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HAM Radio Community

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By Connie Koch (WAØQCJ)

EDITOR'S MOMENT

Greetings SPARK Members!

As this Newsletter goes to press, 16 Hams are getting excited about becoming BRASS POUNDERS! Morse Code class will begin on October 3rd and continue through mid-December.

This month's news is BIG with our upcoming meeting October 8th and SPARKFEST the 15th! Following is an excerpt from Richard's (KEØQYA) e-message regarding the SPARKFEST agenda:

Our October meeting will be held on Saturday October 8th at Our Savior Lutheran Church located at 3700 West Broadway in Sedalia beginning at 8:30am (across from Lowe's). We will be meeting in the shelter house. If you don't want to sit on the picnic table benches I strongly advise you to bring a lawn chair. Hard to believe but we will officially kick off Sparkfest 2022 week. The committee has worked hard to make this year's event bigger and better than last year.

Most of the meeting will be devoted to Sparkfest. We will be going over member assignments to insure that all is covered. This is our most important meeting of the year. We strongly encourage all of our members to be there. Sparkfest would not be possible if we didn't have such a outstanding group of members to work it. The schedule of events of that week is:

Thursday October 13th Meet at the church at 6pm to set up the tables in the multi-purpose room. The more members we have there to set up the quicker it will be. (Hopefully 1 hour)

Friday October 14th Vendors will be able to set up their tables from 3-8pm. We would like several members there to help them load in.

Saturday October 15th **SPARKFEST IS HERE!!!** The doors will open at 6am to allow those who didn't take advantage of the Friday load in to come in early. From 8am till noon we WILL have a great event! After it's over we need as many as possible there to help the vendors load out and to take down the tables and clean up. Many of these assignments and more will be discussed at our October 8th meeting. **(QRU)**

For our newer members or those who haven't, but would care to share...I would appreciate having your birth date for inclusion in the newsletter...just to wish you a **HAPPY ONE** on your special day. Just the month and date will do...no year necessary. Please reply to connie.koch@att.net or catch me at the next meeting.

Our SPARKLERS ladies group are busy elves as we plan for our entries into the Sedalia Christmas Parade in December! Stay tuned for forthcoming information on that event!

Here's wishing you a BIG 73 for the moment...but I think we're going to be seeing a LOT of each other in the coming weeks! Can't wait! de (WAØQCJ)

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

**Next meeting October 8th at 8:30 AM at Our Savior Lutheran
Church 3700 W. Broadway (ACROSS FROM LOWE'S)**

WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Bret Kuhns (WØVK)

SPARK HAMS,

Hello, as we wrap up our summer 2022, I reflect back to the events we participated in as a group this summer and WOW! You all are awesome!!

We have been VERY active this summer with the monthly Parks On The Air Events, Special Events, Training Classes, Field Day, and the help we have provided to each other when someone was in need of that extra hand with their station. This has been cool to see and exhibits what a great club we have. Your participation and efforts are what make us great and they don't go unnoticed.

Now, let's get fired up for SPARKFEST 2022! It is going to be very exciting and most of all a lot of fun!

Please try and attend the October 8th meeting as I will go over the SPARKFEST overview and volunteer assignments, you are needed. See you there! de (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)

10/15/2022 – SPARKFEST – Sedalia, Mo.

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



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Sorry...not this month



IT'S HERE...IT'S NOW !!!

SHARE ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA!

SPARKFEST 2022

Still Sedalia Missouri's Biggest Hamfest!!!

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

Commercial Vendors Include:

- Associated Radio
- Alpha Antennas
- D & L Antenna



VE Testing Starts at 10AM



SPARKFEST '22

Sedalia **SPARKFEST** will occur 15 OCT 2022 from 8AM-12PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Sedalia, MO.

SPARKFEST '22 is the perfect place to find that little (or maybe big) thing you always knew you'd need for your station. Swap, explore, and meet other ham radio operators!

