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NEWSLETTER

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HAM Radio Community

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By Connie Koch (WA0QCJ)

EDITOR'S MOMENT

Greetings SPARK Members! At our August meeting a call went up polling members regarding a potential training class for CW Morse Code. Noting that the final response by August 25th was fewer students than expected, I am extending the registration date to our September 10th meeting. Hopefully, the requirements stated up front didn't scare you off. Sure didn't mean to...but...Rome wasn't built in a day and neither was a 'good fist'. As mentioned, it's one lesson a week for 10 or 11 weeks. Classes missed can easily be made up on your own time. Also, there is a small investment of \$25 for your personal training key oscillator which will be utilized in the class and for home practice. You will only have 5 – 6 characters to learn per week! Easy-Peasey! Final decision regarding the class will be determined by the number of interested students at the September meeting. So far it's a GO!!!

At the August meeting I was asked to publish a list of **Sedalia Surrounding Area Nets**. I found them listed on our SPARK Web Page under 'REPEATERS/NETS' and am including them in this issue for quick reference.

**NOTE THE TIME CHANGE FOR SUNDAY 2 METER NET
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH ... CHANGES TO 7:30 PM**

Next meeting September 10th at 8:30 AM at Pettis County EOC building at 1511 N. Ohio.

BIG 73's de (WAØQCJ)

WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

**By Bret Kuhns (WØVK)
Spark HAMS**

What a terrific summer we have had! The State Fair has come and gone and the kids are returning back to school. Boy, did it fly by! I am very proud of our club outings we conducted each month this summer and the participation has been outstanding. It is so nice we have members with the initiative and equipment to set up stations in various locations in our area to provide a place for all of us to get out and exercise this hobby we love so much. The best thing is we have more to come! There will be lots of opportunities to get on the air this upcoming fall with more Parks On The Air, Simulated Emergency Test, and our trailer during SPARKFEST. Your participation is what really makes our events fun and worthwhile so please attend as many as you can our club success depends on it!

Talk to you on the air!

Bret (WØVK)

WORD FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT

By Richard Camirand (KEØQYA)

Sparkfest 2022 is upon us! In just one month we are going to have our biggest event of the year! The ground work has been laid. Vendors have been signed up. Prizes have been donated... and the word has been spread all across the state. Hams from all over the state will be joining us on October 15th for what has become... in just our 2nd year... getting recognized as central Missouri's biggest Hamfest of the year! With the addition of 21 more tables over last year, the MO-KAN and the Missouri Repeater Council holding their meetings with us, and VE testing, we will *indeed* be busier than last year. This is exciting that we have been noticed! All of this has been possible because of our outstanding membership. If it wasn't for such a great group that is dedicated and is willing to go the extra mile, none of this would be possible. Sparkfest would still be a dream! These next 2 meetings are going to be important for our membership to attend. We will be going over the schedule of events. From location set-up, vendor set-up, right down to E-day individual member duties... we will need each and every one of you to make this the great event that it has become. Because of you, Sparkfest is what it is today. If you have had a busy summer and have missed a few meetings, I encourage you to attend our next couple of meetings, beginning with our club meeting September 10th. We will have lots of information to share with each and every one of you regarding Sparkfest.

I look forward to seeing you on September 10th!
Richard (KEØQYA)

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

YOU ASKED FOR IT...YOU GOT IT! **SEDALIA AND SURROUNDING AREA NETS**

SUNDAY

- 9:30 AM 3950 Group, 75M 3.950 Mhz
Informal talk around, If you have an HF radio join us.
- 7:00 PM Benton County ARES Net, 146.925 107.2 tone
- 8:00 PM S.P.A.R.K Repeater Net, (see 2M Repeater list below)
- 8:30 PM Warrensburg ARES Net 146.880, 107.2 tone

MONDAY

- 7:00 PM Carroll County ARES Net 146.665 94.8 tone

TUESDAY

- 7:00 PM The Rag-Chew Net on the S.P.A.R.K 2M Repeater

WEDNESDAY

- 8:00 PM S.P.A.R.K Simplex Net 147.575 SIMPLEX (no tone)
- 8:30 PM S.P.A.R.K. 220 Repeater Net (see 1.25 Meter Repeater list below)

THURSDAY

8:30 PM Boonville Net 147.360 (no tone)

HAMFEST CALENDAR 2022 – de Brooks (KAØJWA)

9/30/2022 and 10/1 - Joplin ARC Hamfest – Joplin, Mo.

