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NEWSLETTER

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HAM Radio Community

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By Connie Koch (WA0QCJ)

EDITOR'S MOMENT

WOW! What a month we had as a Klub! SPARK has definitely been Radio-Active in every sense of the word! The Scott Joplin Festival found us making many contacts as we worked mobile from our E-Com trailer at the event. We made a new friend with operator James Thompson (NZ1ON) when he stopped by to check out our station! We hope that he and his 'hamful' family (yes, there are a LOT of hams in his family!) will join us at our **next meeting July 9th which will be on W. Hwy. 50 at the Lutheran Church across from Lowe's.** Then....there was FIELD DAY! We connected with 4 potential students who were interested in Tech classes in the future! As you will note in the excellent photo coverage by Scott (KJ4MFW), we 'talked the talk' and checked in 35 operators and guests during the day. It was deemed a huge success by V.P. Richard, (KE0QYA). In conversation with Dennis (KYOP) I am in complete agreement that we have one of the hardest working, hardest playing, and most congenial membership of any organization either of us have ever been associated with! You All 'da BEST! **BIG 73's de WA0QC**

WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Bret Kuhns (WØVK)

SPARK HAM's! Things were really happening with our club last month!! Our Scott Joplin Special Event and Field Day 2022 were a total success and we certainly have more coming up this summer...and of course we have SPARKFEST October 15th, 2022. I am excited and very glad we have the membership we do! The Scott Joplin Event was our best special event we have had and the response from our contacts has been amazing. I have begun mailing QSL cards out so that is underway. Thank you to all that participated. It was a great time! FIELD DAY 2022 has officially come and gone. I would like to especially thank the field day committee Richard, Scott, Harry, Paul and Dwayne, for organizing and streamlining the club Field Day this year. This crew brought our annual activity up to date in a short amount of time and really made a successful event come to fruition. So many others showed up and participated which is the real reason the event was so successful again this year! **THANK YOU!!** If you have interest in helping out or chairing the next field day event, please let me know. We would love to hear your ideas that could help our event grow even bigger. During our last meeting it was announced we have over 50 active members in SPARK... and growing. This is all in part to YOU reaching out and recruiting good HAM's to our club and that makes for a great diverse membership which makes us grow every month. Thank you for your outreach and your enthusiasm!!

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at our **next meeting 8:30am, July 9th at Our Savior Lutheran Church Pavilion**. See you there!

Bret (WØVK)

NETS AND FREQUENCIES

2 Meter Net – Sunday at 8:00 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

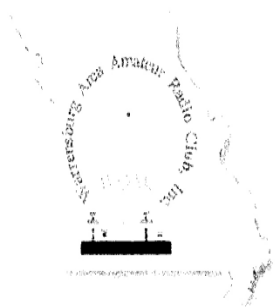
HAMFEST CALENDAR 2022 – de Brooks (KAØJWA)

07/16/2022 - WAARCI Hamfest 2022 – Warrensburg, Mo.

08/14/2022 - SCARC Hamfest - O'Fallon, Mo.

10/15/2022 – SPARKFEST – Sedalia, Mo.

10/29/2022 – 30th Halloween Hamfest – Kirkwood, Mo.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

• SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022 • 8:00AM - 12:00PM •



WARRENSBURG HAMFEST 2022

WILL BE HELD JOHNSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

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VENDOR TABLES ARE \$15.

ELECTRICAL CAPABILITIES ARE LIMITED.
PLEASE SPECIFY IF YOU WILL NEED
ELECTRICITY PROVIDED WHEN
PURCHASING YOUR TABLE.

TAILGATERS SPOTS ARE \$10.

THERE ARE NO OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL
CAPABILITIES AVAILABLE UNLESS YOU
BRING YOUR OWN.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO PURCHASE TABLES ONLINE, VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.WAARCI.ORG/EVENTS/HAMFEST](https://www.waarci.org/events/HAMFEST)

We are HAMS! We can BE it and we can EAT it!



**Breakfast Klub...Every Friday Morning at Clara's Café -North 65 Hwy. 8:00
ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**



**Dennis Brown (KDØWSI – 21st
Daren Nerad (KDØOPS – 25th**



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

What a personal pleasure it is to Spotlight Dennis Henderson, (KYØP) this month! I have known Dennis since we did 'hard time' together and graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in 1967. Do the math...it's been a while! It was only last year at Field Day that we reconnected after several decades and found we had a common interest in Ham Radio. I got my ticket in 1963 and Dennis got his in 1995. Dennis, jes' sayin' that I'm an older 'Old Timer' than you are! (Hi! Hi!) But I digress...and am pleased to Spotlight Dennis today.

