



# S.P.A.R.K.

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## NEWSLETTER

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The latest news, views, and announcements in Sedalia's  
HAM Radio Community

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By Connie Koch (WAØQCJ)

### EDITOR'S MOMENT

Greetings SPARK Members! What a RADIO ACTIVE month we created for ourselves! Our participation in the annual Turkey Trot was acknowledged and appreciated by the event organizers, Center for Human Resources. And... how about that Christmas Parade which would not have been complete without our themed 'SUPER HERO' float! Klub participation was at an all-time high for both of these community events for which we should all be VERY PROUD! What I'm seeing month after month, is that our Klub offers something for everyone! Be it our electronic techies, our creative and crafty-minded members, those dedicated to volunteerism, and all who like to show up for every event just 'because it's there'! We are an organization of 'doers' who enjoy the diverse challenges we take on and the camaraderie of our fellow Hams. We are a distinguished family to be a part of the world-wide community of Hams who are recognized by both our names and our calls! Revel in your uniqueness!  
Connie (WAØQCJ)

## **WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT:**

**Hello SPARK!**

As of this writing we have just wrapped up our 1st Christmas Parade Float, and what an event that was! It is so cool to have our club represented in such a public way and I am so proud of the Sparklers for taking the initiative and leading this event!! All of us were all glad to help out where we could and it paid off BIG TIME. So, this is the last Newsletter for 2022 and I can honestly say we are so lucky to have Connie making this monthly read happen for all of us so we can sit back and enjoy the highlights of our club events and members each month, this is also a first for this year!

This is just a teaser for the year-in-review that I will present at our December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, I am really looking forward to seeing everyone there, we have a lot going on. And don't forget to mark your calendars for **Winter Field Day 2023 - January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**.

Want to give a shout out of thanks to Dwayne for our goodie bags at the November meeting!

Don't forget, our upcoming workshops we have coming up!

December meeting - Net Control Manager Workshop

January meeting – DMR Workshop

February meeting – Antenna Building 101 Workshop

See you there!

Bret (WØVK)

**Next meeting December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM at Pettis County EOC**  
**Located at 1511 N. Ohio**

## **NETS AND FREQUENCIES**

**2 Meter Net – Sunday at 7:30 PM – 147.03 repeater – offset 179.9pl**

**75 Meter Round Table – Sunday at 9:30 AM – 3950 (3813 other times) operator Paul (KØETL)**

**2 Meter Net – Tuesday at 7:00 PM – Rag Chew net operator Dennis (KYØP) 2 Meter repeater 147.03 – offset 179.9pl**

**6 Meter Net – Tuesday at 8:00 PM – 53.11 repeater – 1.7 offset 127pl**

**Simplex Net – Wednesday at 8 PM – 147.575 operator Paul (KØETL)**

**220 Sedalia Rag Chew Net – Wednesday at 8:30 – 224.440 – 107.3pl**

**Live Streams 147.03 and 224.44 repeaters on broadcastify.com**

## **HAMFEST CALENDAR 2023**

**These Are The HamFests Currently Posted – More To Follow**  
**de – Brooks (KAØJWA)**

**03/11/2023 - Boonville Amateur Radio Club Annual Hamfest**

**Location: Lone Elm, MO**

**Sponsor: Boonville Amateur Radio Club**

**Website: <http://w0brc.org>**

**07/15/2023 - Hamfest 2023**

**Sponsor: WAARCI**

**Location: Johnson County Fairgrounds Warrensburg, MO**

**08/13/2023 - SCARC Hamfest**

**Sponsor - St. Charles Amateur Radio**

**Location: Elks Lodge- O'Fallon, MO**



### **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

**KEVIN ZIMMERSCHIED**



**How did you get involved in HAM Radio and how many years?**

**My father (not a ham) always had a fascination with radios and scanners, so I grew up around them. Later in life I joined the U.S. Marines and was a radio operator. One day at RadioShack, Thanks to that class, I got my ticket in 1996.**

**What's your favorite way to spend a day off?**

**On a computer or chasing trains, with an HT by my side.**

**What's next on your bucket list?**

**To upgrade to my general license.**

**What's your favorite TV show(s)?**

**The Andy Griffith Show.**

**What are your favorite pastimes or hobbies in addition to HAM Radio?**

**Model railroading.**

**What's your most prized possession and why?**

**My suit of "Blues". USMC Boot Camp was the hardest thing I ever did in my life. I discovered a lot about myself, trying to earn the right to wear that uniform.**

**What's the first thing you'd do if you won the lottery?**

**Pay the taxes.**

**What's something few people know about you?**

**I was a background artist in a couple of movies. I was in "Gettysburg" as I used to be a civil war reenactor. In the Marines I was aboard the USS Tarawa, during the filming of "Rules of Engagement". I was part of the amphibious landing in the movie.**

