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AWARDS & KARSFEST JULY 2023!

The next [KARS General Meeting](#) will be Tuesday, July 11th, 7PM at the Bradley Bourbonnais Sportmen's Club.

There will be a program on radio operating awards. If you have your Worked All States, Worked All Zones, Worked All Continents, DX Century Club. Bring it in for show and tell. Any award, Certificate, Plaque or Trophy, Worked all Counties, POTA, SOTA, IOTA, WAS Triple Play, DX Honor Roll, DX Challenge, any contest certificate or plaque...bring them in! Rag Chewers Club, A1 Operators club. bring them in!

Do you have some special QSL cards you would like to show off...bring them in!

Probably, the most popular award for new US hams is the WAS award. It is an award chased by hams all over the world. The DX Century Club Award is likely the most popular award in the World. Get tips on how to qualify for your operating awards.

The program will be followed by a short business meeting and final KARSFEST plans.

See you there!



The United States of America

KARS KALENDAR

July 11.....	KARS General Meeting
July 16.....	KARSFEST!
July 22.....	Transmitter Hunt
July 25.....	KARS Board Meeting
August 5.....	Transmitter Hunt
August 6.....	Hamfesters Hamfest
August 8.....	KARS General Meeting
August 19.....	Transmitter Hunt
August 22.....	KARS Board Meeting
August 12.....	SMC Fest
Sept 2.....	Transmitter Hunt
Sept 15-16.....	W9DXCC Convention

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access

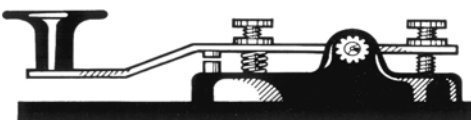
449.8/444.8 100.0 PL Access

145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters

[KARS DX Cluster](#) [w9az.ddns.net](#)



W9AZ

KARSFEST 2023

As KARSFEST approaches, preparations continue. Chairman Art K9XI has lined up vendors. Contact Art ASAP to volunteer! Be sure to attend the setup hour on Saturday July 15th at 6PM at the Will County Fairgrounds.

KARS needs as many members as possible early Sunday morning July 16th (6AM) to help out at the gate and other areas. See you there!

KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

July 1.....	RAC Canada Day Contest
Cancelled.....	DL DX RTTY Contest
July 5.....	VHF/UHF FT8 Contest
July 8-9.....	IARU HF World Radiosport
July 15-16.....	NAQP RTTY Contest
July 15-16.....	CQWW VHF Contest
Aug 5-6.....	NAQP CW Contest
Aug 12-13.....	WAE CW DX Contest
Aug 13-14.....	Maryland-DC QSO Party
Aug 19-20.....	SARTG WW RTTY
Aug 19-20.....	NAQP SSB Contest
Aug 25-27.....	Hawaii QSO Party
Aug 26-27.....	Ohio QSO Party
Aug 26-27.....	Kansas QSO Party

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 2 N9FD
July 2 KC9QJV
July 10 K9SAT
July 11 W9CD
July 13 K9UNO
July 14 K9KSG
July 16 KC9VWP
July 25 N9REG
July 25 KB9VR
July 27 KD9SKR