Dennis became interested in Ham Radio when he was about 12 years old. He bought a Knight-Kit shortwave radio and stayed up till the wee hours of the morning listening to hams.

One of his Ham stories that really grabs me every time I hear it, is his conquest of his first ticket! In 1995, there were five Ham licenses available: Technician, Tech Plus (it required CW at 5 wpm), General, Advanced and Extra Class. After successfully passing his Tech Plus license with the 5 wpm CW requirement...he was asked if he'd like to take the 13 wpm test for General. He told them there was NO way he could pass the CW requirement! He was told he may as well try because it was a free test. So, Dennis took the 10 question test, couldn't copy anything...just guessed at the answers and got 8 of the 10 correct. He passed with flying colors! (editor note: Don't you just love a happy ending?)



Dennis shared that his favorite vacation ever was a trip to Bermuda that he won from the company he remains employed with today.

Something that few people know about Dennis is that on March 30, 1980, he ran a marathon: 26.2 miles in 4 hours, 28 minutes and 2 seconds!

Dennis' dream job would be as a Meteorologist! They make a six-figure income, they are wrong half the time...and they still keep their job!!! (editor note: Now, that's MY kinda' job too, Dennis!)



WHO'ZIT?

In our June Newsletter you were tasked to identify the mystery Ham who was a volunteer for the Salvation Army in Kansas City. As a Senior Soldier, this person was responsible for various activities including serving as the Assistant Youth Leader. He also helped with the homeless and did bell ringing and was an integral part of the Emergency Disaster Services. No one has guessed our own Joe Barnett (KEØWLB)! Joe, Congratulations on your volunteerism well served! Your brownies await you!

WHO'ZIT?

July Victim!

Many moons ago, I grew up in the Boy Scouts. I joined at the age of 11 and continued until I was 18. I attained the rank of Eagle, obtained my religious award, God and Country, and obtained the level of Vigil in the sub organization, Order of the Arrow. When I was 16, I worked my summer at a local scout camp and also at 17 I worked at a second scout camp locally. When I was 18, I worked at the National Boy Scout Ranch in New Mexico called Philmont, thru the summer. After I finished my military tour, I

picked-up my old troop as Scoutmaster. I held this position for over 10 years. I can say that scouting was a great part of my life. Who am I? Know who this is? E-mail me with your best guess: Connie.Koch@att.net!



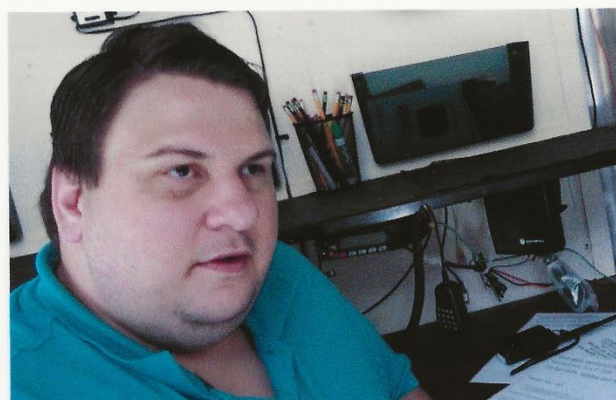
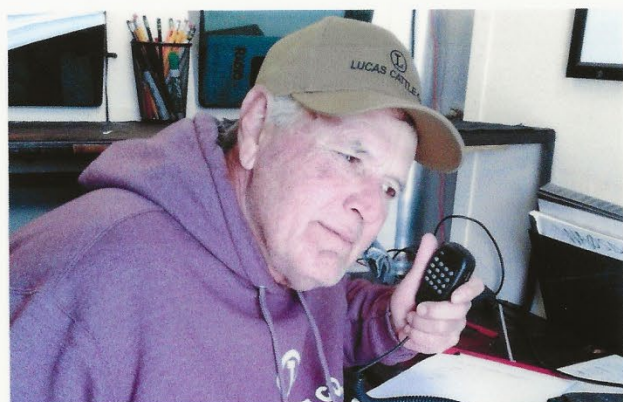
TECH TALK

WE EXTEND THANKS TO OUR OWN!

Don Weldon (KFØARQ) surprised the club with more 'BLING' for our upcoming October SparkFest! Another welcome addition to our arsenal of banners and attention grabbers that will make our mark on the landscape. Our fellow guest Hams won't miss us NOW! Don, thanks so much for your welcome contribution to our club! It will serve us well for many years to come!



