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“Grid Tracker” enhancement to WSJT-X

The next KARS General Meeting will be Tuesday, June 11, 7PM at the Bradley Bourbonnais Sportmen’s Club.

Our program is about a program app called [Grid Tracker](#). An add-on software that compliments WSJT-X with it’s many enhancements. At the end of the program Field Day will be discussed along with a brief business meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.



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

NCS FOR JUNE

The net meets every Monday at 8 PM local time on the 146.34/.94 repeater. All stations with or without traffic are invited to check in.

- 3 KD9NPQ
- 10 N9FD
- 17 N9OE
- 24 K9XI

Don't forget the net!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- June 3 KD9JMS
- June 5 KD9CGC
- June 5 KD9CGB
- June 8 K9ABN
- June 10 N9OQC
- June 17 K9BKR
- June 20 KC9LBZ
- June 20 KD9NPQ
- June 22 (No Call) Richard Dennis
- June 26 W9IOU
- June 30 K9BAK

If we miss your birthday or

KARS KALENDAR

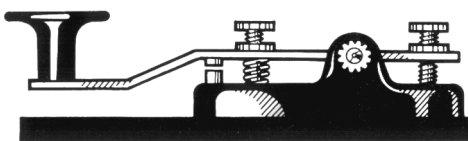
- June 11.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
- June 15.....[KARS Foxhunt](#)
- June 22-23.....[ARRL Field Day](#)
- June 25.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- June 29.....[KARS Foxhunt](#)
- July 9.....[KARS General Meeting](#)
- July 13.....[KARS Foxhunt](#)
- July 21.....[KARSFEST \(Peotone\)](#)
- July 23.....[KARS Board Meeting](#)
- July 27.....[KARS Foxhunt](#)

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

ARRL FIELD DAY

ARRL Field Day, the largest operating event in Amateur Radio will be held Saturday June 22nd to Sunday 23rd. Setup will start around 10AM Saturday. KARS will be operating:

Saturday 1PM to Sunday 1PM Bill N9OE and Diane N9DLD have once again offered their beautiful QTH just west of Bonfield for the KARS Field Day site...2397 N 10,000W Road.

The main callsign to be used will be W9AZ and the GOTA station call will be K9FO.

There will be the traditional Saturday night BBQ. KARS will supply a grill, burgers and dogs. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

Also, don't forget a chair! For complete details, attend the June KARS meeting where the final Field Day plans will be worked out.

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/>

KARS KONTEST KALENDAR

- 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 15-16.....[Stew Perry Topband](#)
- June 22-23.....[ARRL FIELD DAY](#)
- July 1.....[Canada Day Contest](#)
- July 13-14.....[IARU HF Championship](#)
- July 20-21.....[NAQP RTTY](#)
- July 20-21.....[CQWW VHF](#)

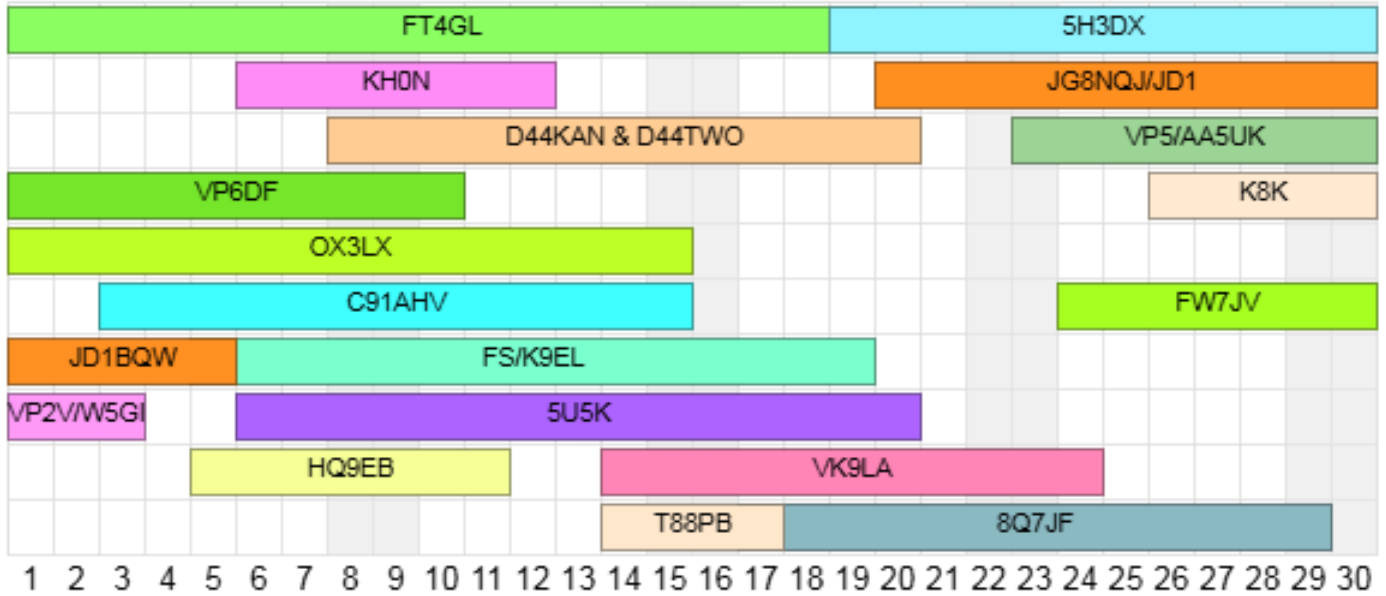
The High HF Bands are **HOT** during Sunspot Cycle 25!

