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DXing the Solar Maximum

The next KARS meeting will be Tuesday, May 10 at 7PM.

The program will be on HF DXing. If you like working Hams from exotic, faraway places, then this is for you! Even with a small station with small antennas, you can make DXCC!

The program will be followed by a short business meeting. See you at the meeting!

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



SMCFEST 2024

Mark your calendar...Saturday August 10 for SMC Fest 2024 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 contesters but also DXers and anyone interested in improving his operating skills.

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

FIELD DAY

Bill N9OE and Diane N9DLD have again volunteered their QTH in rural Bonfield as the KARS 2024 Field Day site June 22-23. 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. 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 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 and a dish to pass. We will use the KARS club call W9AZ and K9FO for the GOTA station.

For full 2024 ARRL Field Day rules and suggestions go to:

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 KALENDAR

May 11.....	KARS FOXHUNT
May 14.....	KARS General Meeting
MAY 17-19..	DAYTON HAMVENTION!
May 25.....	KARS FOXHUNT
May 28.....	KARS Board Meeting
June 2.....	Starved Rock Hamfest
June 8.....	KARS FOXHUNT
June 11.....	KARS General Meeting
June 25.....	KARS Board Meeting
June 29.....	KARS FOXHUNT
July 13.....	KARS FOXHUNT
July 21....	40th Annual.....KARSFEST!
Aug 4.....	Hamfesters Hamfest
August 10.....	SMC Fest
Sept 13-14.....	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
144.39	2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters

W9DXCC—EARLY NOTICE

The dates for 2024 are September 13-14. Location will be the Chicago Marriott Naperville. The full lowdown is at the W9DXCC homepage:

www.w9dxcc.com

Several KARS members usually attend.

KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

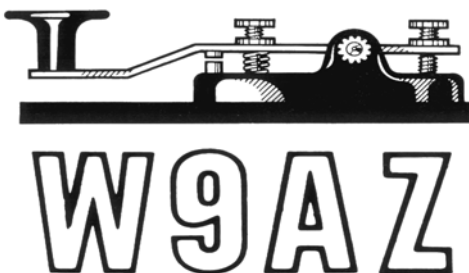
May 4-5.....	Indiana QSO Party
May 4-5.....	7 Land QSO Party
May 4-5.....	Delaware QSO Party
May 4-5.....	New England QSO Party
May 18-19.....	Arkansas QSO Party
May 25-26...	CQWW WPX CW Contest
June 1-2.....	Kentucky QSO Party
June 1-2.....	ARRL Inter Digital Contest
June 8-10....	ARRL June VHF Contest
June 15-16...	West Virginia QSO Party
June 22-23.....	ARRL Field Day

