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KARS moving forward. The next 100 years

The next [KARS General Meeting](#) will be Tuesday, August 13th, 7PM at the [Bradley Bourbonnais Sportmen's Club](#).

Important Meeting

KARS is coming in to the 100th year of it's existence. We feel it is incumbent upon us all to talk about the direction we take the club going forward into the next 100. Fact is that regular meeting participation is down. We have seen more folks in attendance at the board meetings than at the regular meetings which is wonderful in itself however it would also be wonderful to re-ignite the fires at our regular meetings. Ideas for programs are getting more difficult to come up with as well. Let's consider possible changes. We are hoping most of you will come help explore the possibilities with your own ideas. A short business meeting will follow. Hope to see you there!

FOXHUNT NEWS

Transmitter hunts had been sidelined recently so during August we will pick up where we left off beginning August 3rd, 17th and 31st. We will have as many hunts as the weather permits.

We schedule the hunts for Saturday 1PM - 2:30PM.

We will continue on roughly a schedule of every 2 weeks. We generally meet at Chicago Dough restaurant afterward.

See you at the next KARS Foxhunt!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 1	W9ARH
August 2	KA9MDJ
August 4	K9RDK
August 9	K9TP
August 12	K9JMS
August 22	KC9MZQ
August 29	KB9OP
August 29	N9ECM



Don K9NR (sk) Pages 3 & 4
You will truly be missed

KARS KALENDAR

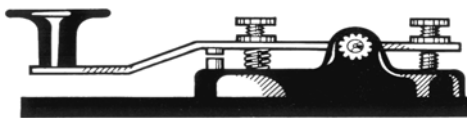
Aug 3	.....	Transmitter Hunt
Aug 4	.....	Hamfesters Hamfest
Aug 13	.....	KARS General Meeting
Aug 17	.....	Transmitter Hunt
Aug 27	.....	KARS Board Meeting
Aug 10	.....	SMC Fest
Aug 31	.....	Transmitter Hunt
Sept 10	.....	KARS General Meeting
Sept 13-14	.....	W9DXCC Convention
Sept 21-22	.....	Peoria Hamfest
Sept 22	.....	CFMC Radio Expo
Sept 24	.....	KARS Board Meeting

*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
W9AZ-1 and W9AZ-2



W9AZ

www.W9AZ.com

AUGUST BOARD MEETING

The August [KARS Board Meeting](#) will be Tuesday August 27th at El Mexicano's Restaurant. 6PM to eat...7PM to meet.

**Don't forget to register for
SMC Fest and W9DXCC!**

Don't forget...The [Perseid Meteor shower](#) peaks on August 11/12 and can produce between 50 to 100 shooting stars per hour.

KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

Aug 3-4	.....	NAQP CW Contest
Aug 10-11	.....	WAE CW DX Contest
Aug 10-11	.....	Maryland-DC QSO Party
Aug 17-18	.....	SARTG WW RTTY
Aug 17-18	.....	NAQP SSB Contest
Aug 18	.....	ARRL Rookie Roundup RTTY
Aug 24-26	.....	Hawaii QSO Party
Aug 24-26	.....	Ohio QSO Party
Aug 24-25	.....	Kansas QSO Party
Aug 31 - Sept 1	.....	Colorado QSO Party
Sept 1-2	.....	Tennessee QSO Party
Sept 7	.....	Russian RTTY WW Contest
Sept 14-15	.....	WAE DX Contest SSB
Sept 14-16	.....	ARRL Sept VHF Contest
Sept 21-22	.....	Texas QSO Party
Sept 21-22	.....	Iowa QSO Party
Sept 21-22	.....	New Jersey QSO Party
Sept 21-22	.....	New Hampshire QSO Party
Sept 28-29	.....	CQWW DX RTTY Contest
Sept 28-29	.....	Maine QSO Party

NCS FOR AUGUST

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.

