



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

Meeting: August 1, 2020
Program: None
Meeting leader: Bret Kuhns, W0VK meeting started 8:33 am
Meeting Location: Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sedalia. Outdoor shelter facility

In Attendance (16 members, 7 VE, 8 ARRL)

Bret Kuhns	W0VK	Richard Camirand	KE0QYA
Harry Burford	K0TV	Chris Franklin	KE0FUD
Grace Finch	KE0MER	Donald Finch	AD0VD
Steve DeMoss	WA0WUY	Steve Galliher	KF0SJG
Dennis Henderson	KY0P	John Mullis	N0EE
Don Weldon	KF0ARQ	Chris Sparks	KC0TKS
Bob Carrender	KE0CYR	Doc Buckley	W3MEB
Mike Hawkins	KE0UHO	Brian Wood	KE0NJB

Bret, W0VK – Club President

Provided opening remarks. Attendee introductions. Announced there would be a test session today following the meeting. Then proceeded to give a short presentation from the ARRL Antenna Book regarding Proximity Effects.

Harry, K0TV – Club Secretary report

Minutes were read. There was a correction made to a callsign typo. Don, KF0ARQ moved, Richard, KE0QYA 2nd to accept minutes as amended. PASSED.

John, N0XG – Club Treasurer report

John, N0XG was not in attendance. No treasurer report. Discussion indicated that the account is an estimated +\$12 due to membership dues and minus the account maintenance fee.

John, N0EE – Testing committee

There will be a testing session following this 8/1/20 meeting. Our club has conducted 5 VE test sessions this year including today. Due to virus, there has not been a normal schedule of sessions. The VE team is willing to work out special sessions as possible.

Daren, KD0OPS – Training committee

No report.

Mark, N0OWZ – Repeater Trustee, Mark not present at the meeting.

2M repeater is working fine. There has been some unlicensed activity on the repeater sounding like kids playing with a transmitter. Discussion regarding listening to the input and other signal reports indicate that the source might be local. Members will continue to monitor the situation.

6M repeater is working in good working order and there has been activity on it. The limit to the 6M performance is the antenna which has not been tuned. There was discussion regarding possibly linking it to the 2M repeater. There was discussion regarding getting the repeater listed in the various databases so it can be more easily discovered. The possibility of a 6M net was proposed to help stir interest.

NET COMMITTEE REPORTS

2M simplex net is active

Richard, KE0QYA solicited net control operators to take Sunday nets.

EMA

Richard, KE0QYA announced the practice weather net conducted about 10 minutes following the regular 1st Wednesday siren test. There was additional discussion that the EMA was going to soon be moving the radios and their EOC to their new location. There was no ARES report made.

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE / WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

Dennis, KY0P solicited news about the club that could be published in the local media. Chris, KC0TKS will be posting the club bylaws as well as an updated membership list behind a member login on the website. The membership list is not up to date, Bret, W0VK will have a paper list to hand out at the next meeting.

WRECKING CREW

Looking for projects. A recent antenna installation involved a 20' Harbor Freight pole with sections that could be easily pushed up and twist-locked into place.

OLD BUSINESS

The Fox Hunt activity postponed by the virus is still of interest. There are still plans to conduct an antenna building session prior to a hunt. Also, it was mentioned that an attenuator was also a useful piece of equipment.

Chris, KC0TKS mentioned that the club nets are now live using the Broadcastify service. Steve, KF0SJK kindly donated the electricity for a year and Steve, WA0WUY donated all the equipment. Chris is making it all work.

The special event station committee for the SPARK club 85th birthday presented a challenge for the next meeting. What do we want to do, when do we want to do it, and where will it be done. Members are being polled for input.

Lifetime Membership for Steve Semon KE0CYW. Steve will attend the next meeting. In addition to recognizing Steve with a lifetime membership for everything he has done for the club, a wood plaque is being made to present at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

SPARK ARRL Special Service Club. Bret, W0VK displayed a banner and award the club received from the ARRL as recognition for becoming a Special Service Club. The club has been an affiliated club for some time. Special Service is an additional level of recognition from the ARRL. Plans are to add the Special Service logo to the club correspondence.

10M rag chew? Discussion regarding stirring up activity on 10M. This could be an incentive to get technician interest in HF. Rather than being a formal net, it was discussed that there be a standing time every day where anyone is around they throw their call out.

Bret, W0VK led a discussion from meeting attendees collecting information about favorite HF nets and any interesting DX contacts that had been made.

Harry, K0TV mentioned an entirely online hamfest to be conducted next weekend. Registration is free, 70 speakers are on the agenda as well as a vendor area and door prizes. A link will be posted on the club website following the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Due to conflicts, the next meeting will be August 29. Tentative location will be at the same location, Our Savior Lutheran outdoor shelter. Changes and updates will be posted on the club website.

MOTION Don, KF0ARQ moved, Grace, KE0MER 2nd to adjourn, PASSED

Meeting ended 9:46am

Submitted,
Harry Burford, K0TV
SPARK Secretary