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No January Meeting due to remodeling at Sportsmen's Club KARS Centennial operating event the topic of February meeting

The next KARS General Meeting will be Tuesday, February 11th, 7PM at the Bradley/Bourbonnais Sportmen's Club.

We have been informed the Sportsmen's club will be undergoing some remodeling and will not be available in January so we will pick up our meetings again on February 11th. The program topic of our February regular meeting is a special on-air event commemorating the 100th year of KARS and Ham Radio in the Kankakee Area. Please come participate in deciding the specifics of this historical event in KARS history.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU KARS 2025 DUES SCHEDULE

Regular Membership	\$30
Family Membership	\$40
Senior Membership	\$15
Senior Family Membership	\$20
Full Time Student Membership	\$15
Disabled Membership	\$15
Active Military	Waived

NCS FOR JANUARY

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

January 6	KD9NPQ
January 13	K9XI
January 20	N9OE
January 27	TBD

Don't forget the net!

KARS BOARD MEETING

The January KARS Board Meeting will be Tuesday January 28th at El Mexicano's Restaurant. 6PM to eat...7PM to meet. Attend at 7PM if you don't wish to eat.



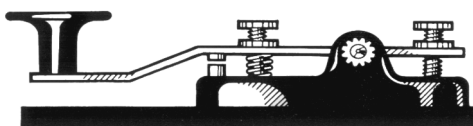
2025 marks KARS 100th year

We intend to explore the specifics of a commemorative on-air operating event celebrating KARS 100th years of existence. This would involve every interested KARS member's participation with some casual operating and **would likely best be targeted for a portion of the month of May.** POTA operators and home stations alike would be perfectly suited for this event. Phone and FT8 modes are popular in these type of activations or whatever mode you may prefer to do.

The Kankakee Area Radio Society operates repeaters on:

<i>146.34/.94</i>	<i>107.2 PL Access</i>
<i>449.8/444.8</i>	<i>100.0 PL Access</i>
<i>145.130</i>	<i>107.2 PL Access</i>

*Additionally, KARS sponsors:
144.39 2 Wide Area APRS digi-peaters
W9AZ-1 and W9AZ-2*



W9AZ

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 7	N9IOQ
January 13	KD9CGD
January 17	WD9FYF
January 20	K9XM
January 22	N9TDS
January 27	W9KK

Let us know if we miss your birthday or get it wrong.

KARS KALENDAR

No January meeting

Jan 28.....	KARS Board Meeting
Feb 11.....	KARS General Meeting
Feb 25.....	KARS Board Meeting
March 11.....	KARS General Meeting
March 25.....	KARS Board Meeting

KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

Jan 4-5.....	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Jan 11-12.....	NAQP CW
Jan 18-19.....	NAQP SSB
Jan 24-26.....	CQWW 160 CW Contest

100th Year Commemorative Event!

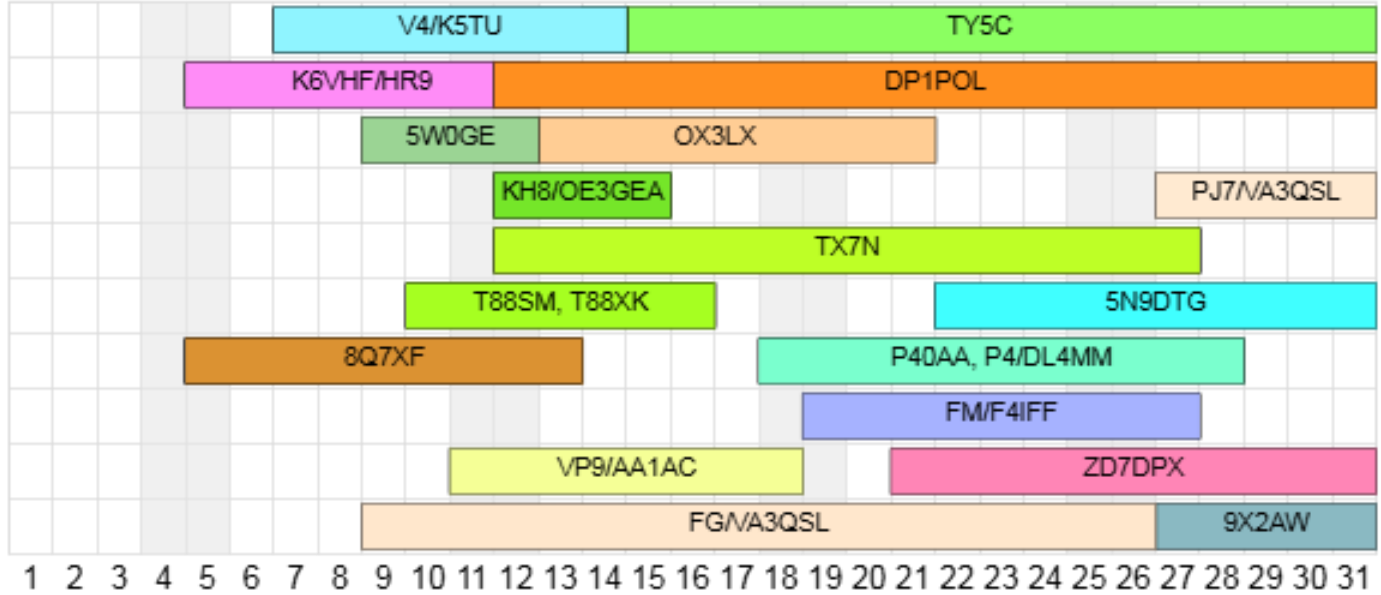
KARS HOMEPAGE— **WWW.W9AZ.COM** —KARS HOMEPAGE