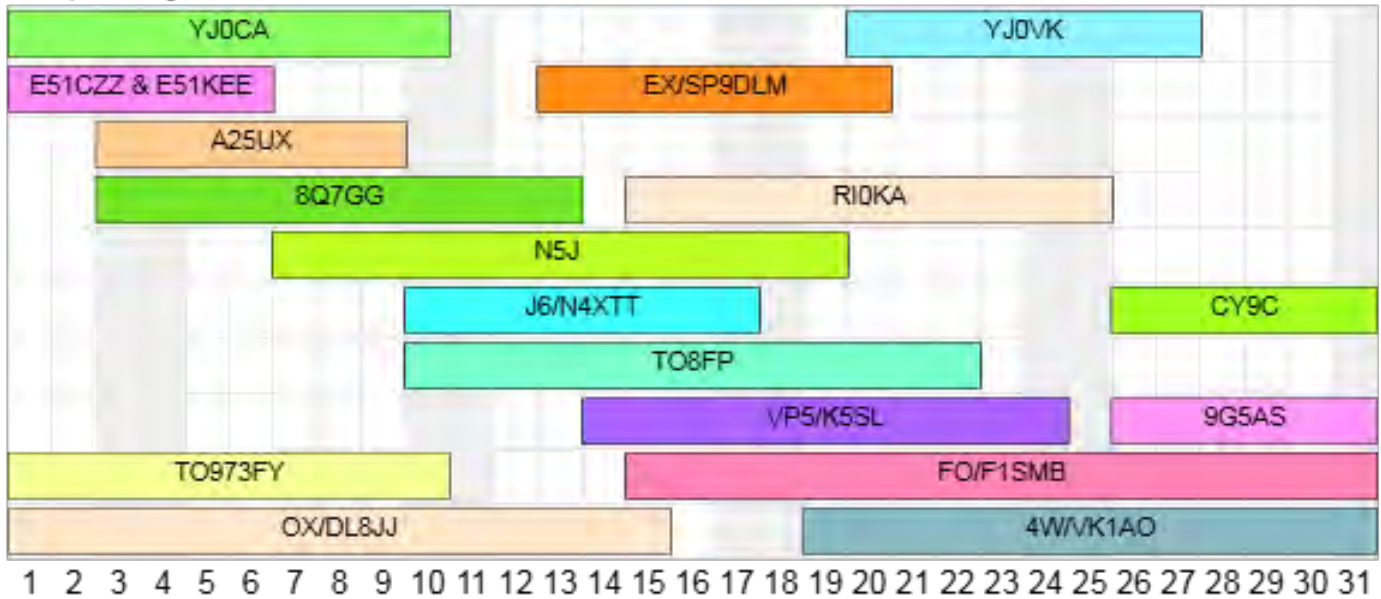
August 5	KD9NPQ
August 12	N9FD
August 19	N9OE
August 26	K9XI

Don't forget the net!

KARS HOMEPAGE— **WWW.W9AZ.COM** —KARS HOMEPAGE
[Click for current timeline](#)

FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

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**Edward J. Mossman, W9EJM sk**

Ed was past KARS EC and member. We regret to inform of Ed's passing. Ed was a pleasant man who loved ham radio as well as it's association to emergency communications.

Edward J. Mossman, age 74, of St. Anne, passed away suddenly July 25, 2024, at his home. He was born June 2, 1950, in Kankakee, the youngest son of Virgil and June (Changnon) Mossman, of St. Anne. He married his soulmate, Bonnie Voss, on Dec. 31, 1972. After high school graduation, Edward enlisted in the U.S. Air Force (1968 to 1972) and was stationed at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam, earning several medals and commendations. Shortly after they were married, Edward and Bonnie moved to Glendale, Ariz., where they lived for 10 years and began their family. When they returned to Illinois, he went back to school and earned his bachelor's degree in teaching from Illinois State University in 1990. After that, he was hired at Cissna Park Elementary School and taught junior high science and was the computer technology coordinator for more than 15 years. He loved teaching, whether it was his students or his children and grandchildren. Following his retirement, Edward spent much of his time working on the farm and teaching weather spotting classes in Joliet and Romeoville. He earned his amateur radio license in 2014 (W9EJM) and enjoyed his time talking to friends, old and new.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, at Clancy-Gernon-Houk Funeral Home in St. Anne. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, also at the funeral home. The Rev. Mike Seed will officiate the ceremony. Interment, with military honors, will follow in St. Anne Township Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please sign his [online questbook at Clancy Gernon](#).

<https://obituaries.daily-journal.com/obituary/edward-mossman-1090256829>

Donald L. Kerouac K9NR (SK)



We have lost a good man and friend, Don Kerouac, K9NR. Don was a delight to be around. He was not only a good ham radio operator with strong contesting and DXing interests, but a photographer and caver among many other interests including aviation, astronomy since the age of 12 and astrophotography. Don attended star parties for decades with his old friend Will Bowser, K9FO (sk).