- **SPARKFEST is Sedalia's Biggest Hamfest!!!**
- **Admission is just \$5** (includes 1 free raffle ticket & additional tickets will be available for purchase)
- Table Prices: • \$15 Inside
- \$10 Outside
- Breakfast & Drink will be available for purchase
- **Doors Open @ 8AM**

When: October 15, 2022

Where: Our Savior Lutheran Church
3700 W Broadway Blvd Sedalia, MO,
65301

Time: 08:00 - 12:00 PM

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JOE BARNETT – 23rd



WHO'ZIT?

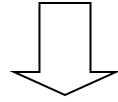
In our September newsletter you were asked to identify this victim: In 1991 I had two heart attacks. With the second one I was clinically dead for almost three minutes. I have since recovered very well with the exception that not all of my circuits completely re-booted! I didn't lose much of my long term memory, but to this day... occasionally someone will say or ask me something and it takes a second or two to actually understand what they said...or even what my thoughts were. So, once in a while, the lights are on, but nobody is home! Hi Hi Ultimately I received a heart transplant in 2018 and have been doing very well with it.

Also, years ago I worked in the chemical industry operating several different chemical reactors, which are basically giant stills. No, you wouldn't want to drink anything out of one! Early one morning, the reactor I was running created an excess of an organic peroxide, which is a fuel with an oxidizer already in it. At about 250 degrees Centigrade, it detonated, blowing pieces off the top of the reactor while I was trying to fill it with water from the bottom! Yes, insanity does run in my family! Who am I? **Richard (KEØQYA) correctly identified Tom Hutchings (KDØOPV) as the true survivor that he is! Congratulations to both Tom and Richard!**

WHO'ZIT?

October Victim

“Go South, young man, they said!” Look where I ended up! One more step and I’m goin’ North! Who am I? *(ed. note – Is this the spittin’ image of Clark Gable or what???)* *I’d go to prom with him!!*



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



TECH TALK

Congratulations

NEW GENERAL CLASS KLUB MEMBER!!!
RUSSELL TAYLOR (KN6NDZ)

WELCOME !!!



Larry Lake (KBØLCO)
Russell Taylor (KN6NDZ)
Kevin Zimmerschied (KBØVZS)
Kellee' Bell (KM7BEL)
John Bell (K17CMV)



WE HONOR OUR OWN!
PAUL (KDØETL)



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. Paul has been a tremendous ambassador for not only SPARK but for ham radio in our area for many years. Congratulations Paul, on a well-deserved award!

WE ARE THE 'SPARKLERS'! MIGHTY, MIGHTY 'SPARKLERS'!

Let it be known that there's a new bunch of Hams in town! We are the Ladies of SPARK and are happy to introduce ourselves to YOU as the 'SPARKLERS' that we are! We chose our name carefully after much deliberation and felt that it suited us perfectly. After all...



**We are BRILLIANT!
We are ON FIRE! &
We are HOT!!!!**



NEW BLIGHTON, N. H. –

LOCAL HAM CONFUSES TRICK-OR-TREATERS

Trick-or-Treaters in the southside neighborhood of Burlington aren't sure if they received a trick or a treat last night from one local man.



Parents say they didn't know what to make of the objects in their bags.

"My son came home with a walkie talkie and I'm like 'what is this?!' I still don't understand what it does," said Becky Juang, a parent in the neighborhood.

Ben Wagonroth, the man responsible, says he can explain. "Halloween totally caught me off guard. I only had ten Glucerna Nutrition Bars in the house and I gave those out in about five minutes."

Wagonroth, a self-proclaimed "tinkerer" and ham radio operator says he felt he had to give something to the kids that rang his doorbell. "I remembered I had a huge box of Beofengs, so I dumped those into a bowl and handed them out, batteries included," said Wagonroth.

"Those things were CHEAP, about the cost of a large candy bar, and I picked up a bulk order online last month. You know, just to have them around," he said.

Parents and kids had peculiar looks on their faces when he placed them in their bags. He said one small child cried and a pair of teenagers threatened to "toilet paper" his trees after receiving the strange items. "One kid, though, really liked the flashlight on the top of the radio," he said.

He says he'll be better prepared with candy next year, and already has plans to build a scarecrow out of a Collins S-Line and a front-yard cemetery that includes crosses made from sections of Rohn 45 covered with black bed sheets.