NCS FOR JULY

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

July 3 KD9NPQ
July 10 KC9HDF
July 17 N9OE
July 24 K9XI
July 31 K9NR

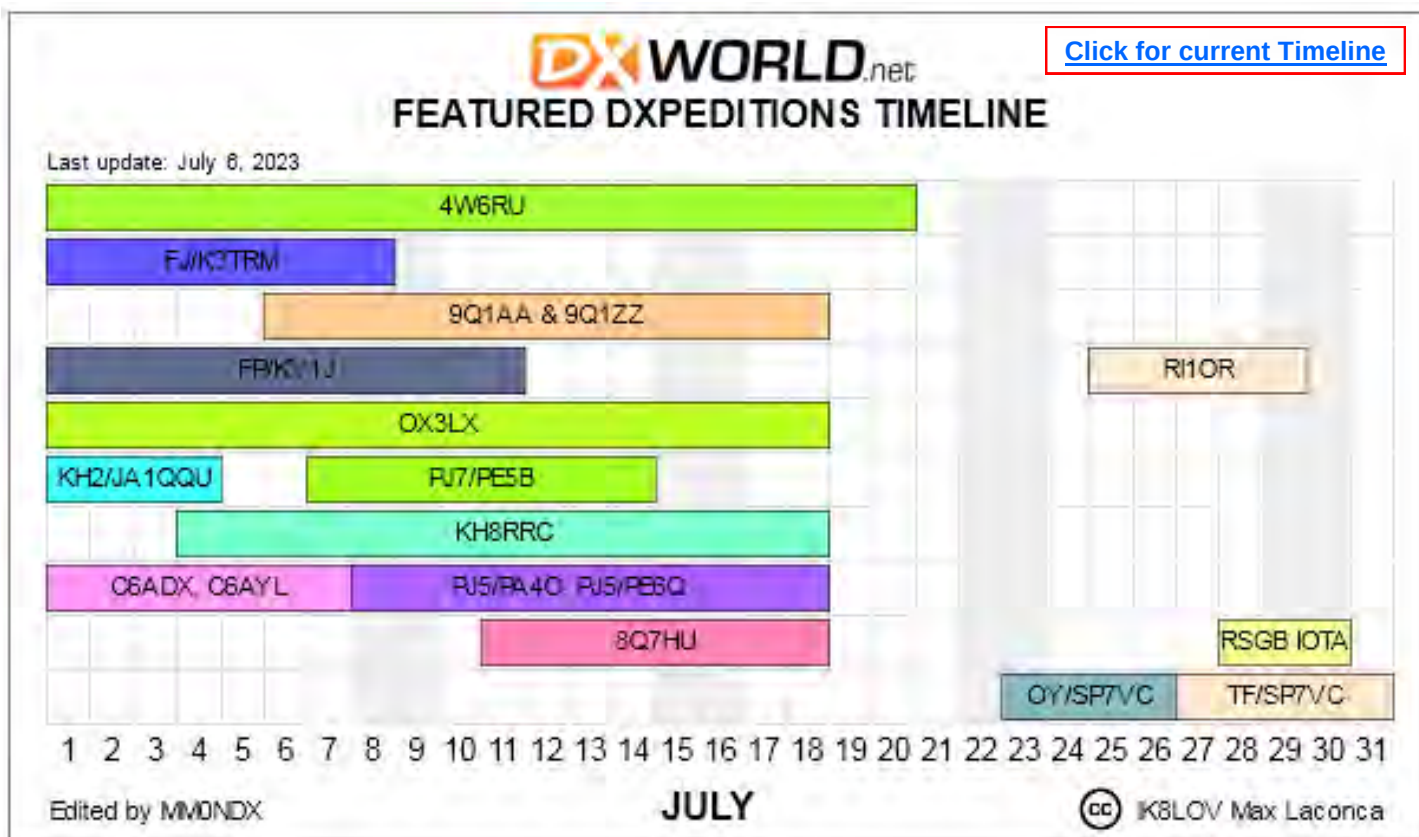


HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY AMERICA!

NO GREATER PLACE OR BETTER PEOPLE ON EARTH!



KARS HOMEPAGE—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HOMEPAGE



UK PROPOSES MAJOR CHANGES TO AMATEUR RADIO LICENSES

Note differences in British spelling and grammar — Art K9XI

Ofcom (British FCC) has today (23/06/2023) proposed changes to amateur radio licences and policies to make sure our regulations meet the needs of current and future amateur radio users.

Amateur radio, sometimes known as ham radio, has been an important part of wireless communications for over a century. Every amateur radio user in the UK needs a licence (*sic*) from Ofcom, and there are more than 101,000 amateur radio licences on issue in the UK currently. Ofcom's changes are designed to provide radio amateurs with greater operating freedoms to reflect how the hobby has evolved. At the same time, we are seeking to make getting and using a licence simpler, as part of a broader effort by Ofcom to streamline, standardise and where possible further automate elements of our licensing work.

To enable radio amateurs to undertake a wider range of activities we are proposing that in most frequency bands we would increase the maximum power that radio amateurs are allowed to use (While most countries allow Hams to run 1,500 Watts, the UK presently only allows 400 Watts). We are also proposing to allow some low power airborne use and permit the operation of beacons, gateway and repeater equipment under the licence, without a specific licence variation being required.

Ofcom will maintain the current three tier lifetime licence approach but look to improve the process for revalidating licences online, which is currently required every five years. With each licence we assign each user a unique identity, known as a call sign, which radio amateurs use in their activities. We have set out a number of changes to modernise and streamline our call signs policy. For example, we will make it simpler for the amateur radio community to use special event call signs and allow licensees to change their call sign. We are also proposing that individual licensees should only hold a single personal licence and call sign at any one time, to ensure that the unique identity of a station is maintained. (Edited for space)

KARSFEST—ART K9XI

Into the home stretch for KARS-Fest, and have been busting my tutu ever since returning from an unscheduled run to south Alabama and Florida for the last week. Don't ask. BUT, there is exciting news afoot. We have some splendiferous door prizes come in. We have prizes from K4IA, Ham Radio Study Guides, as we had last year. One thing I haven't brought up, and should have before this, is whether KARS should pay for a few of the door prizes. I would have mentioned it at the Board meeting but our beloved Chancelloresse of the Exchequer was not present (with very good reason). Let's bring this up at the club meeting.

We have lost two vendors for this year, Gold Medal Ideas (another gig out-of-state) and Dit and Dash (personal issues). But we still have a bunch of others. Cable Experts is back, as is Amateur Accessories (KR4S). A new indoor vendor is W0XXX from Evergreen Park. We have others on the string. I will give an update at the General Meeting.

We also have a need for folks to help at least one vendor to off-load and re-load his vehicle with things that he's bringing to sell. Also, is there anyone available to keep watch on the KARS-Fest site overnight on Saturday/Sunday?

Please do make it to the KARS meeting on July 11. We need your input for the last time before KARS-Fest.