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Where does Grounded Electricity Go?

The next [KARS General Meeting](#) will be Tuesday November 14th, 7PM at the Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsmen's Club in Bourbonnais.

Grounding is a subject we're all basically familiar with. This program takes us in a direction you may find particularly intriguing. Come listen to "Where does Grounded Electricity Go" on Tuesday the 14th at 7pm.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for KARS Officers and Directors will be entertained starting at the November General meeting. If you know of someone you believe would be a good candidate, let them know and nominate them. Better still, nominate yourself for an office/director and help out by serving your club!

NEWS YEARS EVE DINNER

If, like a lot of people, you don't like long, loud parties or bars but would like to spend a little pleasant time with friends ringing in the new year (and hopefully new politicians), then this is for you! This is a semi-impromptu dinner at El Mexicano's Restaurant. No reservations, no deposits, no formal dress. Order from the menu. Come and go as you please.

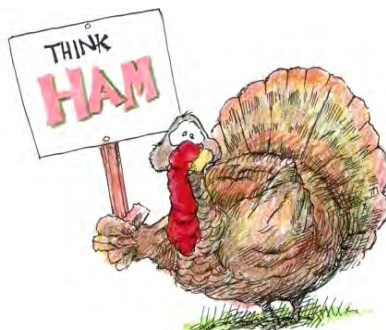
Technically, it starts at 5PM but it really starts when you get there! So, make sure you get there! You do not have to be a KARS member to attend. Happy New Year!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November 2nd N9BMB
November 3rd KC9FAV
November 6th KD9FVR
November 8th KC6FJO
November 10th KC9QPM
November 12th N9IO
Let us know if we miss your birthday

FROM THE KARS ARCHIVES

Series of KARS past pages 3, 4 and 5



Happy Thanksgiving!

KARS KALENDAR

Nov 4.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Nov 14.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
Nov 18.....[Transmitter Hunt](#)
Nov 23.....**THANKSGIVING!**
Nov 28.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Dec 12.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
Dec 25.....**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
Dec 26.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
Dec 31.....**New Years Eve!**
Dec 31.....**KARS IMPROMPTU NEW YEARS EVE DINNER!**

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

146.34/.94 107.2 PL Access

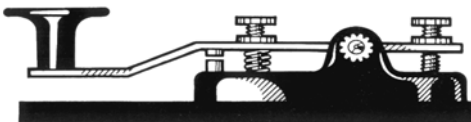
449.8/444.8 100.0 PL Access

145.130 107.2 PL Access

Additionally, KARS sponsors:

144.39 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters

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



W9AZ



W9LIZ (sk)

It is with heavy heart we must report the loss of one of our own. Christine "Chris" Schroeder, W9LIZ passed on Nov 9th in Watseka. Chris and husband Carl K9CS we consider as family. They have been members and supporters of KARS for many years. A serious DXer Chris was very proud of her Mixed DXCC total of 305. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 pm on Monday, November 13, 2023 at Knapp Funeral Home in Watseka.

[Christina Cecilia Schroeder Obituary](#)

KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

Nov 4-6.....[ARRL Sweepstakes CW](#)
Nov 11-12.....[WAE DX RTTY Contest](#)
Nov 18-20.....[ARRL Sweepstakes Phone](#)
Nov 25-26.....[CQWW DX CW Contest](#)
Dec 1-3.....[ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest](#)
Dec 9-10.....[ARRL 10 Meter Contest](#)
Dec 30-31.....[Stew Perry 160 Meter Contest](#)