By [K5KVN](#), on the scene

<https://twitter.com/HamHijinks>



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE ANTENNAS!!!

HAM OPERATORS PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Recently Paul (KDØETL) and Harry (KØTV) replaced a dual-band antenna at Bothwell Regional Health Center. That's Paul up there...wavin' in the breeze!!!



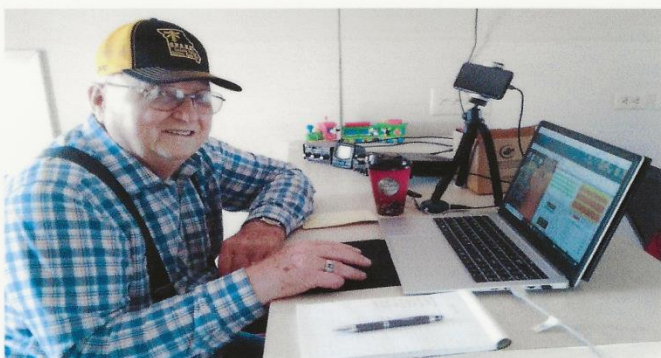
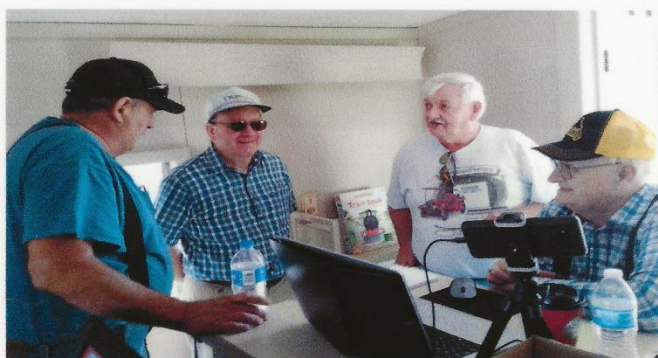
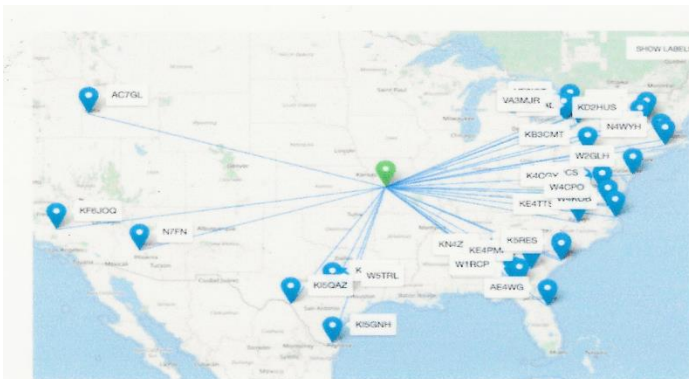
So-o-o...whadda' ya' do when you don't have an antenna on a tower but need some height to get your signal out! James (NZ1ON) has your answer! You drive your Jeep up on a big pile of dirt and do what we HAMS do...IMPROVISE!!!

