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EDITOR'S MOMENT

-By Connie Koch WAØQCJ

Welcome to the inaugural 2022 issue of your SPARK newsletter! Although not the first of it's kind for the Klub, it's intent is to bring items of interest to the membership...yet not duplicate our Web or FaceBook offerings. Photo coverage of Field Events, a Member Spotlight, Word From our President, 'Nerd Notes', 'Techie 'Truths', Ham Humor and MORE will be included as YOU help me in this mission with your input and suggestions. Hey! I can't do it without 'Ya! 73'S WAØQCJ

WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

-By Bret Kuhns WØVK

Hello SPARK!

I am very excited about the coming year for 2022, our agenda looks great and through the collaboration of our membership, we have a full year of activities planned, I could not be more proud to be part of such a cool club! With the inauguration to our new newsletter, I want to say thank you to Connie Koch WAØQCJ for stepping up to be our Editor for this newsletter 😊. This newsletter is by our members and for our members so Connie will need your help as we go. If you think of things of interest, please let Connie know and we can get it added to the next month.

Talk to you soon -Bret WØVK



WINTER FIELD DAY 2022

January 29th found several SPARK members and guests, Terry (AB8FP) and Dana (KC8WSA) Binkley of Warsaw, gathered at our mobile unit at EMA Headquarters to enjoy some fast paced contacts, numbering 30 or more. Many Hams were able to make their initial field day call-outs getting those first-time jitters under control and learning the field day lingo. This well-organized event will go down as A+ in the books not only for the great camaraderie and radio play enjoyed by all...but also for the carry-in dishes that were DELISH! It gives new meaning to the word HAM...we can DO it and we can EAT it! We did both with gusto! Enjoy these images from Winter Field Day.







Bret has asked me to give this news segment "IN THE SPOTLIGHT" a test drive to give you an idea of how it works. At the end of the newsletter, you will find a questionnaire from which you may choose three to five questions which will draw out interesting facts about yourself that our membership may not have known. I asked Bret to be our first victim, but he threw the ball back in my court so here goes...

Connie Koch - WAØQCJ

1. (Q) How did you get into Ham Radio?

(A) Actually, I was trying to impress a boy...He didn't last but playing radio did!

2. (Q) Do you live by any words of wisdom?

(A) "Dare to be Different...The Dividends are Delightful!"

3. (Q) What is something few people know about you?

(A) I rode a bicycle from Ottawa, Canada to Miami, Florida for the cause of organ donation to honor my son Jesse who was an organ donor in 1998.

4. (Q) Do you have any special or unusual skills?

(A) I can castrate a baby pig in 10 seconds. (...cost me a lotta' dates!) :>)

5. (Q) Who inspires you?

(A) YOU HAMS inspire me!!! You are all so SMART...and generous with your wisdom! Don't know what I'd do without 'ya!

Disclaimer: If you do not choose to participate in our "IN THE SPOTLIGHT" segment... I will have to resort to dredging up your criminal record and make some stuff' up! :>) :>) Just kidding!...really, JUST KIDDING!!! :>)

TECH TALK



Congratulations! February Class of 2022 Licensee Graduates!

- **Marcia Withers - Technician**
- **Ryan Anderson - Technician**
- **Jordan Polk - Technician**
- **Bart Kuhns KEØZTG- Upgrade to General**



Doc (W3MEB) was awarded his Lifetime Membership plaque by President Bret (WØVK). Doc was voted to receive this prestigious award before Sparkfest of last year. Doc was deployed by FEMA shortly after Hurricane Ida to Louisiana for 144 days, so we had to wait until now to give him his plaque. Thank you, Doc, for your outstanding contributions and help to the ham radio community. Stay safe in your travels, Doc!



"IN THE SPOTLIGHT" NEWSLETTER QUESTIONNAIRE

Following is a list of Newsletter Personality Questions which will put YOU in the SPOTLIGHT for a future issue of your SPARK Newsletter! Please choose 5 questions to answer which will be shared with the Klub membership. E-Mail them to me at: Connie.Koch@att.net. I want you to have FUN with this so be creative, let your hair down, and let your Ham friends get to know you better!

"IN THE SPOTLIGHT" PERSONALITY QUESTIONNAIRE

- How did you get involved in HAM Radio?
- 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 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?
- How long have you been a HAM?