Scott Anderson (KJ4MFW) has once again, outdone himself with this beautiful Ragtime graphic for our special event QSL Cards. All contacts we worked during the Festival received one of our personal WØR mobile station QSL's. They must have been popular because several stations were asking for them! Thanks Scott!..for ALL you do to add those special touches that make us stand out!





Our First Annual Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival ...But Not The Last!

Doc (W3MEB) es Steve (KC8AEK) ...Is this how you remember Dayton?

By [K5KVN](#), on the scene

DAYTON, Ohio — A Vermont amateur radio operator was found today in a remote hallway within the Hara Arena complex, three days after the end of Hamvention. Officials at a news conference identified the man as Gerry Mapleshire and described him as being found

“disoriented, hungry, and with three days of beard growth.”

After medical technicians on the scene revived his blood sugar by providing him a leftover \$6 Hamvention Hotdog, Mapleshire recalled what happened.

“It was shoulder-to-shoulder on the arena floor. I remember a nice-looking lady handing me a free Kenwood cloth bag full of brochures and a lapel pin, then the crowd shifted and I was pushed into the MFJ booth,” said Mapleshire.



He says that’s when his “survival instincts” kicked in.

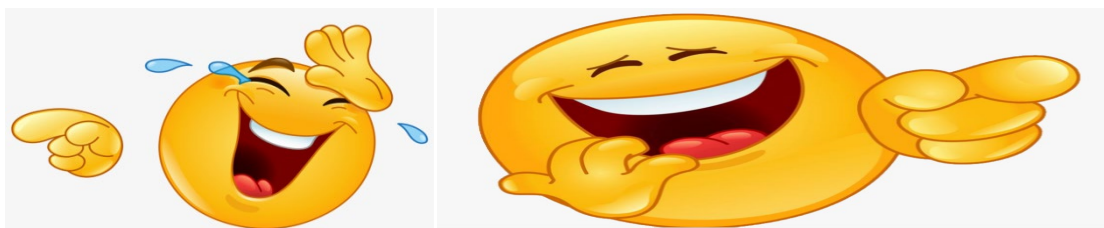
“I got on my hands and knees and crawled out of the MFJ booth. I got to the arena floor ramp but the crowd was so thick. I somehow ended up in a hall by the loading docks, without my Kenwood bag,” he said.

He wandered through dark hallways trying to find his way out of the vast complex for three days before a maintenance worker found him. “I called for help on 146.520 but no one answered,” said Mapleshire.

Hamvention information deputy Ned Doubtman investigated why his radio call went unanswered. “Turns out he was transmitting WITHOUT a PL tone. Everyone here blocks out QRM by using a PL tone on transmit and receive. It’s no wonder he wasn’t heard,” said Doubtman.

Mapleshire says he’s still recovering from the traumatic experience, but would like to get in touch with someone from Kenwood so he can get his lapel pin.

[hamhijinks.com](#)

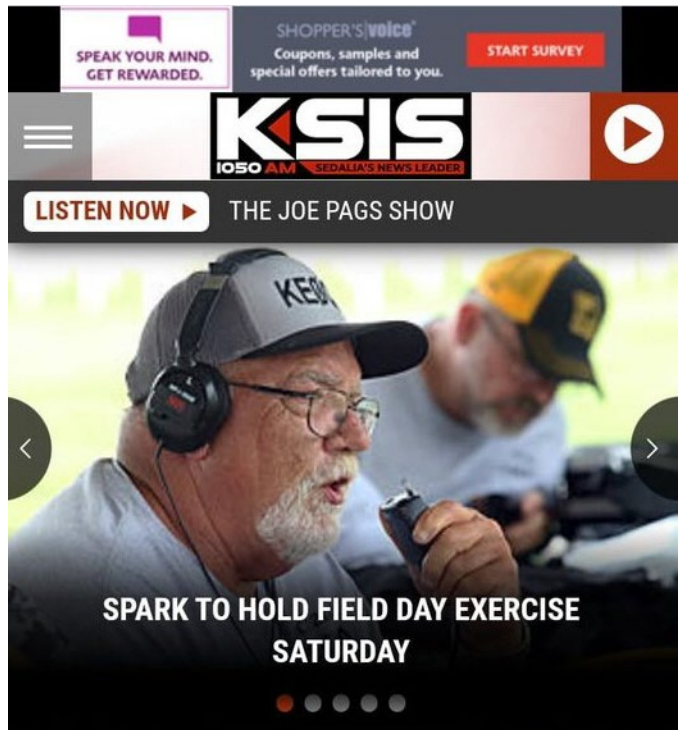


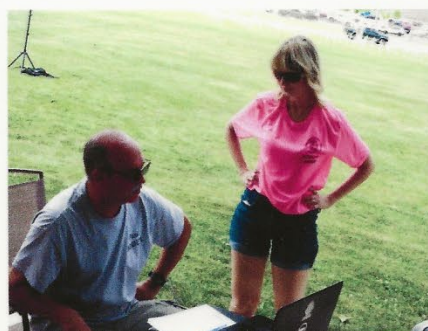
SPARK FIELD DAY 2022!

