



KARS KEY CLICKS



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May 2026

Fox Hunt Show & Tell Discussion- Bring your Gear!!!

The next KARS **General Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, May 12, at 7PM at the Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club.

The May program will be a round-table Fox Hunt show-and-tell discussion with live demonstrations. Bring your own gear (DIY or commercial) and join in the discussion. We'll share and compare antenna designs, equipment setups, and field techniques, along with live demonstrations and practical tips from participants.

This is a great opportunity to learn what works in real-world conditions, exchange ideas, and see different approaches to fox hunting in action.

Don't be shy- bring along your antennas, receivers, attenuators, or anything you use in the field. Even a simple handheld setup can spark great discussion. The goal is to learn from each other and explore how different designs and techniques perform in practice.

Get ready for a lively, hands-on evening of learning, sharing, and fox hunting excitement!

All experience levels welcome.

A brief business meeting will follow the presentation.

Hope to see you there!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1	KD9FVQ
May 4	KE9ANI
May 5	KC9JQX
May 6	KC9HHT
May 13	KC9KBR
May 17	W9GFS

Let us know if your birthday is missed or listed in error.



KARS KALENDAR

May 2.....	KARS Fox Hunt
May 12.....	KARS General Meeting
May 15-17....	DAYTON HAMVENTION
May 23.....	KARS Fox Hunt
May 26.....	KARS Board Meeting
June 7.....	KARS ANNUAL BANQUET
June 7.....	Starved Rock Hamfest
June 9.....	KARS General Meeting
June 23.....	KARS Board Meeting
June 27-28.....	FIELD DAY
August 2.....	Hamfesters Hamfest
Sept 11-12.....	W9DXCC Convention

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.940 (-)	PL 107.2Hz at 430'
444.800 (+)	PL 100.0Hz at 300'
145.130 (-)	PL 107.2Hz at 400'

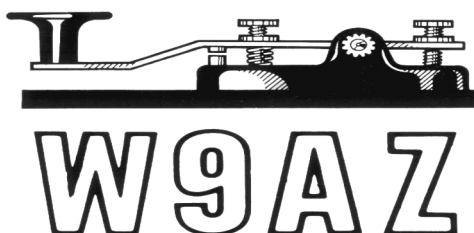
Echo Link:

W9AZ-R Node 517002 on 146.940

Additionally, KARS sponsors Two Wide Area APRS digipeaters:

W9AZ-1	144.390 at 300'
W9AZ-2	144.390 at 440'

KARS DX Cluster w9az.ddns.net



KARS ANNUAL BANQUET

Sunday, June 7, 2026 | 5:00-7:00PM
El Mexicano Restaurant
503 Riverstone Pkwy, Kankakee, IL

Join us for an evening of good food, good times, and great company at this year's KARS Annual Banquet. This year's event will have a slightly different format than previous banquets. Attendees will order directly from the menu and pay individually, allowing everyone to choose their own meal and enjoy a more relaxed dining experience.

RSVP required by June 1st to ensure adequate tables and seating. Please reply with your headcount to: Diane, N9DLLD, at n9dld@outlook.com

We look forward to gathering together for a fun and social evening with fellow members and friends.

W9DXCC Convention

The 2026 W9DXCC Convention will be held at the Chicago Marriott Naperville on September 11-12th.

Enjoy the day filled with quality programs, equipment vendors, QSL card checking, prizes, and socializing. Be sure to end the day by staying for the convention banquet.