10/15/2022 – SPARKFEST – Sedalia, Mo.

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



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

This month's featured SPARK member is Mike Hawkins (KEØUHO), a long-time member of the organization. He shares with us the following queries for his contribution to

“IN THE SPOTLIGHT!”



1. Q. A job I would never like to do!
A. Anything involving a tight or confined space.
2. Q. Who made an impact on my life?
A. The boss on my first job. He taught me about business and a good work ethic.
3. Q. My favorite pastime?
A. Riding motorcycles!
4. Q. My best gift!
A. My two boys!

5. Q. My favorite vacation!
A. My honeymoon! We toured the West and camped out in several national parks.
6. Q. My special skills!
A. I was a laboratory orthodontic technician and put braces on patients.
7. Q. A job I loved to do!
A. I was a Reserve Police Officer for 28 years and retired as a Sergeant. I was also a Firefighter for 38 years and retired as a Battalion Chief.

LADIES OF SPARK!

As we ALL are the self-proclaimed organizers to produce an entry for the upcoming Sedalia Christmas Parade, Dec. 3, we will hold an organizational/planning breakfast meeting at **Clara's 7:30 AM before the Sept. 10 meeting.** Bring your ideas! The theme is: 'SUPER HEROS'!



SAVE THE DATE !!!

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

Questions:

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DARRELL KIMBALL – 2ND

BRET KUHNS – 5TH

BRIAN WOOD – 14TH



WHO'ZIT?

In our August Newsletter you were tasked to identify this mystery Ham. “I started playing music when I was 8 years old. Since then, I’ve gotten to play with quite a few notable talents, including Ricky Skaggs, Allison Krauss, Ernest Tubb, Boxcar Willie, and Bill Monroe. I even spent a season in Branson, playing professionally with my friends at Shepherd of the Hills. I’ve recorded two albums, been featured on BBC studio recordings, and recorded television segments on Channel 50 in Kansas City. The largest live crowd I’ve ever played for was a little over 30,000 people at an event outside Springdale, Arkansas. Can you guess who I am?” Well...Doc (W3MEB) DID identify this member to be our own **Rex Green (KEØVCR)**! Doc...since you are out of town...we will be eating your prize brownies at the September meeting! Hi Hi ! (No, really...we WILL be eating YOUR brownies!)

WHO'ZIT?

September 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?

(Editor's note: Geeze! I'd say we have a true survivor in our midst!)

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



TECH TALK

**NEW TECHNICIAN AND POTENTIAL MEMBER TESTED !
BOB SCOTT – SHAWNEE, KANSAS**

E-COM TRAILER HIGHLIGHT!

At our August meeting several exciting things took place! We started by having our 34 members in attendance tour and admire our totally upgraded E-COM trailer. **Mark (KØNYE)** gave us a report on the renovations he had made. Our trailer is ready for deployment anytime and anywhere if ever needed. With various radio equipment available to use including Moswin we or any first responders can utilize this important asset. This is something that all members can be proud of! BIG THANKS MARK!



WE HONOR OUR OWN!



An awarded lifetime membership of any organization is something that isn't done often or lightly. It's awarded to those who have given so much of themselves to promote ham radio and the Sedalia-Pettis Amateur Radio Klub. At our August 6th meeting our membership voted for 2 individuals who have indeed done just that. Nominated by Doc (W3MEB), these men have given of themselves, their time, energy, and yes...their own money at times to our hobby and our club. We members of SPARK are happy to have such an amazing group of members who exemplify what our hobby is all about.

Congratulations to: **Paul (KDØETL) and Mark (KØNYE)**

We members of SPARK are blessed to bestow this well deserved honor to the both of you.



DXORCISM RIDS STATION OF SPOOKS

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — Traffic along Hillshire Avenue came to a halt yesterday as curious drivers stopped to see Father Henry McGuire suspended high above the Cuesta Verde neighborhood in a scissor lift.



