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HAM Radio Community

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By Connie Koch (WAØQCJ)

EDITOR'S MOMENT

Greetings SPARK Members!

Was it all just a very pleasant dream for our Klub?.....OR DID WE HOST THE BEST SPARKFEST EVAH' IN October?!!! We've heard the commentary, crunched the numbers and it was no figment of our imagination...We kicked some SPARKFEST BOOTY! Do enjoy the photo montage in this issue and relive the highlights of our epic event!

Our SPARKLERS ladies group are busy elves planning for our entries into the Sedalia Christmas Parade in December! We were treated to a mock up of the planned float at our last meeting and it was lovely. However, in all its loveliness, this project may not come to fruition due to unmet construction needs. It's understood that the Klub has been interested in having a float in the Christmas Parade for

some time. The Sparklers have stepped up to spearhead the design; However...This is a Klub Project and following are some critical needs: First and foremost...An enclosed location for building the float... Five 4 X 8 X ½” sheets plywood, Thirty 2 X 4 X 12’ and Ten 1 X 6 X 12’ boards. (used or recycled lumber would suffice) Also needed is assistance in construction and wiring of lights. Monetary donations are welcome for decoration expenses. November 15th will be the date of decision as to whether the project will fly or not. Thanks in advance to all Klub members who can assist in this worthy project.

Connie (WAØQCJ)

WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

SPARK HAM’S!!!

What a month we have had in October, absolutely WOW, what great times we have had this month! I am so excited where we have come this year and so excited to be your leader. POTA - SPARKFEST – SET! I’ll tell you what...we have been very busy and very active. Scott Anderson (KJ4MFW) sure knows how to put on a POTA event! Scott you are our POTA Leader and I am so grateful for what you do to make these Klub POTA events happen for us, THANK YOU! I hate that I missed the Arrow Rock event. As our fall winds down, I am sure our opportunities will narrow for POTA but what a year we have had with it. Then we get in to SPARKFEST! So much to say, and I have covered most of it on the air already but YOU members were the key to it success! That’s a FACT !

Now to the SET! This year have combined our SET with our neighbor club to the west and what an event Scott (KJ4MFW) arranged for us this year! Participation was excellent and the functionality of our Command Post was superb! We brought our ‘A’ game to this one!

Can’t wait to share the final report on SPARKFEST with the membership! You will be blown away!

73!

Bret (WØVK)

WORD FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT:

Sparkfest 2022 is in the rear view mirror. What a week it was! From setup on Thursday night, to vendors loading in on Friday, and of course the main event on Saturday. From start up to clean up, everyone contributed to make Sparkfest 2022 a great event that we will all remember. I am so very proud of our membership. Everyone contributed to make it happen this year. There are so many to thank, but I know that I will probably forget someone. So many vendors and guests came up to me during Saturday and showered compliments on the way we did things. It made me so proud because everyone worked so hard to have others notice. I even had a guest tell me that they are going to model their event like ours next year. All in all, all I can say is thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your hard work and dedication to our great club.

Richard (KEØQYA)

**NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR SUNDAY 2 METER NET
IS 7:30 PM**

**Next meeting November 5th 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



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Ordinarily, you would find an individual recognized in your Newsletter ‘Spotlight’. However, this month I was asked to highlight our whole Klub and the extraordinary October Event we hosted! We all know SPARKFEST 2022 was **BIGGER and BETTER** than 2021 and the numbers reflect that. However, there are some things that cannot be measured by a calculator. I’m going to reflect upon Ron Hellesvig’s post on our Klub Site and reiterate his comments because I’ve not heard the truth stated any better...any where!:

[Ronald Hellesvig \(KFØITC\)](#)

Sparkfest was amazing!!!

Fantastic amount of vendors with any kind of equipment one could ever ask for.

You could feel the camaraderie of so many like-minded people, from all walks of life, as they browsed the tables. Lots of folks with their arms full of purchases and smiles on their faces.