DXPEDITIONS—WWW.W9AZ.COM—KARS HISTORY 1925

DX WORLD.net FEATURED DXPEDITIONS TIMELINE

[Click DX WORLD Link](#)

Last update: May 31, 2024



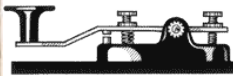
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**KARS Archives
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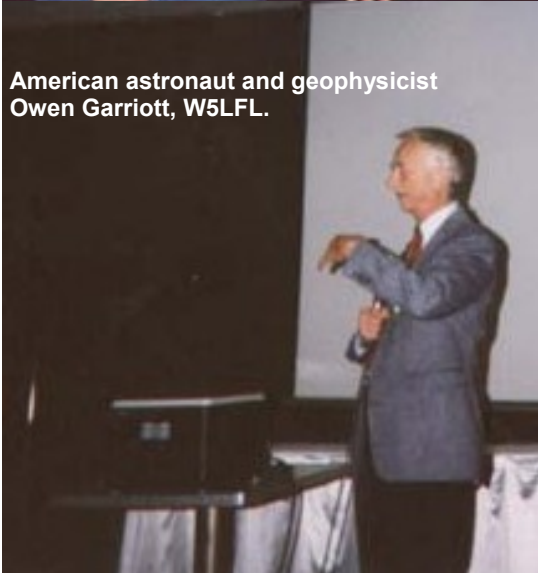
W9AZ

This QSL is a very important piece of KARS History

[Click this link for the entire 1925 story](#)

The QSL card shown below is that of Dr. J.R. Wilkinson, "9AZ" of Kankakee Illinois. The card was sent to "9APY" of Berwyn, IL in November 1925. The callsign 9AZ was changed to W9AZ in later years. The earliest record of W9AZ as a member of the Kankakee Amateur Radio Club; (a forerunner of the present club) is in early 1942. Dr. Wilkinson became a silent key in 1945. In 1962, research into the possibility of obtaining a two letter call for the Club Station was successful when it was learned that Dr. Wilkinson had been a member in 1942. Application for a license was made with proper certificates submitted to the FCC and a license was issued in 1962. President of KARS in 1962 was Mervin Reed, K9CZA. The QSL was donated to KARS in 2001 by Paul Christensen W9AC, a very dear old friend of Clay N9IO.

1999 HAMVENTION—WWW.W9AZ.COM—1999 ARCHIVES



American astronaut and geophysicist Owen Garriott, W5LFL.

Guest speaker Garriott spent 59 days aboard the Skylab III space station from July 28 until Sept. 25, 1973.

Garriott was part of Space Shuttle flight nine in Columbia on Nov. 28 - Dec. 8, 1983, which carried the first Spacelab. Garriott was the first to operate amateur "ham" radio from on board a Space Shuttle vehicle in Columbia.



Will K9FO (sk) found a treasure in the flea market he couldn't live without

KARS Archives 1999



Main exhibit floor at the Hara Arena



WR9L & K9NR (Below)

K9NR & K9QT (Above)