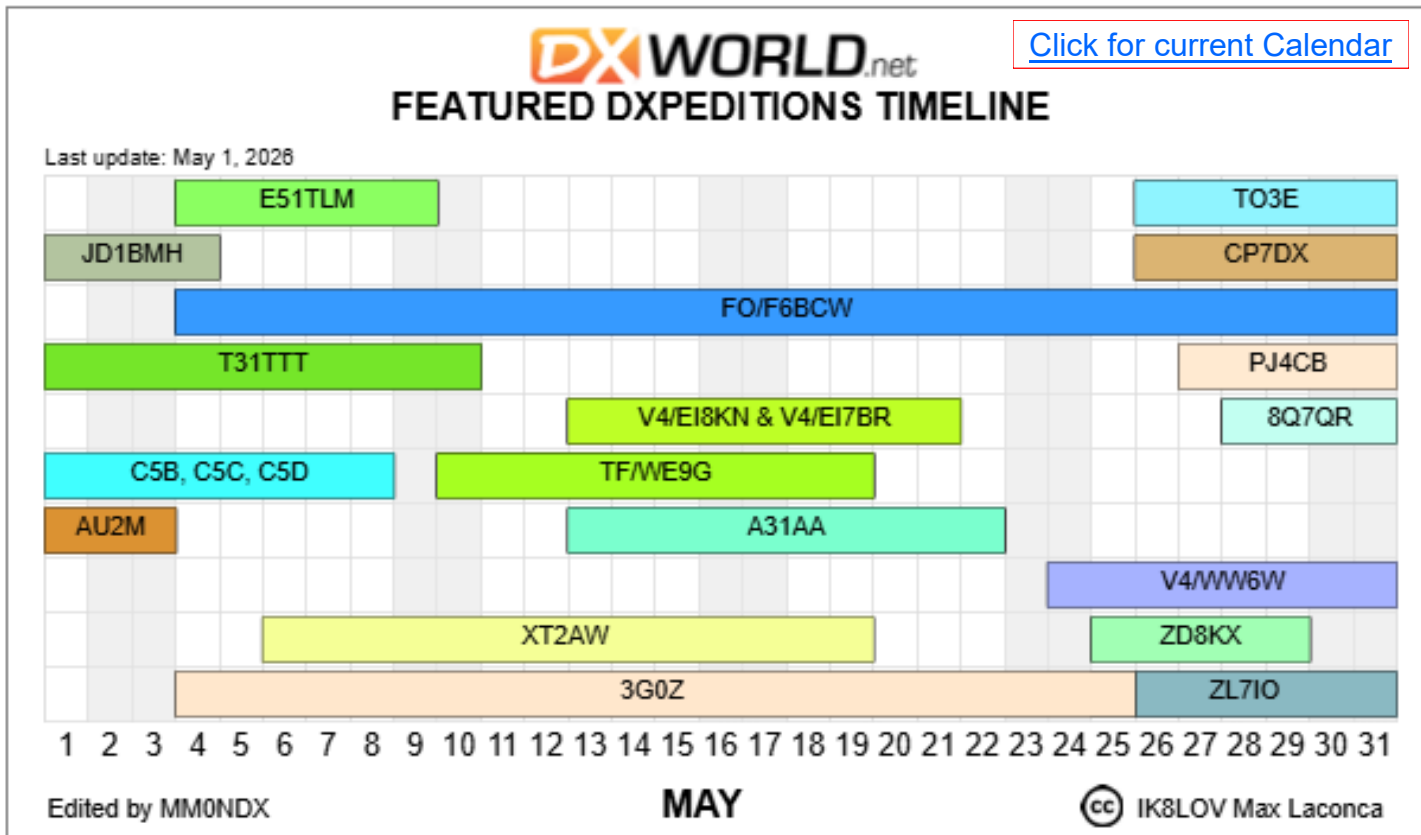
For additional details, visit: <https://w9dxcc.com/>

KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

May 2-3.....	Indiana QSO Party
May 2-3.....	7 Land QSO Party
May 2-3.....	Delaware QSO Party
May 2-3.....	New England QSO Party
May 16.....	Arkansas QSO Party
May 30-31...	CQWW WPX CW Contest
June 6.....	Kentucky QSO Party
June 6-7.....	ARRL Inter Digital Contest
June 13-15...	ARRL June VHF Contest
June 20.....	West Virginia QSO Party
June 27-28.....	ARRL Field Day

Less than 2 weeks till Dayton Hamvention 2026 !!!

KARS HOMEPAGE — WWW.W9AZ.COM — KARS HOMEPAGE



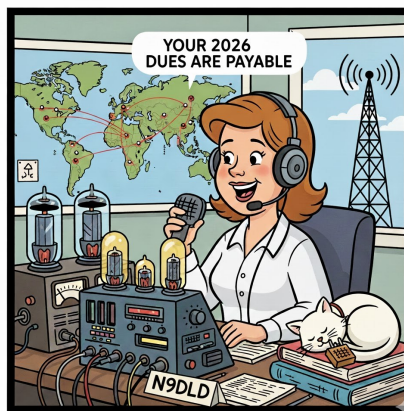
FIELD DAY

Save the date:

ARRL Field Day 2026 will be held on Saturday, June 27–28th.

This annual event, sponsored by the American Radio Relay League, brings amateur radio operators together to set up temporary stations and make contacts across the country. It's a fun and practical exercise in emergency communications, hands-on operating, and public outreach all rolled into one weekend.

Stay tuned for more details on how and where to participate.