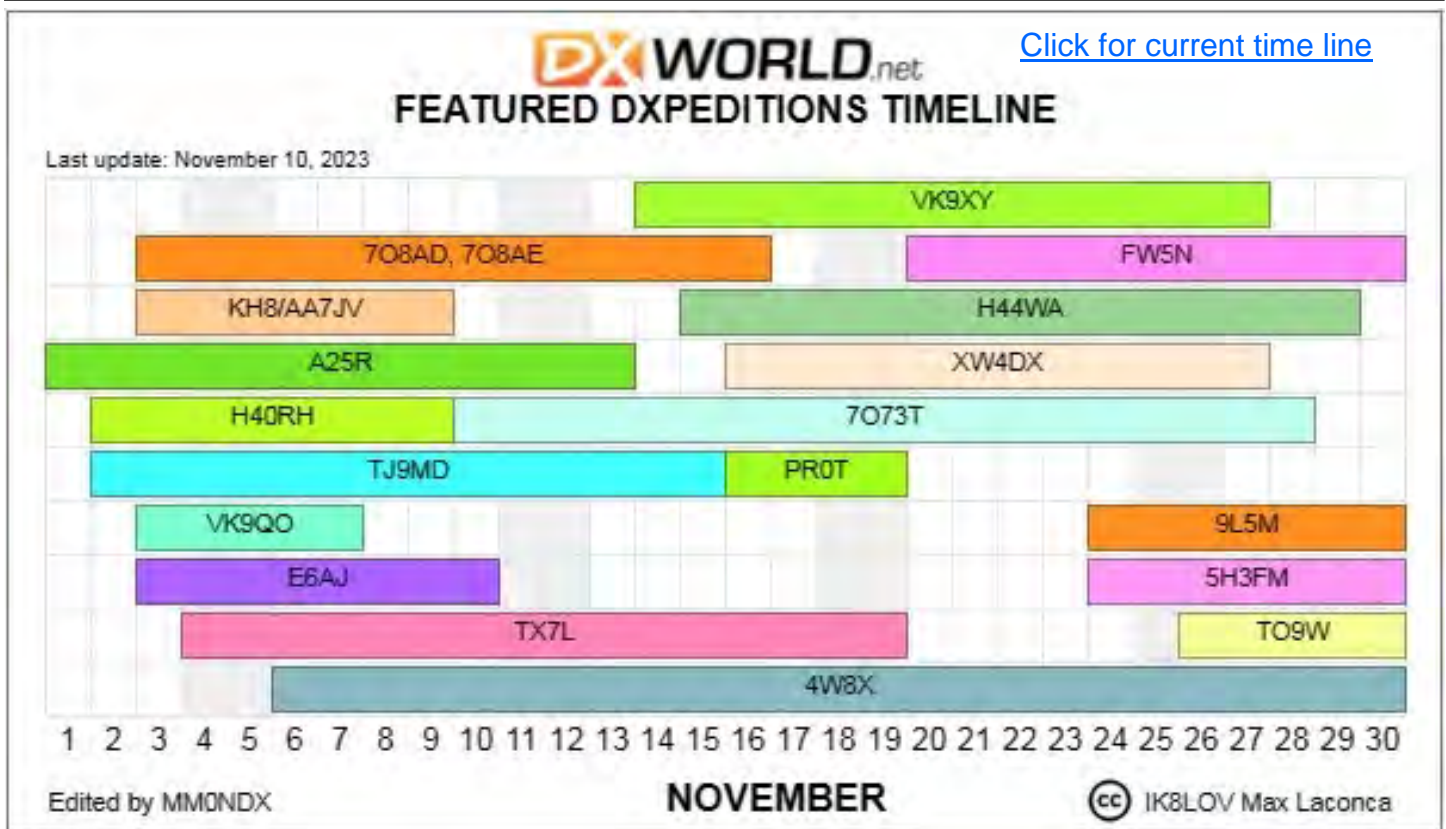
NCS FOR NOVEMBER

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.

November 6th KD9NPQ
November 13th KC9HDF
November 20th N9OE
November 27th K9XI

Good Luck in the Fall Contest Season!

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



KARS Annual Auction - October 10th 2023



October 21st Fox Hunt



W9AZ

FROM THE KARS ARCHIVES - Pages from 1942

This is a first of many pieces of KARS history to be published in the Key Clicks newsletter

1942 Civil Defense was in the planning stages headed by Kankakee State's Attorney Ed Drolet W9IBU (later W9IM) in this Kankakee Dailey Journal clip below.

At right the minutes from a special meeting of KARS from June 10th 1942. Pages 4 and 5 show the QSL card images in our possession of many of those in attendance.

Plan Civilian Defense Radio Unit Here

Plans for equipping and staffing of a city and county civilian defense short wave radio network, operating under the newly issued government rules, were announced today.

Coordinator Gene Anderson of the Kankakee civilian defense council and Edward P. Drolet, county emergency coordinator of the American Radio Relay league and president of the county Amateur Radio club, said that Kankakee may be the first Illinois community equipped with radio for civilian defense.

A recruiting meeting will be held at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening at the city hall. Thirty or more persons are needed to round out the radio staff. No previous knowledge of radio is required. Although the local amateurs have made a pool of their own equipment, it is desired that those registering for this work should be prepared to buy apparatus costing not more than \$15.

Instruction sufficient to qualify them as operators in the war emergency radio service will be given in four evenings of instruction. Further training in first aid will also be given to qualify operators for membership in the civilian defense corps. Optional training in radio will be continued through the war for those interested in obtaining amateur radio operators' licenses.

The plan contemplates installation of a central station, with two-way connections to each zone and two-way connections between each zone and several walkie-talkie or auto-installed radios in each zone. Code, or dot-and-dash will not be used, since operation in this class of service is with microphones only.

All persons interested who are not now allocated to specific civilian defense duties are invited to attend Wednesday evening's meeting.

Note: (KARS was formerly known as the Kankakee Amateur Radio Club)

KANKAKEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING--June 10, 1942.

A special meeting of the Kankakee Amateur Radio Club was called for 7:30 P.M., at the home of Fred Reis, 423 So. Poplar Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois on Wednesday, June 10, 1942, for the purpose of discussing a bulletin released by the American Radio Relay League, relative to the amateur plan in civilian defense.

ATTENDANCE:

Rev. E.J. Cousineau
Edward P. Drolet
H.E. Cremer

Robert Gray
Dave Roberts
W.F. Plambeck.

Fred Reis being on his vacation, the meeting adjourned to the home of Edw. P. Drolet where a general discussion took place by club members relative to the following announcement made by the American Radio Relay League.