**What possession or item would you NOT want to live without?**

**A computer.**

**What's the best gift you ever received?**

**My first electric train.**

**What's the worst gift you ever received?**

**A Dyson vacuum cleaner. Thanks mom! I was still a bachelor.**

**Is there one job you'd never want to do?**

**Bus driver, trains are better.**

**What's a favorite job you'd like to do?**

**A railroad engineer.**

**Who inspires you?**

**My father. He always had a lot of good advice, that I would later use in life.**

**What's your favorite thing about your job OR retirement?**

**I am a network administrator for Lamm Tech. I enjoy technology and learning something new all the time. When I go into the office, I never know how my day will end. It's usually fast paced. I am always learning new things, and it's rarely ever boring.**

**What makes you most happy?**

**Anything that has to do with trains or the railroad.**

**Who has made a great impact on your life and why?**

**A previous boss from a previous employer. He took a chance with me when I had no real I.T. experience. Thanks to him, I have been in I.T. for 17 years.**

**How do you like spending time with family or friends?**

**Weekend family outings. Seems like that's when we catch up with one another.**

**What's your favorite food (besides Connie's brownies? :>)**

**Rib eye steak.**

**What's a favorite family memory?**

**When my dad took me to see the American Freedom train. It had come to Jefferson City, during the bicentennial.**

**What's your nickname (other than your HAM call)?**

**Bear.**

**What's been your favorite vacation ever?**

**When I was a kid, we went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania by train. We had a room, so I got to sleep on the train on the way there. Also at Fort Pitt, there is a brass memorial in the ground stating that at this spot General Washington stood and gave command. It was a very moving experience for me.**

**What equipment would be in your 'Dream' HAM Shack?**

**An outdoor antenna would be a good start!**

**Who do you admire most in the world?**

**General Patton**

**Do you live by any words of wisdom? Please share them.**

**"The only shot you will miss is the one you never take."**

**What is your definition of success?**

**Think positive - divide and conquer**

**What famous person would you like to spend a day with and why?**

**Paul McCartney. What can I say, I am a Beatles fan.**

**If a genie gave you three wishes, what would they be?**

**The first wish is the next two cannot have any catches. If you watch the Twilight Zone, you know what I am talking about.**

**What's your favorite story about yourself?**

**During Boot Camp, I did not "don and clear" my gas mask correctly, in the gas chamber. It proved to be a really bad experience. I thought maybe they were using the real stuff, as I thought I was going to die.**



**Mark Nye (KØNYE) – 6th**

**Richard Camirand (KEØQYA)– 18th**

**Connie Koch (WAØQCJ) – 29th**

**Don Weldon (KFØARQ) - 31st**

## **WHO’ZIT?**

Our November victim certainly got a goodly amount of press and publicity back in the day! When this individual was in elementary school he got his photo in the Sedalia Democrat for his creative finger painting in art class!

In his later teen years he was in a professional commercial on the Big Screen at the movie theater!

He also shares that his first dog was named Duke...after John Wayne, of course!

His father was a good friend of Jim Keck (WØFRY) and through Jim he first became interested in Ham Radio. Doc (W3MEB) correctly identified Mark KØNYE as our mystery man! Kudos and brownies go to Doc!

## **WHO’ZIT?**

### **December Victim**

I have something in common with Col. Harland Sanders...Mr. Kentucky Fried Chicken himself! We have the distinction of being members of ‘The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels’ bestowed upon us by the Governor of Kentucky.

Who am I?

Contact or e-mail me at: [Connie.Koch@att.net](mailto:Connie.Koch@att.net)



## **TECH TALK**



## de – Harry (KØTV)

Traditionally, the December 2022 issue of QST magazine publishes the results for the June Field Day event. This year, SPARK set up and operated from the Our Savior Lutheran Church on West Broadway. Several transmitters were set up; we made contacts, and had a nice potluck dinner in the evening. We did Field Day for the fun of it, but in case you might be interested, here are some stats about the event.

### FD overall

Total Entries	4,929	
Total Participants	29,679	
Total QSO's	1,274,517	
Total 5A entrants	73	(This was our station class)
Total MO entrants	110	

WAØSDO was the highest scoring 5A station in Missouri.

SPARK contacts	32
SPARK participants	35
SPARK score	1,520

Some of the COVID rules in previous years continued to be applied. Other operators could make contacts using their home stations and contribute their scores to a club. SPARK only had one such contribution.

### KFØARQ

Contacts	19
Participants	1
Score (class 1D)	226

So, bottom line, SPARK brought in 1,746 NET points during FD 2022.

<http://field-day.arrl.org> for the full list of FD results.