NCS FOR MAY

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

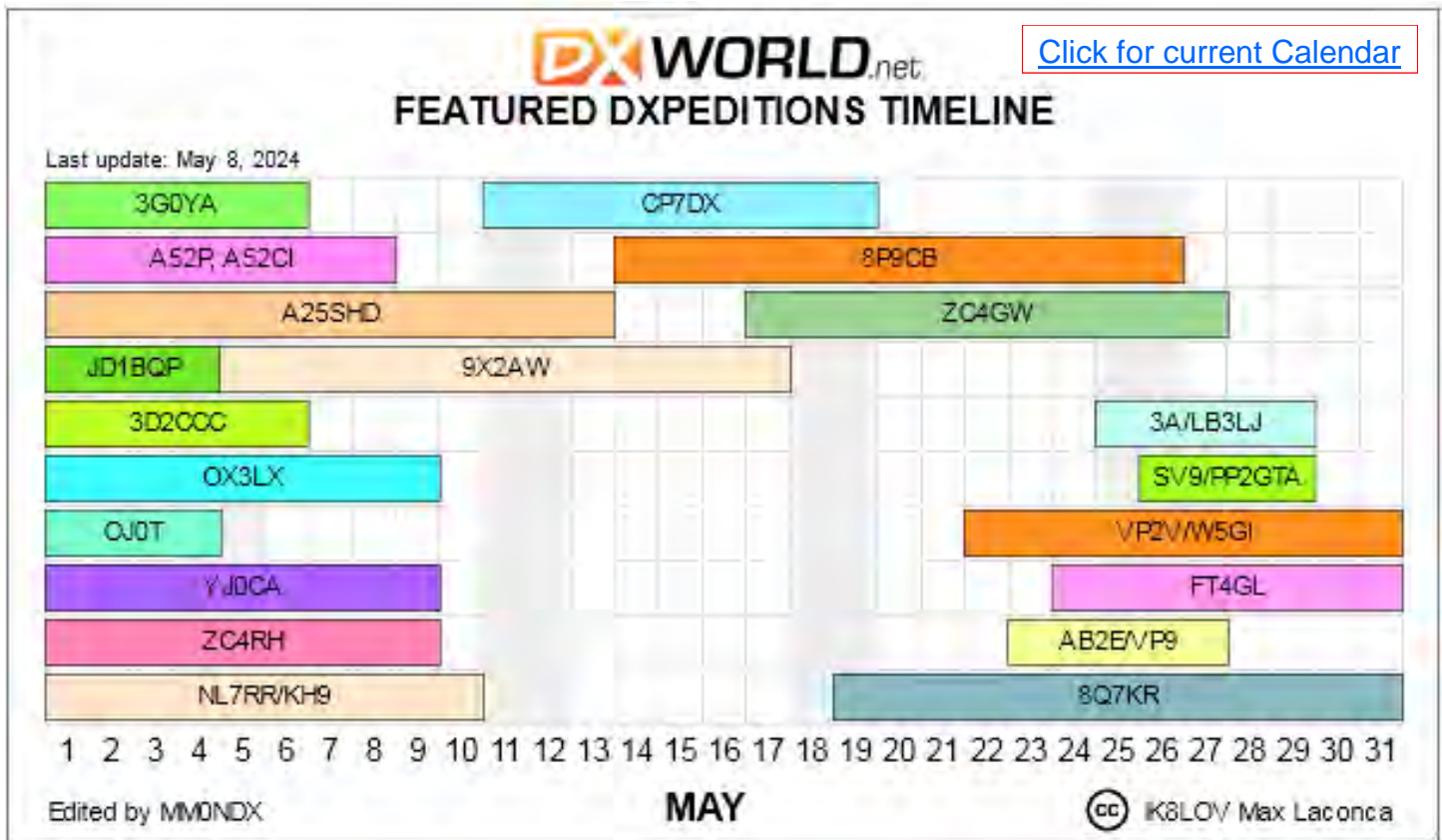
May 6	KD9NPQ
May 13	N9FD
May 20	N9OE
May 27	K9XI

Don't forget the net!



See you at Dayton Hamvention 2024!!!