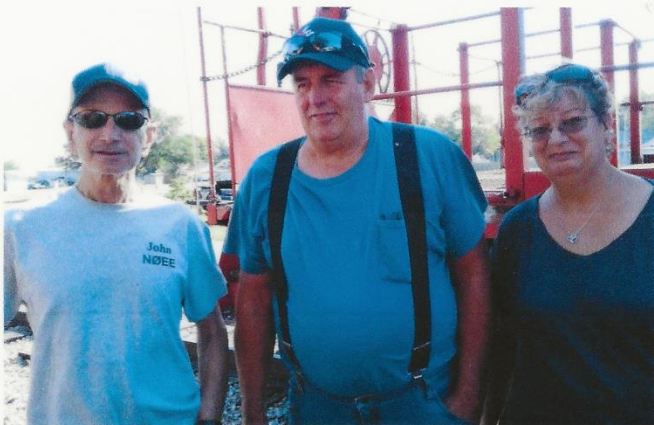
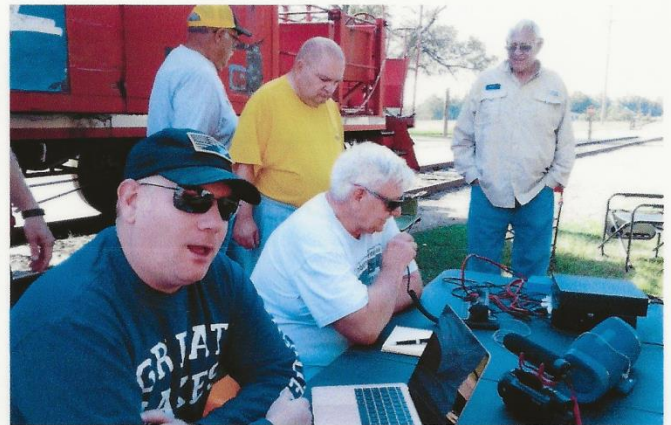
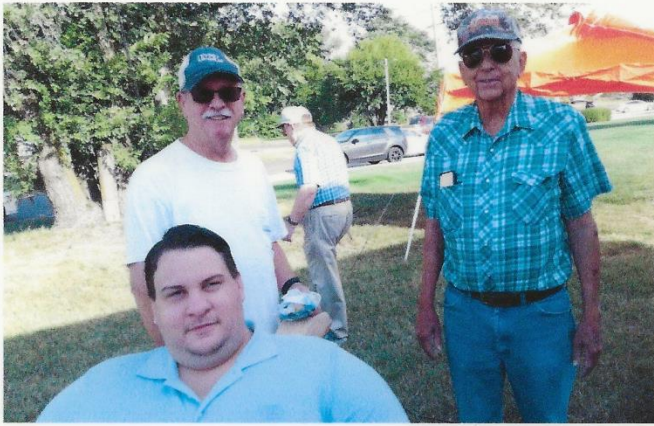


Don (KFØARQ) crafted this portable hitch mount antenna ...excellent for POTA events! The 2 inch square tubing is 31 inches long in order to clear the tail gate. The mast is an extendable 20 foot flag pole and supports a 20M dipole antenna.



SEPTEMBER 2022 POTA EVENT - KATY TRAIL STATE PARK





POTA CLASS PICTURE – SEPTEMBER – KATY PARK

39 CONTACTS WERE MADE... AND WE ALL PLAYED!



OUR OFFICIAL KLUB QSL CARD!



LET'S SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US!

Oktoberfest

Dine In Or Carry Out!

October 1st

5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

Our Savior Lutheran Church
3700 West Broadway, Sedalia, Missouri

COUNTRY STORE With
Baked Items, Hand Sewn
Items, And Many, Many
More Items!

Food Selections

Chicken Schnitzel and Sauerbraten with Spaetzle

Bratwurst and Sauerkraut

Red Cabbage with Apples

German Potato Salad

Cucumber & Onions

Seasoned Green Beans

Various Salads

Pies and Cakes

COST OF THE MEAL

**FREE WILL
DONATION**

***Carry Outs Available**

Proceeds will be used to
support: Our church's
missionary, UCM Lutheran
Campus, Zoe's Home, St. Paul's
Lutheran School, and various
other church projects

SILENT AUCTION BASKETS!

**SILENT AUCTION ENDS AT
7:15 P.M.**

****Do not have to be present to win****

Komm, Herr Jesus sei
Unser Gast, lass uns deine
Gaben gesegnet sein.

Come, Lord Jesus be our
Guest let thy gifts to us
Be blessed.

**Freundes! Dies ist das am BESTEN schmeckende Essen, das Sie auf
dieser Seite Deutschlands finden können! Spring drauf!**

**(Friends! This is the BEST tasting meal you can find this side of
Germany! Jump on it!)**

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) and Scott (KJ4MWF)! 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)

HURRICANE, n. An atmospheric demonstration of Nature's inclination!



