



# KARS KEY KLICKS



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## KARS Picnic at the K3 River State Park

The KARS General Meeting for September will **NOT** be held at the Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club. In lieu of the normal monthly meeting, we will have a picnic at the Kankakee River State Park on Tuesday September 12th. We will use the [Hickory Hills pavilion](#). We used it in the past. It is the one closest to the Altorf end of the park.

Everyone is invited...club members, family members, non affiliated, non members, non licensed, EVERYONE! Bring everything you will need to eat and drink (**non-alcoholic.**) Most just pick up something and eat at the park. You can come out in the middle of the afternoon if your schedule permits. **Most will arrive around supper time 4-5PM. You can arrive earlier...we will have the pavilion reserved all day.**

There is no business meeting, no program...just good friends, good conversation and a beautiful place to be on a beautiful summer day.

### NCS FOR SEPTEMBER

The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 repeater.

- September 4 KD9NPQ
- September 11 K9NR
- September 18 N9OE
- September 25 K9XI

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- September 11 KD9CGA
- September 15 K9BIG
- September 15 KD9CFV
- September 15 W9WWE
- September 15 W4HYB
- September 18 KC9CAZ
- September 21 WB9RUE
- September 29 Terry
- September 30 WB9Z



*N9FD & N9IO at the August 10th Fox's lair. Last known picture of N9FD before being totally consumed by a massive cloud of twin engine mosquitoes. Still, it was a great hunt!*

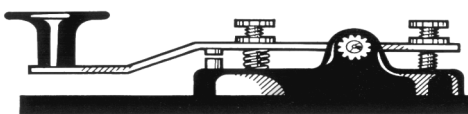
### KARS KALENDAR

- Sept 9.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
- Sept 12.....[KARS PICNIC!](#)
- Sept 15-16.....[W9DXCC Convention](#)
- Sept 16-17.....[Peoria Hamfest](#)
- Sept 24...(Sunday hunt)...[Transmitter Hunt](#)
- Sept 24.....[CFMC Radio Expo](#)
- Sept 26.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- Oct 7.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
- Oct 10.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
- Oct 21.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
- Oct 24.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- Nov 4.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)

*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

### ILLINOIS QSO PARTY!

The 2023 Illinois QSO Party will be held Sunday, October 22nd, 12 to 8 PM local time. Operation is on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 & 2 Meters. All modes CW/SSB/FM. The exchange is your RS(T) and IL county or RS(T) and state for non-Illinois stations.

A great way to spend the day and make as many contacts as your schedule will allow and be sure to submit your log with KARS as the club aggregate!

You'll find everything you need, county map of Illinois, list of all 102 counties and all the planned activities from each county including rover and portable operation at:

<https://w9awe.org/ilqp/>

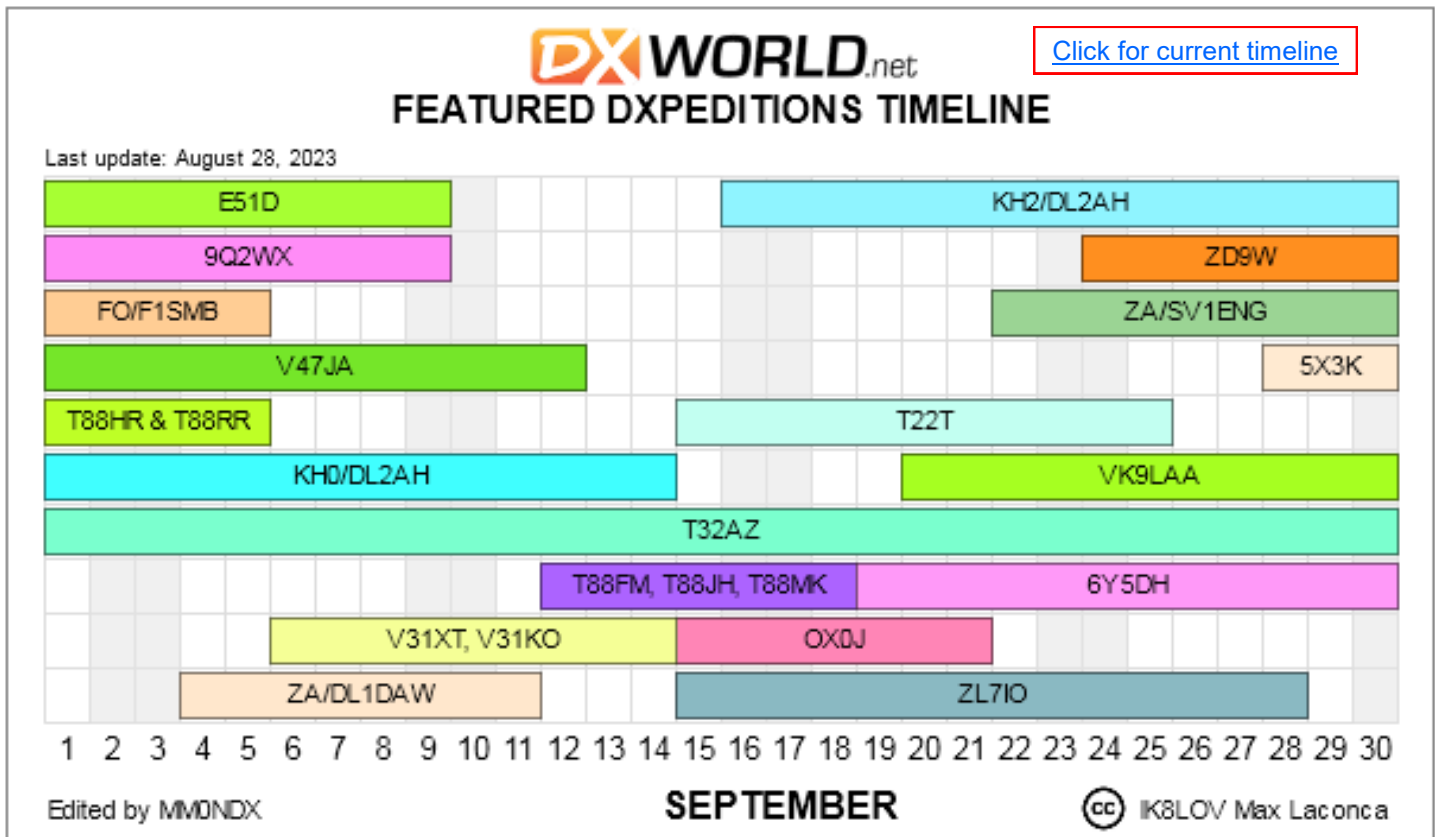
**Your club needs you!** Be a part of the team! Did I forget to mention, it's a heck of a lot of fun! Let K9NR know of your intentions to operate.

### KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

- Sept 2.....[Russian RTTY WW Contest](#)
- Sept 2-3.....[Colorado QSO Party](#)
- Sept 3-4.....[Tennessee QSO Party](#)
- Sept 9-10.....[Alabama QSO Party](#)
- Sept 9-10.....[WAE DX Contest SSB](#)
- Sept 9-11.....[ARRL Sept VHF Contest](#)
- Sept 16-17.....[Texas QSO Party](#)
- Sept 16-17.....[Iowa QSO Party](#)
- Sept 16-17.....[New Jersey QSO Party](#)
- Sept 16-17.....[New Hampshire QSO Party](#)
- Sept 23-24.....[CQWW DX RTTY Contest](#)
- Sept 23-24.....[Maine QSO Party](#)
- Oct 7-8.....[California QSO Party](#)
- Oct 14-15.....[Makrothen RTTY Contest](#)
- Oct 14-15.....[Arizona QSO Party](#)
- Oct 14-15.....[Nevada QSO Party](#)
- Oct 14-15.....[Pennsylvania QSO Party](#)
- Oct 14-15.....[South Dakota QSO Party](#)
- Oct 21-22.....[New York QSO Party](#)
- Oct 22.....[Illinois QSO Party](#)
- Oct 21-22.....[Stew Perry Topband Challenge](#)
- Oct 28-29.....[CQWW DX SSB](#)

## Don't Forget the Illinois QSO Party in October!

# KARS HOMEPAGE— [WWW.W9AZ.COM](http://WWW.W9AZ.COM) —KARS HOMEPAGE



## ARRL Files Comments Against "Seriously Flawed" Shortwave Rules Petition

From August 3 2023 "ARRL Letter"

The ARRL, as part of its mission to protect Amateur Radio, has filed comments against a proposal that would introduce high-power digital communications to the shortwave spectrum that in many instances is immediately adjacent to the Amateur HF bands.

The "Shortwave Modernization Coalition" (SMC), which represents certain high-frequency stock trading interests, filed the petition with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). **(Previous coverage can be found on ARRL News.)** ARRL responded on behalf of its members and the 760,000 licensees of the Amateur Radio Service in the US.

The ARRL Laboratory performed a detailed technical analysis over several months to determine if the proposed rules would affect operations on the bands allocated to Radio Amateurs that are inter-mixed with the Part 90 bands in the spectrum in question.

ARRL's analysis determined that, if the proposed rules are adopted, the new operations inevitably will cause significant harmful interference to many users of adjacent and nearby spectrum, including Amateur Radio licensees. Ed Hare, W1RFI, a 37-year veteran of the ARRL Lab and internationally recognized expert on radio frequency interference, was the principal investigator on the study. Hare concluded the petition should not be granted. "This petition seeks to put 50 kHz wide, 20,000-watt signals immediately next to seven different amateur bands with weaker protections against interference than required in other services," said Hare.

### OCTOBER AUCTION!

#### Early heads up!

It's that time already! The October meeting program is traditionally the club auction.

Go through your basement, garage, attic, under the bed or wherever you keep your junk box goodies and bring them in to sell!

More details to follow in the October newsletter.

### BOARD MEETING

The KARS Board Meeting will be Tuesday September 26th in the private dining room at El Mexicano's Restaurant by the Hilton Hotel and Walmart south of town near I-57 exit 315. 6 P.M. eat. 7 P.M. meet. All members and spouses are welcome.

### HAM RADIO HELP NEEDED AT CHICAGO MARATHON

By Scott K9MY

The Wilmington area radio club is assisting in the Chicago Marathon communications and could use some help. If you are available and would like to help out, click on the link below to sign up on line...

<https://forms.gle/axpyq2e5uwzV2dCY9>