A man of humble beginnings Don took flying lessons at the age of 19 but regretted he soon ran out of money before getting licensed.

A long time caver he made key contributions in exploration and conservation of caves and their environments. Don was a past member of the Cave Research Foundation, giving him the opportunity to explore and survey sections of Mammoth Cave in Kentucky, and participate in Mammoth Cave Restoration Camps. He was a longtime member of the Near Normal Grotto chapter of the National Speleological Society (NSS),

and held officer positions within the group. His experience led him to be a key part of the Karst Conservancy of Illinois, including serving as president. He was part of the early explorations, surveying and conservation efforts of Pautler and Twin Culverts Caves in Southern Illinois, along with helping efforts to protect other endangered karst areas. He was a recognized figure at caving events such as Old-Timers' Reunions, NSS National Conventions and Missouri Valley Ozark Regional Conventions.

1978-2015 - A successful career as a Radio Broadcast Engineer...full turn key services from studios to transmitter plants including AM directional arrays & fine tuning of FM antennas with over 70 stations in the Illinois, Indiana, Missouri & Michigan area. His professional career shaped him as an expert radio station builder and customer service talent for the broadcast industry. His technical knowledge in broadcast engineering, antennas, and station design was unparalleled. He was always willing to help with ideas on station improvement with local hams as well. Prior to his retirement from his business Midwest Broadcasting and ISP Services Don was Chief Engineer of WKAN Radio for 25 years.

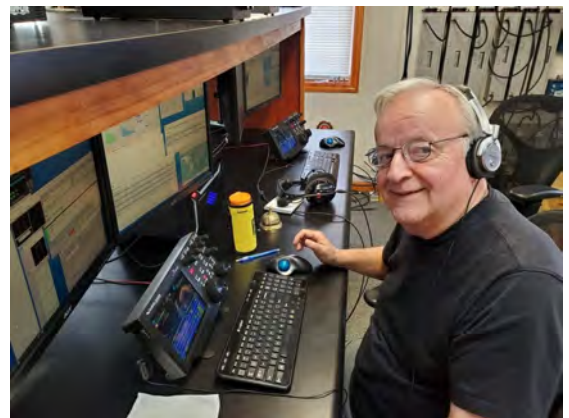
In the early days Don taught electronics classes at the local Junior College and worked for the local Motorola MSS. Don's interest in radio started at age 12 with BCB (Broadcast Band AM DXing) with his pocket transistor radio.

Along with his affiliation with CWops, the Metro DX Club and the SMC (Society of Midwest Contesters) Don operated as a team member of the WB9Z and K9CT superstations. He also operated from North Caicos achieving 2nd place world in the ARRL 160 with WB9Z and AK9F then from Montserrat ARRL 160 and CQWW CW with K9FO, K9CS and WR9L.

Don was the "go to" guy in his beloved KARS (Kankakee Area Radio Society) that he joined immediately after receiving his ham radio license in 1968 having held every office concurrently for many years currently as VP and served as the newsletter editor as well. Don's friend Ken Buser, W9IE gave him the novice test in 1968. Don enjoyed transmitter hunting with the club along with his wife Billie, K9QT who is a DXer and contesteer in her own right.

Don, a ham radio Volunteer Examiner since 1984 and AD (Assistant to the director) of the ARRL (American Radio Relay League.) A Lifetime member of the ARRL starting as an unlicensed honorary member in 1965.

Don most importantly wanted his ham radio accomplishments/Stats of the past 56 years known to his ham friends as follows:
Ten Band DXCC, DXCC Mixed Honor Roll 343 (including North Korea.) Challenge 2501, DXCC CW 322, PH 314, RTTY/Digital 288, 160 meters 236, 6 meters 106, VUCC 6m 594 10 band WAS 160-6, 8 band WAZ 80-10 and the Triple Play



[Donald Kerouac | Full Obituary | Daily Journal \(daily-journal.com\)](#)

[Please sign Don's online guestbook at Clancy Gernon.](#)

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, until 4:30 p.m. funeral service at [Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais.](#)

Private family interment will be at a later date in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais.

Donald L. Kerouac K9NR (SK)