The Spark members manning tables, parking, golf carts made this whole event work so smooth.

Who could resist the smells of breakfast coming from the kitchen?

I'm proud to say I'm a member of such a group.

Kudos to all! Ron (KFØITC)

I was tasked to acknowledge all individuals personally who worked SPARKFEST...and I sorrowfully have failed that request. My fear of leaving someone unsung or unmentioned got the best of me. That being said, heartfelt thanks begin with these volunteers in the trenches. When we look back on those fine folks who served us such great meals from the kitchen, they are unforgettable! How about the Security Team whose watchful eyes kept the peace 'peaceful' for all of us? The Registration Table Crew smiled those smiles, sold those tickets and collected some big \$\$\$ for the Klub that day (and who knew we had so many 'Vannas' who could strut that ticket cage so professionally? Hi Hi). The Com-Trailer crew worked contacts diligently at their station...talking our guests into our QTH within the boundaries of Missouri and beyond. The Parking Lot Mafia deserves so much credit for assisting with parking and shuttling vendors and guests who truly appreciated that convenience. Those members who showed up days in advance of the event to set up and those who tore down afterwards are certainly to be commended for their allegiance to see a job through to the finish. Ron, you nailed it when you said you were "proud to say I'm a member of such a group." I am as well, my friend....I am as well!

Connie (WAØQCJ)

Congratulations

TO ONE OF OUR OWN!



Nick Camirand (KEØNIL) is featured in the recent Sedalia Democrat article "20 Under 40". He was nominated for his contributions to our community through his efforts in forming the fledgling Sedalia Drone Unit at Sedalia PD. Police Chief Matt Wirt touts Nick as being, "hard-working, consistent and reliable." "Nick has become very instrumental in the PD drone program with his knowledge and skills not only as a pilot but his technical knowledge." Wirt credits Nick's exceptional radio knowledge to the success of the program and depends on his expertise with radio projects. To access the complete article refer to Saturday, October 29 Democrat special insert, "20 Under 40 2022" .



Marcia Withers – November 14th



WHO'ZIT?

In the October newsletter our victim was quoted as saying, “Go South, young man!” ...then with one more step he was going North! It was our own Don Weldon (KFØARQ) and his identity was guessed by Paul Withers (KDØETL). Paul, your brownie prize awaits you!



WHO'ZIT?

November Victim

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.

Who do you think this is? Contact or e-mail me at: Connie.Koch@att.net



TECH TALK

de – Harry (KØTV)



Amazon Smile was mentioned at the October SPARK meeting and there was some confusion about just what it was. Well, Amazon runs a cool program where they give back a little bit of your purchases to a charity or cause of your choice. There is no reason to go into detail here because you can easily point your web browser to **smile.amazon.com** and read up on it yourself.

When you go to the link mentioned above, you will sign in with your Amazon ID. Then select the favorite cause to which you want to contribute. In this case, you could search for **SPARK**, but you will be presented with a very large list. It will be best to search for '*Sedalia Pettis Amateur Radio Klub*'. Or, a shorter '*Sedalia Pettis*' which will get you a short list where you can easily scroll down and locate our club.

Once you select the charity and get it enabled, your future Amazon purchases will result in a small portion being diverted to the club as a contribution. The price you pay at Amazon doesn't change. Sure, it isn't much, but it is something.

In the past, you had to make your purchases by first going to smile.amazon.com to shop. Over time, they have added support for smile into the Amazon app you use.

Again, all the details are at **smile.amazon.com**. If you buy things on Amazon, consider signing up and giving the 'Klub' a piece of the action.



NEW LICENSE UPGRADES!
DAVID MARSH – TECHNICIAN
ROBERT LUCAS (KC1PRP) – GENERAL
DYLAN LAVIGNE (KFØJFO) - GENERAL

Congratulations!