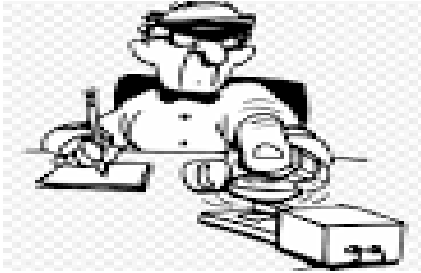
**FD 2023 will be June 24-25. Put it on your calendars.**



**NEW LICENSE UPGRADE!**  
**ROBERT LUCAS (KC1PRP) – EXTRA !!!**



## **BRASS POUNDERS LEAGUE**



Our class of Brass Pounders are nearing the final sessions of their Monday evening Morse Code classes and home study. It has been a weekly pleasure that I have

looked forward to. And I remind you...results do not carry forward onto your ACT's. This was for fun!



## **TURKEY TROT 2022**



On November 24th , 20 Turkey Trot volunteers were the eyes and ears who gave their time on Thanksgiving morning to provide potential emergency communications for the event. We set up our E-Comm trailer and covered 14 spots along the course where our members set up to monitor the participants in case of an emergency situation. With the members who were present we had a visual on the entire course. This was our

2nd year to provide this service by SPARK for the Center for Human Services. Our volunteers received high praise by the Center's organizers for helping out with their annual event. Fantastic turnout and once again our members showed that we have a great club and we are excited to be a vital part of a great event and look forward to being a permanent part of this event for years to come.



**SPARKARC**  
**2022 Turkey Trot**  
Comm Support Team











# **SEDALIA 2022 CHRISTMAS PARADE!**



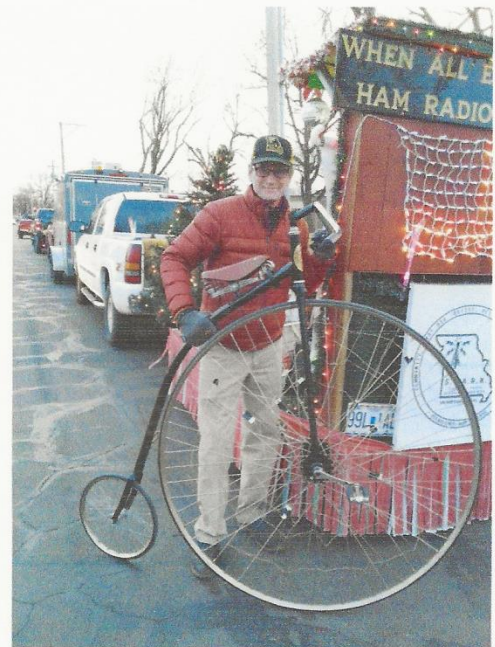
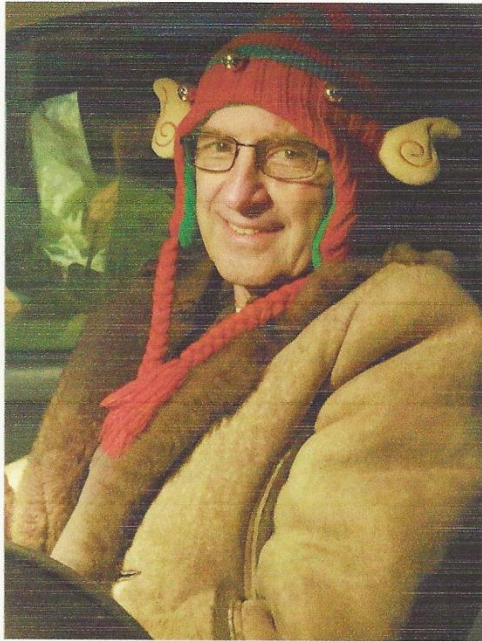
**From some scrap lumber and a lot of CREATIVITY...we built ourselves A FLOAT!**