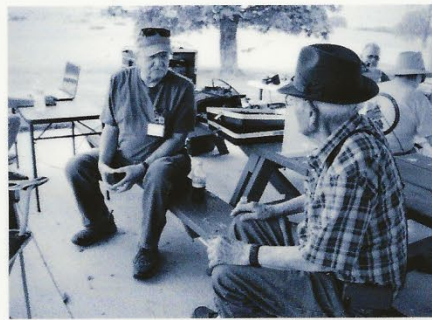
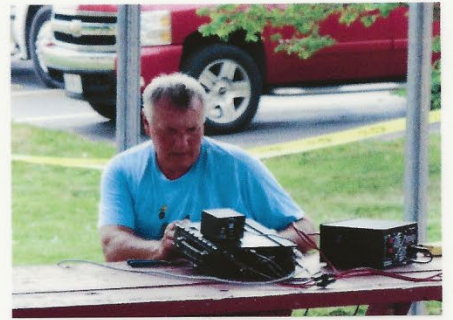
...and it began with amazing coverage! Sedalia Democrat and KSIS Radio!



Sedalia Pettis County Amateur Radio Klub President Brett Kuhns calls everyone interested in ham radio to the ARRL Field Day Saturday at Our Savior Lutheran Church.







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. You've seen responses from Don (KFØARQ), Doc (W3MEB) and Steve (WAØWUY) and Renda (KBØUVW)! 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?

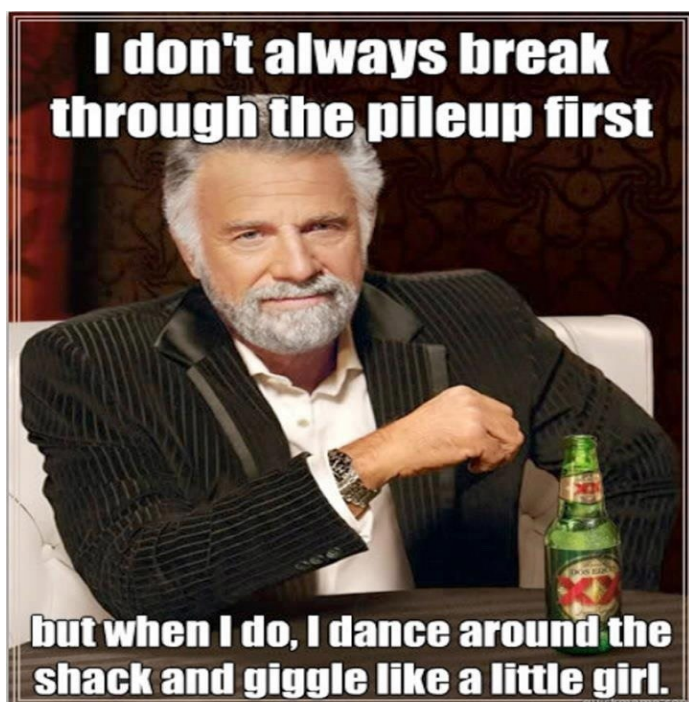
What's your favorite story about yourself?

SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS – (KAØJWA)



Here's the deal. You want to set up a new station or improve your old one, but like most of us, you have a limited budget with which to play. Do you buy a pretty new radio, a new antenna, maybe an amplifier or possibly a combination of all of these? The first thing is to decide what you're trying to accomplish. Do you want a clear channel, big signal or be able to pull the weak ones out of the static? Optimally you would like both, but that's not always possible. A new rig would be nice if you don't already have one.

Unless your old one is a piece of junk, you probably won't gain too much other than extra features. An amp will let you reach out and touch someone, but doesn't do anything for your receiving. That brings us to the antenna. This can give you probably the most bang for your buck. Everyone's situation is different, but having the best antenna(s) your location will allow should give you the best return for your hard earned money. Couple that with an amplifier and you should be good to go. Truth be told, it all boils down to what your goals are. de – (KAØJWA)



QRT FOR NOW! de WAØQCJ es KAØJWA

