



# KARS KEY CLICKS



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## Fox Hunting Primer at the May Meeting

The [next KARS meeting](#) will be Tuesday, May 9 at 7PM.

There will be a program on transmitter hunting with show and tell...so bring some of the things that you use in a hunt.

The program will be followed by a short business meeting.

See you at the meeting!

### FIELD DAY

Bill N9OE and Diane N9DLD have again volunteered their QTH in rural Bonfield as the KARS [2023 Field Day](#) site. Their place is located on twenty beautiful acres about 1/2 mile West and 1/2 mile North of Bonfield.

Setup will be starting about 10am Saturday morning June 24th. We will need as many members as possible at setup to help erect the antennas. Operation will continue till Sunday at 1pm. You may come and go as you please. Tear down at Sunday June 25th at 1pm.

There will be the traditional Saturday evening cookout. A grill will be provided and the club will supply burgers, brats and buns or bring your own preferred meat. Bring a chair, your own table service, beverage and a dish to share. We will use the KARS club call W9AZ and K9FO for the GOTA station.

For full 2023 ARRL Field Day rules and suggestions go to:

[www.arrl.org/fieldday](http://www.arrl.org/fieldday)

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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



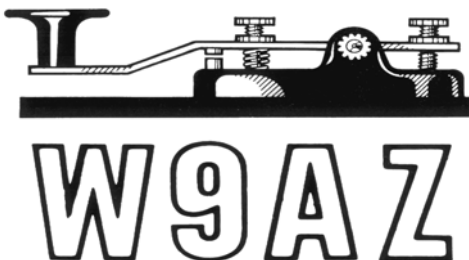
KARS ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

### KARS KALENDAR

May 6	.....	<a href="#">KARS FOXHUNT</a>
May 7	.....	Sandwich Hamfest
May 9	.....	<a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a>
MAY 19-21	.....	<a href="#">DAYTON HAMVENTION!</a>
May 23	.....	<a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>
May 27	.....	<a href="#">KARS FOXHUNT</a>
June 4	.....	<a href="#">Starved Rock RC Hamfest</a>
June 10	.....	<a href="#">KARS FOXHUNT</a>
June 11	.....	<a href="#">6 Meter Club Hamfest</a>
June 13	.....	<a href="#">KARS General Meeting</a>
June 24-25	.....	<a href="#">ARRL FIELD DAY</a>
June 27	.....	<a href="#">KARS Board Meeting</a>
July 1	.....	<a href="#">KARS FOXHUNT</a>
July 16	.....	<a href="#">pdf</a> ..... <a href="#">KARSFEST!</a>
August 12	.....	<a href="#">SMC Fest</a>
Sept 15-16	.....	<a href="#">W9DXCC</a> Convention

*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
144.39	2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters



### SMCFEST 2023

Mark your calendar...Saturday August 12 for SMC Fest 2023 at the Chicago Marriott Naperville.

SMC Fest is a first class Ham Radio gathering with excellent programs, speakers, food, prizes and fellowship. This is not just for testers but also DXers and anyone interested in improving his operating skills.

<https://www.w9smc.com/smc-fest/>

### W9DXCC—EARLY NOTICE

The dates for 2023 are September 15-16. Location will be the Chicago Marriott Naperville. The full lowdown is at the W9DXCC homepage:

[www.w9dxcc.com](http://www.w9dxcc.com)

Several KARS members usually attend.

### KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

May 6-7	.....	<a href="#">Indiana QSO Party</a>
May 6-7	.....	<a href="#">7 Land QSO Party</a>
May 6-7	.....	<a href="#">Delaware QSO Party</a>
May 6-7	.....	<a href="#">New England QSO Party</a>
May 20-21	.....	<a href="#">Arkansas QSO Party</a>
May 27-28	.....	<a href="#">CQWW WPX CW Contest</a>
June 3-4	.....	<a href="#">Kentucky QSO Party</a>
June 3-4	.....	<a href="#">ARRL Inter Digital Contest</a>
June 10-12	.....	<a href="#">ARRL June VHF Contest</a>
June 17-18	.....	<a href="#">West Virginia QSO Party</a>
June 24-25	.....	<a href="#">ARRL Field Day</a>