KARS 2026 DUES SCHEDULE

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

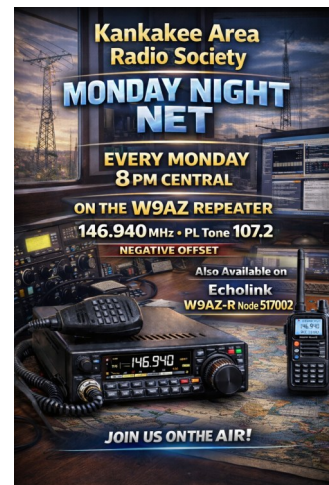
KARS BOARD MEETING

May Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 26th
at El Mexicano's Restaurant
6PM to eat...7PM meeting
Everyone is welcome!

NCS FOR May

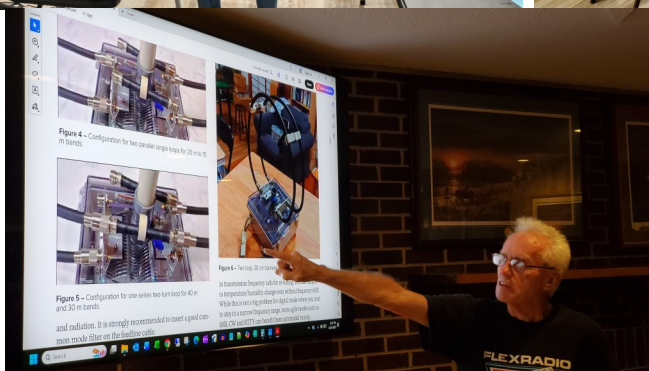
The net meets every Monday at 2000 hours local time on the 146.34/.94 OR 145.130 backup repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

May 4th	TBD
May 11th	KD9NPQ
May 18th	N9OE
May 25th	K9XI



April program recap: Magnetic Loop Antennas ~ 'A NEW DESIGN'

Thank you to Ken, W9IE, for an informative and engaging presentation on building his own variation of a Magnetic Loop Antenna. Ken walked us through the “why” and “how” behind MLAs, offering a clear explanation of how they function, along with detailed documentation of his build process. He also highlighted some of the challenges he encountered along the way, providing valuable insight for anyone considering a similar project. Attendees had the opportunity to view his working prototype up close, which added a practical, hands-on element to the discussion. Thank you, Ken!



KARS FOX HUNT PHOTOS

April 11th – Clay N9IO (the fox) → JR, K9KSG (winner)

May 2nd – JR, K9KSG (the fox) → Clay N9IO (winner)

The next KARS Fox Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd, starting at 1:00 PM. Participants will meet at the Meadowview Shopping Center parking lot near the cinema.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Brian, KD9NPQ, for his outstanding SKYWARN Net Control operations during the severe weather and tornado event that impacted Kankakee County on March 10th. Thanks, Brian, for serving as net control and keeping operations running smoothly!



On The Air & Around The Club

We want to hear from YOU!

Share what you've been working on, any recent contacts or projects, and what's going on in your ham radio world. This could include:

- Recent station setups or mobile installations
- A picture of your ham shack
- Interesting contacts or DX experiences
- Ham radio events you're participating in

Don't be shy, let us know what you're up to!

Your Input Counts!

What program topics would you like to see at upcoming meetings?

Or is there information you'd like included in the newsletter?

Let us know- we want to make it relevant and fun for YOU!

ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) NET

The regular ARES® statewide net is held on the first and third Sundays of each month at 4:30 PM local time on 3.905 MHz LSB. If needed, the alternate frequency will be 7.227 MHz LSB.

EMCOMM Net

Join us every Thursday night at 7:00 PM (that's 1900 hours for you EMCOMM folks!) on the 444.800 KARS repeater.

This net is designed to promote and practice solid emergency communications skills among amateur radio operators, as well as to verify proper repeater system operation. Everyone is invited to check in!

Have You Joined the KARS Email Reflector?

The **Kars_w9az Email Reflector** is a convenient way for members and friends of KARS to stay connected. It automatically distributes messages sent to a single address to everyone subscribed, making it easy to share announcements, ask questions, and keep up with club activities.

By using the reflector, all subscribers receive the same information at the same time, keeping communication simple, efficient, and centralized.

If you'd like to join, click the following link to subscribe to the [Kars_w9az Email Reflector](#).



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KARS Upcoming Events:

- May: Dayton Hamvention
- June: KARS Annual Banquet, ARRL Field Day