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FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

Last update: January 10, 2025



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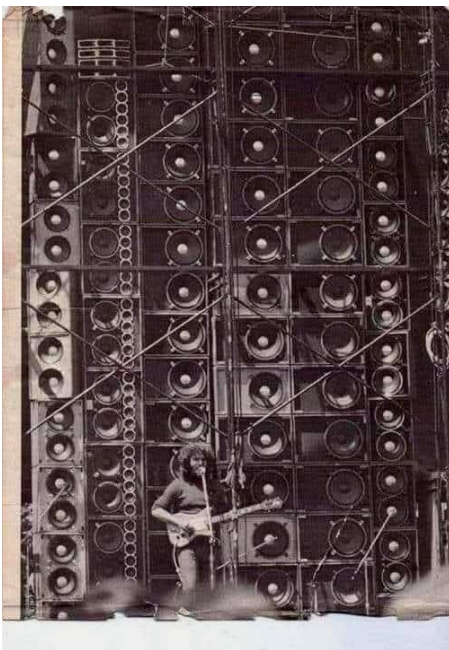
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N9REG's "TOWER OF POWER"

In a quick comparison at left is Jerry Garcia of the Grateful Dead and their infamous "Wall Of Sound." At right is Kevin N9REG's "Tower Of Power." Kevin sent along pictures of his new Flex Radio station consisting of a Flex-6600, Maestro, Tuner Genius, Antenna Genius and Acom 2000a. Welcome to the world of Flex SDR radios Kevin!

ELECTION RESULTS

- KARS officers for 2025 are
- President - N9FD
- Vice President - N9IO
- Treasurer - N9DLD
- Secretary - KD9NPQ
- Board of directors
- KE9BVX
- N9MBR
- N9OE
- W9IE
- WR9L



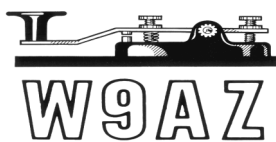
Sunday, Dec. 11, 1955 KANKAKEE SUNDAY JOURNAL



Get Call Letter License Tags

Members of the Kankakee Area Radio Society are among the radio "hams" throughout the state displaying their call letters on their 1956 auto license plates. From left are Bill Williams, president, Beryl Dassow, Don Rockwell, secretary, and Bob Gray. Dassow is from Clifton, the others from Kankakee. A new law enables amateur

radio operators to obtain the licenses for an additional \$3. The Kankakee area group has close to 50 members, including 19 licensed operators. Many have mobile radio transmitters in their cars available for use in event of emergency. (Journal photo)



KARS Archives
1955



From the way this December 11th 1955 article from the Daily-Journal newspaper reads, apparently 1956 was the first year ham radio license plates were made available to Illinois ham radio operators. Pictured are Bill Williams W9VQC (then KARS president,) Beryl Dassow W9HKA, Don Rockwell W9KLD (then KARS Secretary,) and Bob Gray W9ARM.

To put the timeframe in perspective your newsletter editor was not born until 1957.