



Minutes of the
Sedalia – Pettis Amateur Radio Klub
 Sedalia, Mo

Meeting: May 13, 2020
Program: SPARK 85th anniversary on-air birthday party
Meeting leader: Bret Kuhns, W0VK, ON-AIR meeting started 7:00 pm
Location: SPARK 147.03- (179.9) repeater, Bret, W0VK Net Control

In Attendance :

W0VK	KE0QYA
KJ5ZW	KD0ETL
N0EE	KE0NJB
W3MEB	KD0ORW
K0TV	KD0WSI
N0OWZ	KB0UVW
N0XG	KE0UHO
KC0CYA	WA0WHY
KY0P	KD0CNC
KD0OPS	KE0QYL
KE0FUD	WB0LRX
KD0CNC	AD0VD
N0EE	KF0SJG
KE0CYR	WA0WUY
K0WAN	KA0JWA

NOTE:

The SPARK club was founded May 13, 1935.
 Today would be the 85th anniversary of the club.
 Due to COVID-19 virus, we were unable to have a meeting to celebrate the event.
 This on-air event was conducted as an alternative.
 So much cool historic information was passed during the net. Written notes might be a tad spotty, sorry (de K0TV)

N0OWZ

The club had 3 names over the years.
 1935-1976 Amateur Radio Club of Central Missouri
 1976-1996 Sedalia Amateur Repeater Association (SARA)
 1996-Present Sedalia Pettis Amateur Radio Klub (SPARK)

Original repeater location was the Cable TV tower, S of town, on Sacajawea road. It was later moved to the Howard Construction site N of town.

Jim Kech N0FRX (SK) wrote down a lot of past history about the club. N0OWZ has it and will make it available.

KY0P

Licensed 1995 and joined club. Met in Central Bank basement on 14th/Limit. Would drink coffee at Hardees across the street afterwards and actually take care of most club business then. Repeater was on the South side of town. Steve was paid for the repeater then later refunded the money to the club.

KE0QYA

Cross mode relay for KJ5ZW. Philip joined the net from TX and said he joined the club in 2005.

WB0LRX

Licensed 1972. Moved to Sedalia 1980. Worked on repeater at cable TV tower. After a lightning strike, there was a problem with the phone patch. A memorable mystery problem that was later traced to 1.7V being present on the telephone jack. N0EE originally ran the 220 repeater and later passed it off to WB0LRX. There was also some discussion about W0ENW, Greg Hibbert ("Pastor Disaster"). OWZ and KY0P commented on his lightning detector.

KD0ETL

Started in CB. Later worked at Radio Shack. Took a class in 1979 but didn't license till 2008. Later became a long term President of the club.

WB6BGK, Carl Loveall (SK 2015) was remembered.

N0EE

1935 club started. June 1934, the FCC was formed. We were originally in the 9th call district and later became the 0 call district. W0CHO, Ben Cline a dentist was remembered. W0EMW (Greg) was call on tower. 1991 was 220 repeater. (John presented lots more information...)

KF0SJG

In the club a year. KY0P and W3MEB were helpful mentors.

WA0WUY

Joined club 1975. Pleasant Hill Civil Defense had class on a Frequency Counter and he built one.

K0WAN

Got license 1996. Mostly listens than talk due to his job.

KA0JWA

The Missouri State Fair amateur radio station was run out of a group from Columbia. Local operators helped. Originally there were two clubs. One was a repeater group and the membership overlapped.

KY0P

Many contributors made reference to N0FRX, Jim Kech (SK) and his contributions to the club. Jim had dated Dennis's mother at one time. Interesting trivia. Dennis purchased Jim's equipment once he moved to a home in Illinois.

Many memories were passed along during this, the 85th birthday recognition of the radio club.

The net was concluded, and the repeater released at 8:52 PM.

These observations and notes submitted by:

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