ONCE AGAIN WE HONOR ONE OF OUR OWN! MARK (KØNYE)

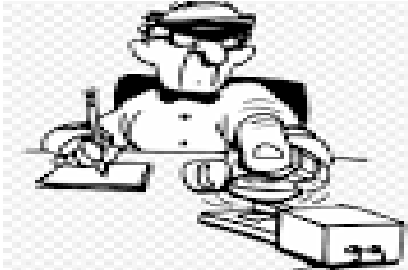


Lifetime Membership into SPARK is something that cannot be bought...but must be bestowed with honor. It's not awarded often or lightly, but earned by those who have given much of themselves to promote Ham Radio. Mark has been a tremendous ambassador for not only SPARK but for ham radio in our area for many years. Congratulations Mark, on a well-deserved award!

Lifetime award recipients, Paul Withers (KDØETL) and Mark Nye (KØNYE) are awarded An engraved plaque by President Bret Kuhns (WØVK) which will be installed inside the Klub Emergency Communications trailer.



BRASS POUNDERS LEAGUE



Our class of 15 Brass Pounders are hard at work with their Monday

classes and home study. We are about half-way through the 11-week course and as you can see...there's a lot of concentration going on here. You can almost see the wheels a turnin'!



You may think that all we do in our CW class is 'Dit'n and Dah'n' during our study time but WRON-G-G-G! We recently had a seasonal Halloween visit from the Snake Lady and one of her reptilian friends, 'Noah'! He put on quite the 'edu-tainment' moment for the Brass Pounders. He appeared out of a cauldron which Amber (KEØQYL) thought surely contained candy!

BWA-HA-HA-HA! SURPRIZE!





SPARKLERS PROMOTE GOOD WILL AT SPARKFEST!



The Lady SPARKLERS welcomed our visiting YL vendors and guests with a lovely scented votive candle to show our appreciation for their presence at SPARKFEST. The gifts were accepted with delight and BIG smiles from all the ladies. Goes to show, there's never a wrong time to do the right thing!

SPARKFEST 2022

Still Sedalia Missouri's Biggest Hamfest!!!

Saturday, October 15 2022 (8AM-12PM)

Commercial Vendors Include:

- Associated Radio
- Alpha Antennas
- D & L Antenna

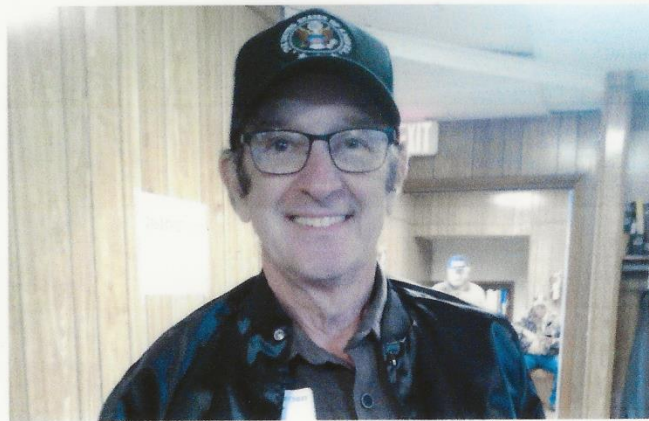


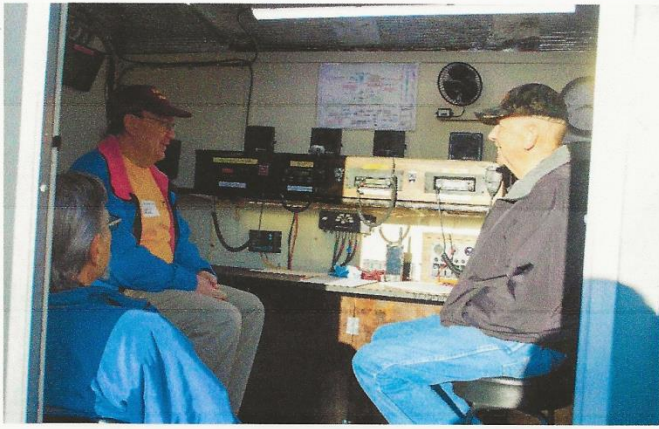
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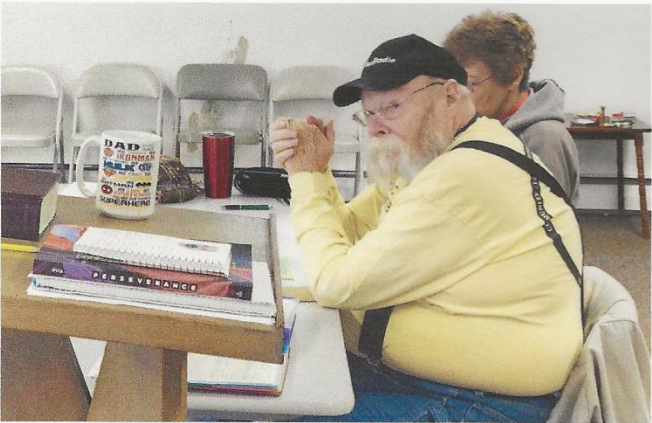
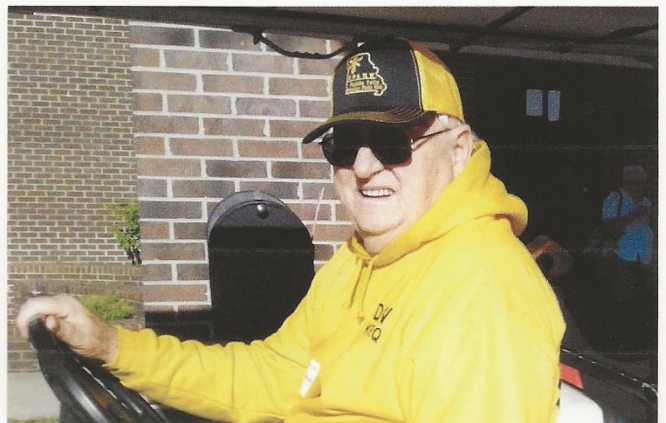
SPARKFEST - OCTOBER 15, 2022...

WE SHOWED 'EM HOW IT'S DONE!!!









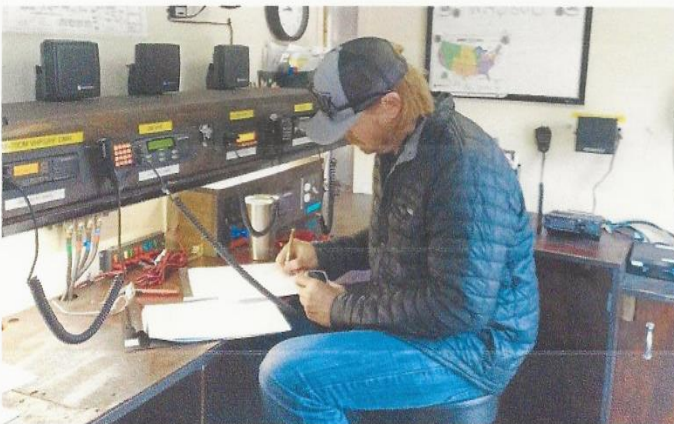
OCTOBER 2022 POTA EVENT – ARROW ROCK STATE PARK