DX World DXpedition Calendar



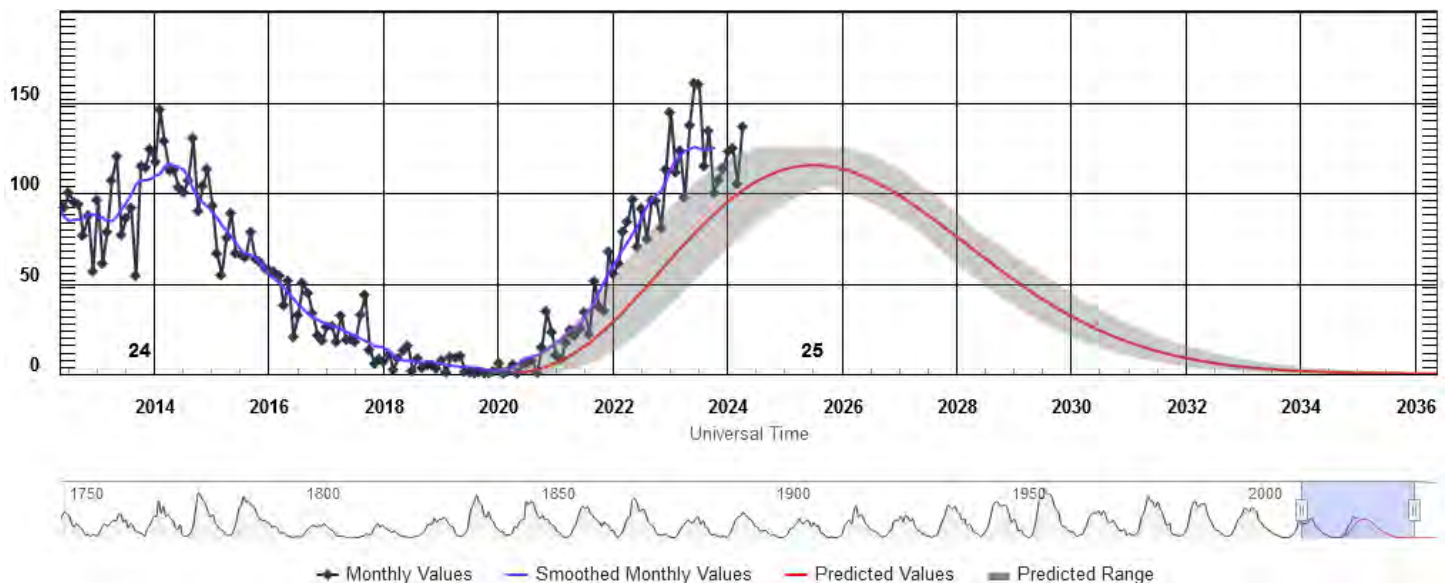
AND THE DX JUST KEEPS ON A COMING!

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 deader than the microwave bands are open to all parts of the world, often well after dark.

Are you getting in on your share of the DX action? Remember! The Solar activity cycle runs in 11 year cycles! The present cycle (#25) is predicted by NOAA to peak in 2024. The National Weather Service and the Royal Astronomical Society say the peak will be about the middle of 2025. Check out the NOAA Solar activity graph below.

Also, 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!



KARS EXPEDITION TO THE DAYTON HAMVENTION 2014

Don K9NR, Harry WD9FYF and Steve W9DX ready to depart for Dayton



Celebrating it's 100th anniversary on Hamvention weekend, the ARRL's super booth was packed with activities all three days of the event.



Wright Patterson Air Force Base, a favorite destination for hams in Dayton



Jerry WB9Z, Val NV9L and the rest of the Amsterdam Island crew receive the "DXpedition of the Year" award at the Dayton DX Banquet



Steve W9DX, on behalf of The Texas DX Society, receives a plaque from Yaesu's Dennis Motschenbacher K7BV for their participation in the new Yeasu Fusion project



Don K9NR with ARRL President Kay Craigie N3KN at Dayton Hamvention

KARS BOARD MEETING

The meeting will be held on June 17th in the private dining room at El Mexicano's Restaurant by the Hilton Hotel and Walmart south of town near the I-57 exit. Eat at 6 P.M. Meeting at 7 P.M. All members and spouses are welcome.



Jerry WB9Z hosted top DXers on their way to the Dayton Hamvention at his annual Pre-Dayton BBQ

CERTS TRAINING

Kankakee County will be holding CERTS (Community Emergency Response Team) training this summer at the County sheriff's complex 3000 South Justice Way. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 7 to 10 P.M. starting June 4th through July 17th. Any Kankakee county resident over the age of 18 is invited to take this free course and become a member of CERT. As an amateur radio operator, you would be a welcome member of the team, being able to transmit emergency messages as well as being an active participant in times of disaster, or search and rescue operations.

KARSFEST

Remember to attend the July KARS meeting where final planning for the [2014 KARSFEST](#) will be worked out. Find out where you can be most helpful to your club. See you there!



Jerry WB9Z, well known among DXer's and Contesters for his hospitality, thanks his guests for attending

Ten short
years ago!

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Key Clicks newsletter

Time flies...

**KARS Archives
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