check made payable to KARS  
are needed right away to determine prize purchases.**

Please send Diane N9DLD an email at ([hartlys@gmail.com](mailto:hartlys@gmail.com)) that you want to reserve.  
The March 11th (or) April 8th Regular meeting would be a good opportunity to make payment  
but in any event but we need to hear from you via email with your reservation **ASAP**.  
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. **Also, the club will write one check for all, so you  
must make every effort to pay the club in advance.**

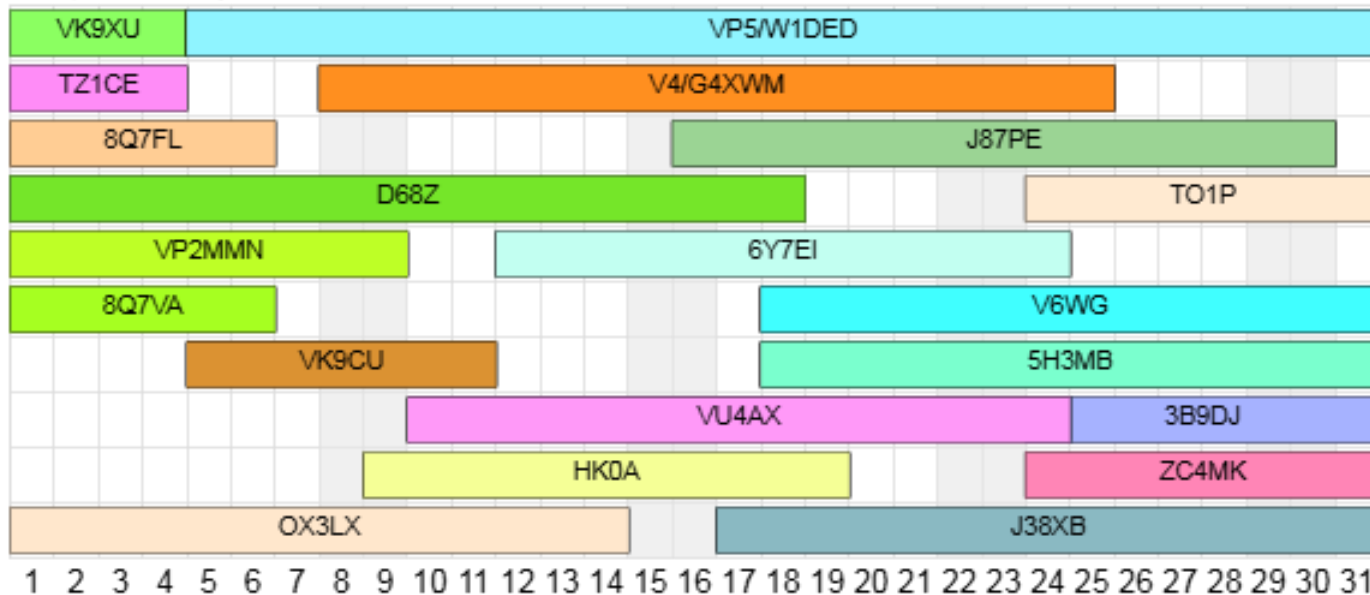
Again, everything is covered, **except for alcohol and bar drinks.**  
**You pay your bar bill please. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

## DX WORLD.net

### FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

[Click for current Calendar](#)

Last update: February 28, 2025



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**MARCH**

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## RXAssistant V3.9 is here!

RXAssistant has once again been expanded with more features than ever before.

This Windows App is designed to work on all of the 6000 and new 8000 Series [Flex Radio](#) SDR radios.

Ken W9IE has been at it once again to make his creation do more of the things that matter to the active DXer, Contester and everyday ham op.

RXAssistant software app for Windows looks and works like previous versions with the addition now of band changes in both the A and B slices and reflects the current band in use.

Some cosmetic color enhancements have been made as well that Ken says are prettier.

Just install over the top of the previously installed version. No fresh installs ever required.

The user and installation documents have also been updated.

RXAssistant is hosted by KARS on the KARS web site and is a free app download enjoyed by ops worldwide. Thank you Ken!

<https://www.w9az.com/>

Just scroll down a little from the top of the Main Page for the RXA download links.

## KARS Archives 1954



Pictured at his Boy Scout meeting, **Ken Buser W9IE** of Kankakee, IL operating the ham radio / short wave receiver he had won after winning a short wave broadcast listening contest in 1954.