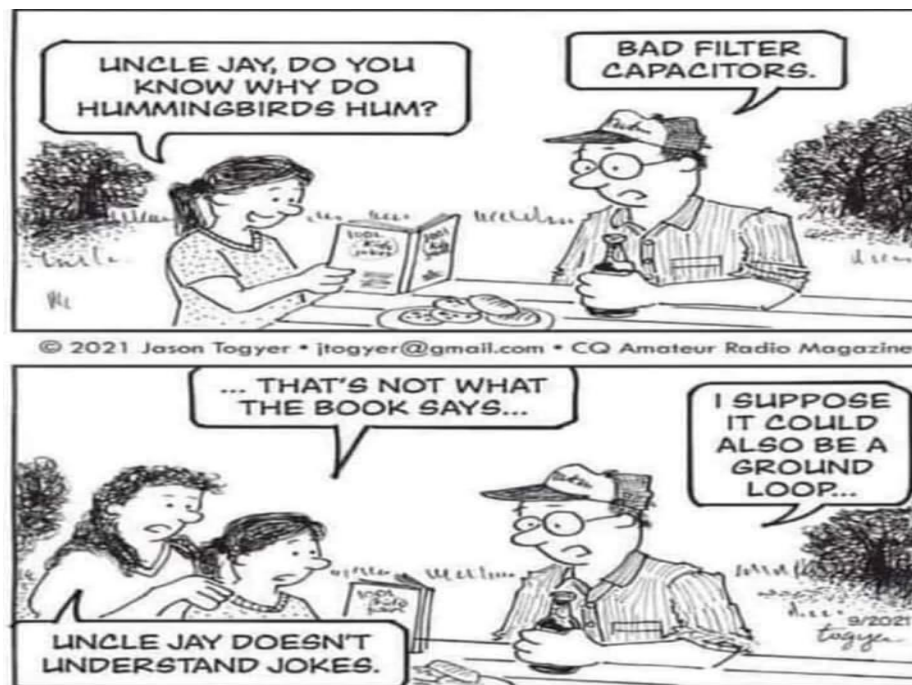
Thank you to ALL who made our float possible through creative genius, monetary donations, building supplies and hours spent in painting, carpentry and electrification to complete our work of art! **A VERY SPECIAL THANKS THIS BIG to our Elmer Elf, Steve Goodwin (KC8AEK)** who was an integral part of our fantasy float. You ROCKED IT Steve!!! This cooperative project is just one more example of what our Klub can accomplish on a united front. We're REALLY good at that, you know!

## **SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS (KAØJWA)**



It is indeed 'The Season to Be Jolly' already! This year has gone by faster than twenty wpm CW when your top copy speed is five words per minute! With Christmas just around the corner, it brings back a lot of memories from when I first became interested in the hobby. I would spend hours poring over radio catalogs with the hope that Santa, or someone with similar intentions, would bring me the newest, latest,

greatest piece of radio equipment that I just couldn't live without at the time. I learned that most of the Kris Kringles of the world out there don't know much about quality gift giving! May your greatest wishes be fulfilled this Christmas Season even if they don't come delivered UPS from Associated Radio! (Although...if you're gonna' wish....WISH BIG!) Merry Christmas and 73's!



**QRT FOR NOW! de WAØQCJ es KAØJWA**







**SPARKLERS**

## **IN THE SPOTLIGHT INSIGHT**

I shall continue to post the Newsletter Personality Questions which will put YOU in the SPOTLIGHT for a future issue of SPARK newsletter! Choose any 5 questions you'd like to answer and e-mail to: [Connie.Koch@att.net](mailto:Connie.Koch@att.net). You've seen responses from Don (KFØARQ), Doc (W3MEB) , Steve (WAØWUY) , Renda (KBØUVW) , Dennis (KYØP) Scott (KJ4MWF) and others! What interesting life experiences they have had! We want to hear about YOURS too!

### **Personality Questionnaire**

How did you get involved in HAM Radio and how long have you been a Ham?

What's your favorite way to spend a day off?

What's next on your bucket list?

What's your favorite TV show(s)?

What are your favorite pastimes or hobbies in addition to HAM Radio?

What's a funny joke you'd like to share?

What's your most prized possession and why?

What's the first thing you'd do if you won the lottery?

What's something few people know about you?

What cause(s) are you passionate about?

What possession or item would you NOT want to live without?

What's the best gift you ever received?

What's the worst gift you ever received?

Is there one job you'd never want to do?

What's a favorite job you'd like to do?

Who inspires you?

What's your favorite thing about your job OR retirement?

What makes you most happy?

Who has made a great impact on your life and why?

How do you like spending time with family or friends?

What's your favorite food (besides Connie's brownies? :>)

What's a favorite family memory?

What's your nickname (other than your HAM call)?

What's been your favorite vacation ever?

What equipment would be in your 'Dream' HAM Shack?

Do you volunteer? If so, where and why do you enjoy it?

Who do you admire most in the world?

Do you live by any words of wisdom? Please share them.

What is your definition of success?

What famous person, would you like to spend a day with and why?

If a genie gave you three wishes what would they be?

Do you have any special or unusual skills?

What's your favorite story about yourself?



## **SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS (KAØJWA)**



Now that Sparkfest is over, we can officially recognize that fall is upon us and winter will be followin' up soon. Before we become engulfed in the throes of bad weather, it's time to finish any out-door projects before the snow falls. That means finish up your antenna projects so when it's cold outside you can be indoors basking in the glow of a couple of 3-500's working the band of your choice.

**QRT FOR NOW! de WAØQCJ es KAØJWA**