Report on the present amateur status regarding Amateur Emergency Communication registrations, available personnel, equipment, etc., was made by President Drolet to the American Radio Relay League.

The following announcement was made by President Drolet and was ordered to be presented to Mr. Newell Corson, Manager, Illinois Bell Telephone Company for their record:

Chief Radio Officer (Amateur Group) H.E. Cremer, W9FCW

Assistants

Rev. E.J. Cousineau W9TEU
W. F. Plambeck, W9OVI
Keith Peck W9GAV
J.R. Wilkineon W9AZ

Radio Aides: Edw. P. Drolet W9IBU
Robert Gray W9ARM.

Nomination for Maxim Award was discussed and there were no qualified amateurs available for this award.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

DISBURSEMENTS: None.

RECEIPTS: Dues in the amount of 75 cents were paid by club members. Balance on hand in the Treasury \$8.01.

No further business appearing motion was made by Plambeck seconded by Drolet that the club adjourn. Motion carried and club adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

EDWARD P. DROLET W9IBU-President.
H.E. CREMER W9FCW-Secretary.

APPROVED: *June 17 1942*

Receipts for dues

R-2, BOURBONNAIS, ILLINOIS
Kankakee County

W9TEU

To W8TJU Confirming our communication of 10:50 p.m. CST.
11/28 1941 with many thanks.

STANCO/P 100W TZ40 RST 579K QSL? ll
SK28 73

Rev. EMILE J. COUSINEAU - "Father"
Fritz Print *Forri - sister of Father Emil*

QSL's of those in
attendance of the
June 10th 1942
special meeting

From
The KARS Archives


W9TEU 1941 QSL
Rev Fr Emile Cousineau
of Saint Rose of Lima
The "Mother Church" of
Kankakee
Card printed by Fritz

KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

W9IBU

Hi W9DGA this card
confirms our QSO of 11-13-48
7:33 PM CST.
Ur 7 Mo. sigs Rst. 579
Txn QSL ll
FRITZ PRINT

The xmitter hr. is pp807s
with 100 watts input.
Rev. hr. is RME 45
Rmx: Good luck. cefg
73
EDWARD P. DROLET





W9IBU 1948 QSL
State's Attorney Ed Drolet
- President
(Ed changed his call to W9IM)
many years later.
Card printed by Fritz

KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

Keith Peck, Operator

W9GAV

Radio W4GXB Confirming our Qso
at 1:55 P.m. Cst., Sept 30 1940, with many
thanks. Ur report Rst 59+9x Power 150W on 20M Band.
73 Ur Qsl will be appreciated.
Fritz Print *Exp lots Tex - Luck wid ur WAS RCNU- Keith*

W9GAV 1940 QSL
Keith Peck
Card printed by Fritz

More QSL's from the June 10th 1942 special meeting

From the KARS archives

380 NO. 6TH. AVE. KANKAKEE ILL.

Radio 8CWM Ur sigs wkd hr 5-4-28 at 630 AM CST

QRK R3 Note RAC QSS -- QRM -- QRN --

Transmitter 1-210 tube TPTG ckt with 550 volts

Receiver Schnell ckt with 1 stage audio

9FCW

STA. EST. FEBRUARY, 1928.

Remarks had a hard time getting ur call right
on but finally made it--vy gl'd to qso es tnx
fer rept--wud like ur crd es hope to cu agn
sun time
Pse qsl - Gld to qsr Cu agn 73, H. E. Cramer Opr.

9CKA PRINT

9FCW QSL 1928

H.E. Cramer

- Secretary

Mr Cramer's callsign 9FCW is from the spark-gap era of radio but by 1942 it had been changed to W9FCW at the time of this meeting.

Card printed by 9CKA PRINT



From The KARS Archives

9AZ QSL 1925

Dr J.R. Wilkinson

You may also realize Dr Wilkinson's callsign is from the spark-gap era. His callsign changed later to W9AZ when country prefixes came to be worldwide. In the 1960's the club recognized from these archives that Dr Wilkinson had been a member in the 1940's and much earlier. They also recognized W9AZ to be a desirable and short callsign for the club so it was adopted and continues to be our coveted callsign today. Dr Wilkinson was present at the June 10, 1942 meeting.

Card printed by Radio Printers, Mendota, IL

J. R. Wilkinson, 839 So. Wildwood Ave., Kankakee, Ill.

Ur CX sigs WLD hr on 11-23-25 at 245 Ar-M. C.S.T.

Audibil. QSA Tone Sub Char. Rac QRM QRM QRH 476 Wx cloudy

RECEIVER

Tuner 3 chs - tricker

Amp. 1 or 2 steps

Fones Baldwin

WL QSR anytime

QRK?

Pse QSL Crd

Remarks Time for and some hope to
QSO often this winter

9AZ

TRANSMITTER

Watt 2-10

Circuit 250

Volt A. C. 100

on Plate

Ant. Current: 1.1 T. C. Amps

Aerial 1 wire

35 Long 33 Hi

CUL 73's

Operator J.R. Wilkinson

Printed by Radio Printers, Mendota, Ill.