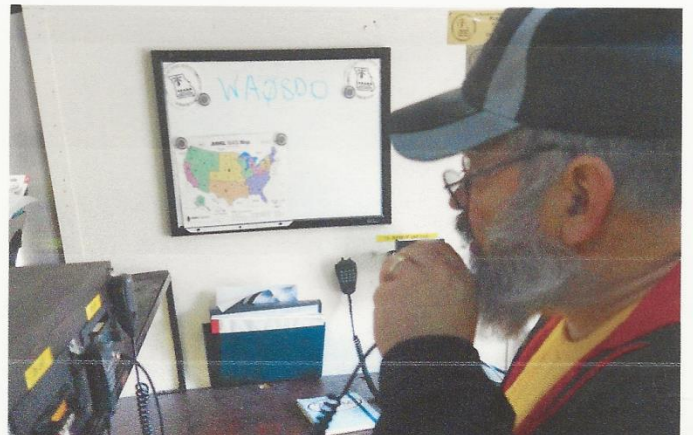
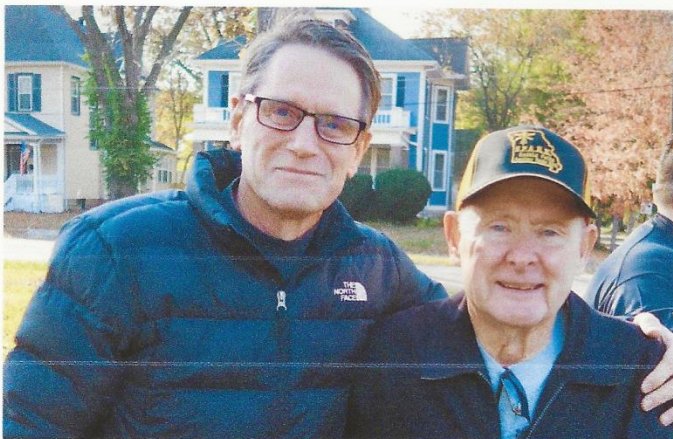
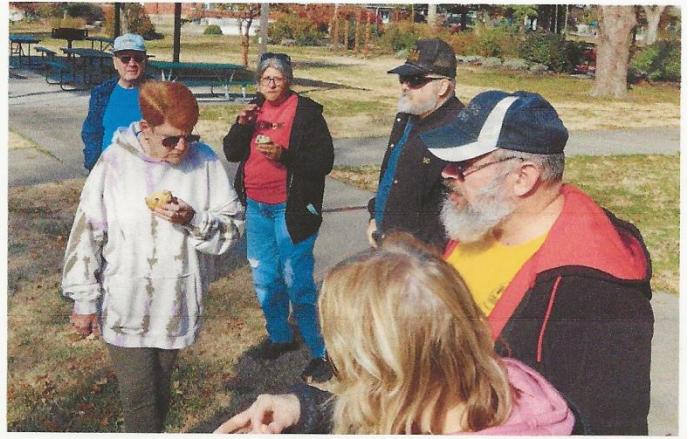


WERE WE Set for SET...? OH, YES! WE WERE!

EXERCIZE! EXERCIZE! EXERCIZE! Those were the words on the airwaves as SPARK participated in our October 29th Simulated Emergency Test Exercise. Thirty members checked in to hone their skills as they were relayed a “Weather Alert” of a winter storm with freezing rain and snow accumulation of 5 plus inches. Command Post Managers, Bret (WØVK) and Daren (KDØOP) were kept busy checking in members and providing weather condition updates. Assignments were distributed to members to make 3 radio contacts by: **CW** Connie (WAØQCJ), **HF** Dwayne (KB9TQJ), **DMR** Russ (KN6NDZ), **FT8** Doc (W3MEB), **WIN LINK** Harry (KØTV), **D-STAR** Scott (KJ4MFW), and **LOCAL REPEATER** Dennis (KYØP). The last WX forecast called for an immediate halt to the ‘inconvenience’ of the freezing rain and snow so participating members received an ‘All Call’ to come to Command Central at Liberty Park where we enjoyed delicious chili’s prepared by Scott (KJ4MFW), Taco Dip and Chips by Connie (WAØQCJ) and Muffins provided by Marcie (KFØHYQ). Have you noticed that our Ham Radio events are MUCH more attractive when accompanied by FOOD?







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) , 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.

When you're 10 dangs, 20 yups, 6 wows, and 8 man that's crazy's, and they still won't stop talking about their new rig



QRT FOR NOW! de WAØQCJ es KAØJWA