Local ham radio operator Malcolm O'Hara arranged the spectacle, after experiencing phenomena that led him to determine his equipment was possessed.

O'Hara asked Father McGuire to “drive out the demons” that have prevented him from talking to distant amateur radio stations. The pair dubbed the activity a “DXorcism,” which involved throwing holy water on a Rohn tower and a Cushcraft beam antenna.

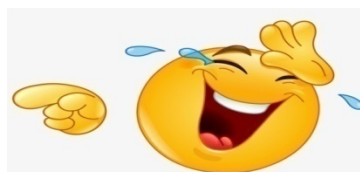
“Trust me, this was a last resort,” said O'Hara. “Finding pea soup in my cantenna was the last straw.”

He says strange occurrences have been happening in his shack for more than a year. “My beam turns all by itself! My buddies say it's an electrical wiring problem, but I know it's paranormal.”

“And, last week I was trying to work some RTTY, expecting a 599 signal report, but the screen printed 666. My wife says I need glasses, but it really freaked me out,” said O'Hara.

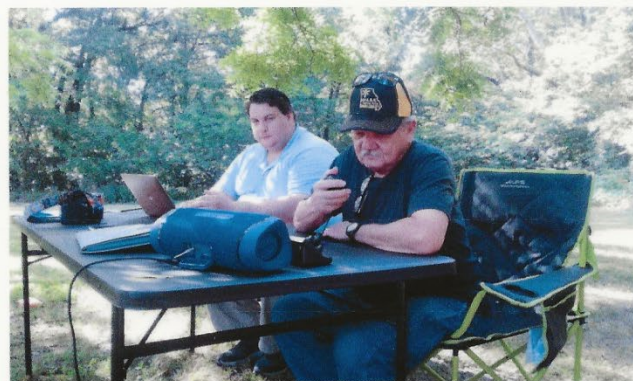
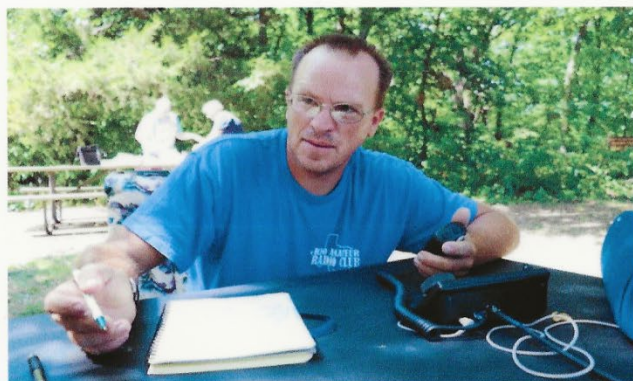
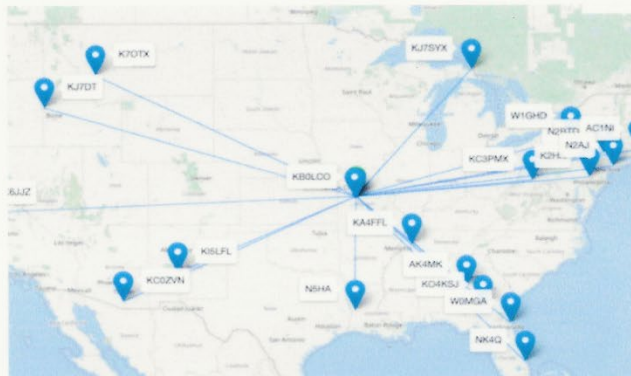
He says he's not ready yet to call the procedure a success. His first contact following the DXorcism was a special event station in Death Valley.

By [K5KVN](#), on the scene



AUGUST 2022 POTA EVENT – BOTHWELL LODGE STATE PARK

11 SPARK OPERATORS...TALKIN' THE TALK!





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)



Now that the State Fair is over, we can officially count summer as finished. Hopefully we'll have a mild fall before we're engulfed in the throes of winter. With that in mind, it's time to finish any outdoor 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.

(Editor) I feel sure that the following is spot-on true!



“I was told I needed to bake my brownies in a cast iron pan...

Nobody wants to eat my brownies ???”



QRT FOR NOW! de WAØQCJ es KAØJWA