### NCS FOR MAY

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

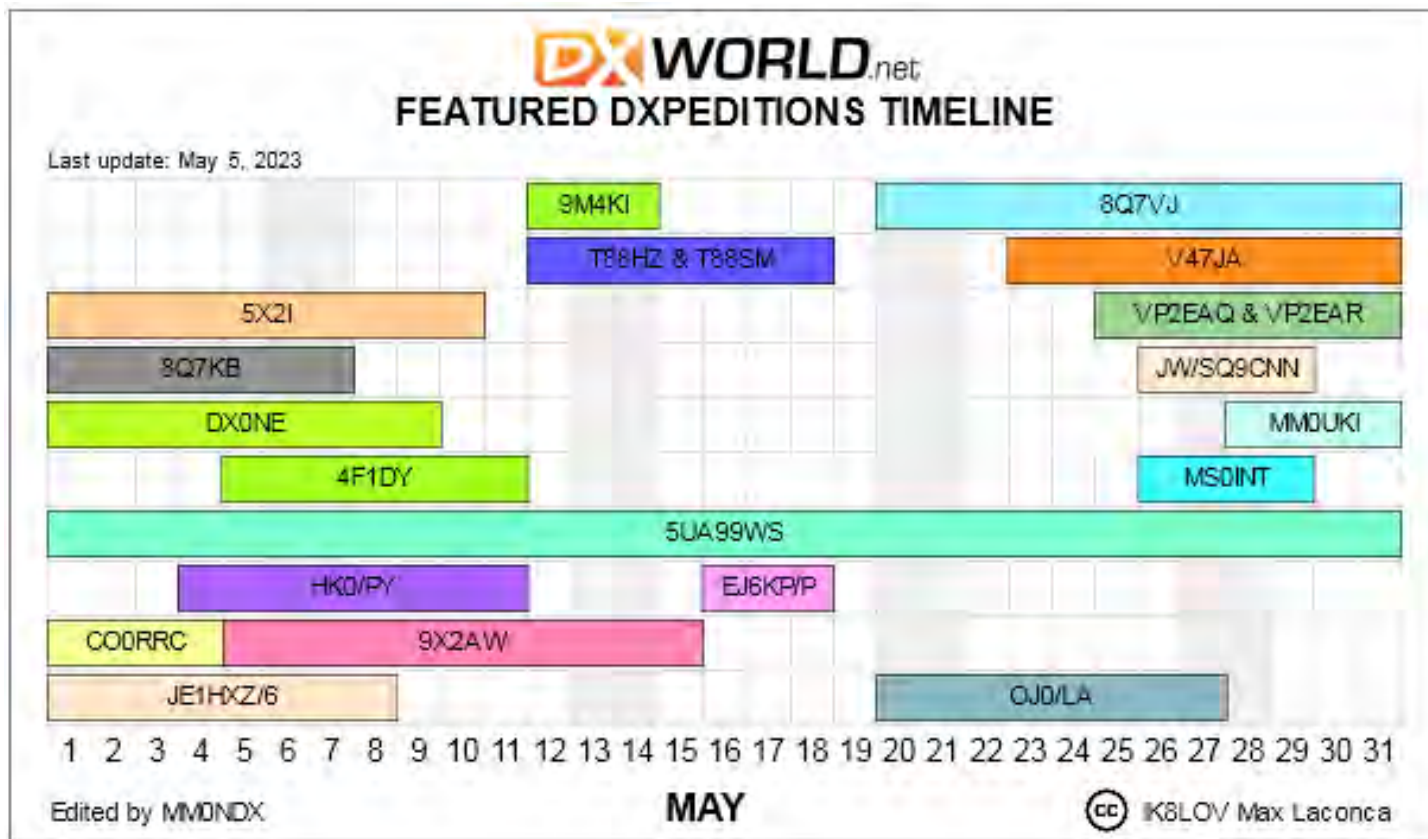
May 1	KD9NPQ
May 8	KC9HDF
May 15	N9OE
May 22	N9FD
May 29	K9XI

Don't forget the net!