Hams are always primed and ready to help during natural disasters and emergencies and they make no exceptions for one of Mother Nature's best shots. Hurricanes are the most powerful storms the planet has to offer, with torrential down pours and possible sustained winds of up to 150 mph or more. They can decimate huge areas at a time leaving communications nonexistent. Amateur radio has a long history of providing the necessary manpower and equipment to help alleviate some of the problems by providing a connection to the outside

world via radio waves. Clubs and individual hams around the globe practice emergency preparedness for just such occasions. This includes, among other things, emergency drills, traffic handling and learning how to operate within the parameters of a net. They will use every mode available, from digital to continuous wave and everything in between.

Amateur operators along the east coast and especially Florida were prepared for the worst but hoping for the best as hurricane Ian slammed in the beaches and coast line of the sunshine state. This particular storm also moved inland cutting a swath across the state, causing even more damage.

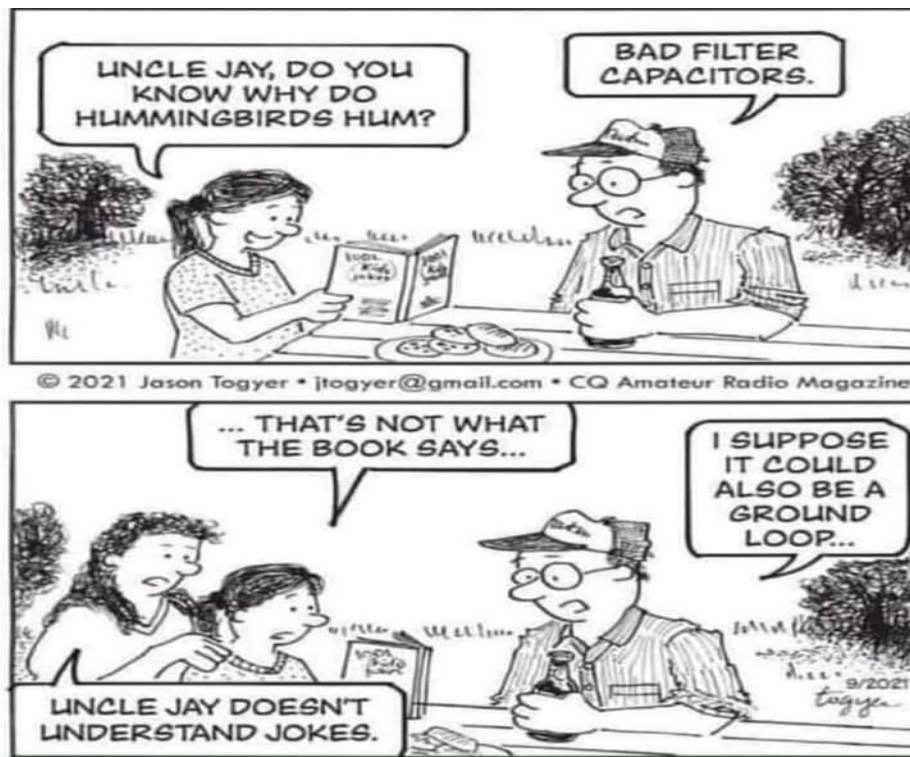
(Taken from arrl.org) Here is a statement from NFL Section Emergency Coordinator Arc Thames, W4CPD, who serves as the Amateur Radio Liaison to the State of Florida:

"In response to Hurricane Ian, our ARRL leadership team in Florida has been in direct communication with the State of Florida's ESF-2 resources, including the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, since Friday, September 23. The Florida Division of Emergency Management has requested the activation of amateur radio HF emergency nets, as well as to provide resources to staff the various positions needed throughout the state. We ask that all amateur radio operators yield use of any frequencies in use for Hurricane Ian to allow the clear flow of traffic between agencies during this activation. Hurricane Ian is expected to have a major impact in a large portion of the state due to the strong winds and storm surge that will impact the state for an extended period of time."

Ham radio operators can follow advisories on Hurricane Ian off the main menu of the VoIP Hurricane Net website at <https://voipwx.net>, or at the NHC website at <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov>.

The Hurricane Watch Net is active and operating on 14.325 MHz.

de (KAØJWA)



QRT FOR NOW! de WAØQCJ es KAØJWA