## See you at Dayton Hamvention 2023!!!

## DX World DXpedition Calendar

May 1 through May31



### AND THE DX JUST KEEPS ON A COMING!

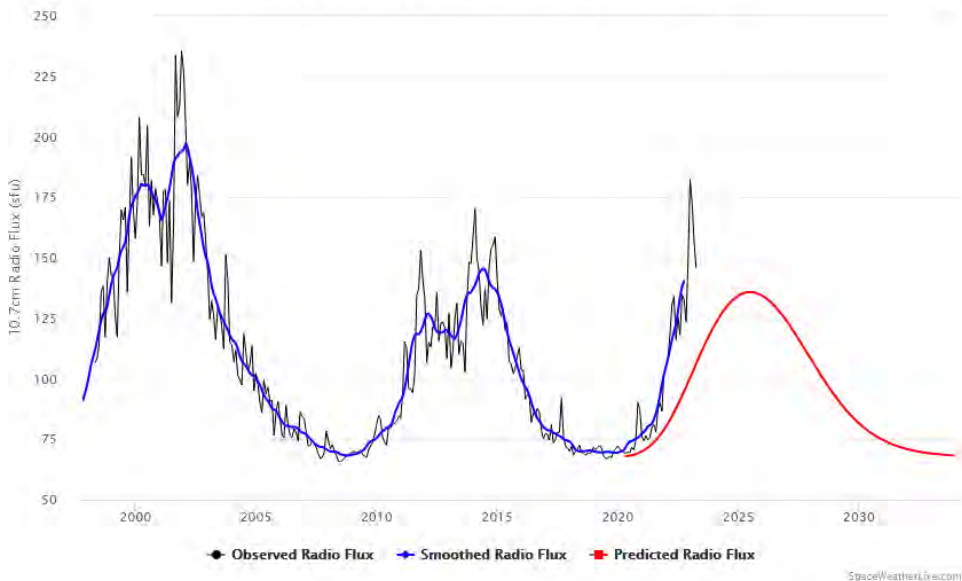
As solar activity continues to build month after month, the DX opportunities and activity also soars.

Bands like 15, 12 & 10 Meters that for years seemed deadier than the microwave bands are open to all parts of the world, often well after dark.

The graph to the right shows stunning levels of Solar activity surpassing the predicted curve.

Check out the DXpedition calendar above and see what you need towards your DXCC and other rewards. There are a lot of great DX operations who can't wait to QRV (get on the air) now that the Chinese Plague is finally over and everyone is free to travel again. Be sure to get your share!

Solar Cycle progression – F10.7cm Radio Flux



### ARRL SOLICITS INPUT ON DUES INCREASE

Monday, May 1st, ARRL launched a survey for members, encouraging their participation to consider a dues increase. Participation is important. Be sure to take the survey and let your feelings be heard...pro or con. No complaining allowed about your dues if you don't take the time!

### FCC PROPOSES 60 METER BAND EXPANSION

The FCC is seeking comments on expanding the 60 Meter band to a continuous 15 kHz...an increase in size and a removal of the CB type channelization.

More details on the NPRM can be found by searching for ARLB006 at the ARRL web site: [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

Scan here for  
the latest  
news on  
**KARSFEST!**





## KARS April Meeting Activities



**Got gear? Scott K9ABN displays & describes his portable POTA setup**

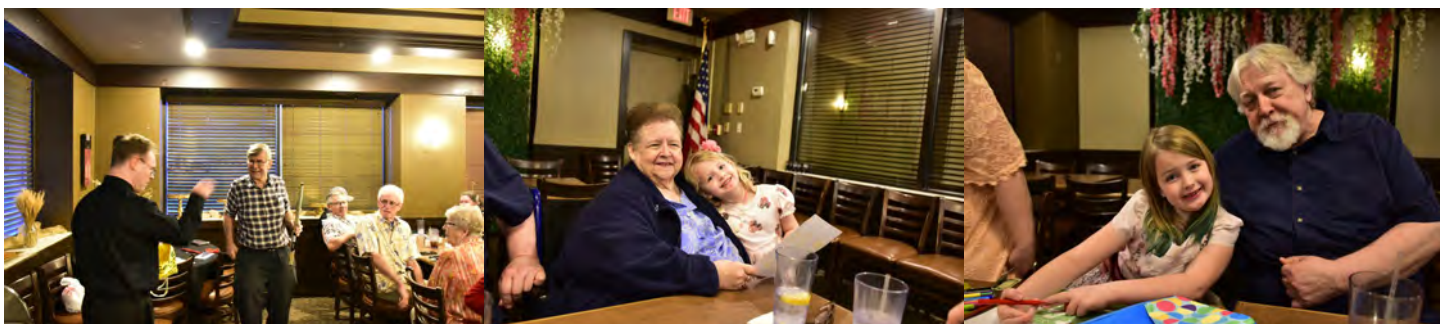
**Brian KD9NPQ shows one of the new KARS Go-Paks**

**KARS Business Meeting—Attendance continues to uptick after China Plague**

## KARS Annual Spring Banquet



**Moving the Annual KARS Banquet from the winter to the spring was a very well received idea! No ice, no snow, no bitter cold!**



## KARS Transmitter Hunts



**We're going on a Fox Hunt!  
Crystal W9IOU & her Daughters May 6**

**April 22nd Fox Hunt winner Billie K9QT with fox Don K9NR**

**Jim WD9GXU preps for the May 6th Fox Hunt**