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HAM Radio Community

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EDITOR'S MOMENT

By Connie Koch (WAØQCJ)

Thanks to all for your positive responses to the SPARK Newsletter last month! Your suggestions have been noted and integrated into this month's issue! Keep'em coming! Thank you to Don Weldon (KFØARQ) for stepping up to be showcased in our "In The Spotlight" segment! Also!...What a great addition to your newsletter team welcoming seasoned editor Brooks Baker (KAØJWA) as co-editor! As you requested, included this month is a listing of nets/frequencies and member birthdates throughout the year.

WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Bret Kuhns (WØVK)

Hello Hams!

March is here and **BOY** am I looking forward to daylight savings time! I cannot wait to get that extra hour of daylight in the evenings! We have had some challenging weather the last couple of months, and this has given us a real opportunity to work in our shacks and get to a few of those radio tasks we have been needing to do. I for one have put my go-box in line in the shack and have been operating it the last couple of months. It has allowed me time to get it checked out and warmed up and also to familiarize myself with its operation in case we need it. This is a good time to look your equipment over to see if it is good-to-go in the event we were to need it for real. Also, this is the beginning of spring storm season and we know to be weather aware but also confident in our equipment. I personally look forward to seeing you all at our next club meeting and cannot wait to visit with each one of you.

NETS AND FREQUENCIES

2 Meter New – 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)

03/26/2022 – Boonville Amateur Radio Club Annual Hamfest - Boonville, Mo.

03/26/2022 – Ozarks Amateur Radio Society (OARS) Hamfest 2022 – Mt. Vernon, Mo.

04/08/2022 – 04/09/2022 – 2022 Oklahoma State Convention – Claremore, Ok.

04/08/2022 - 04/09/2022 – OZARKCON – Branson, Mo.

04/16/2022 – Hambash 2022 – Kansas City, Mo.

06/04/2022 – SMARC Pre-Field Day Hamfest – Springfield, Mo.

07/16/2022 - WAARCI Hamfest 2022 – Warrensburg, Mo.

08/14/2022 - SCARC Hamfest - O'Fallon, Mo.

08/15/2022 – SPARKFEST – Sedalia, Mo.

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

OPERATORS IN THE NEWS

de Paul (KØETL)

They have been friends and mentors to many of us as we tested the waters with our new calls and rigs. We've been encouraged by them and recipients of their words of wisdom. Our journey we call Ham Radio would not have been as fulfilling without these Hams in our lives. Pause for a trip down memory lane.



Greg Hibbard – WØENW



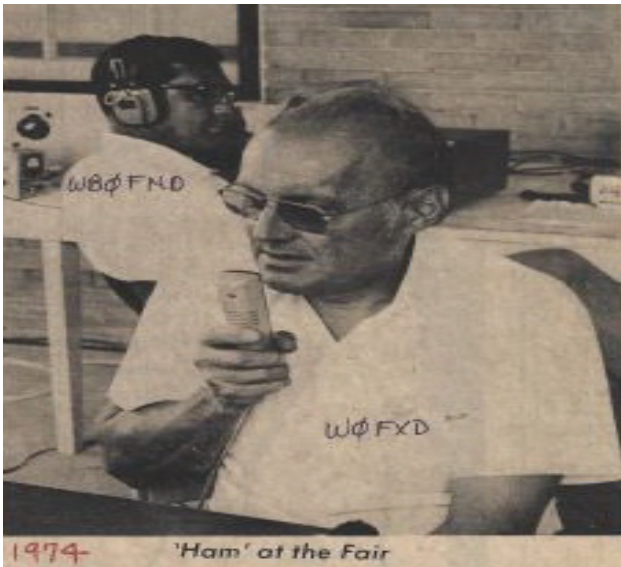
Gentry Patterson – WØOHC



**Jim Keck – WØFRY and
Alice Johnson – WBØZOF**



Douglas McIndoo – N4RZB



Ken Vanwinkle – WØFXD



John Cline – NØXG & Philip Mahin – KCØCYA



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

who has had **This month we spotlight Don Weldon, KFØARQ**
some VERY interesting life experiences! Enjoy!

1. (Q) How did you get into Ham Radio?
 (A) When COVID reared its ugly head and I was quarantined, I got very bored and decided to become a Ham two years ago.
2. (Q) What are your favorite TV programs?
 (A) The old ones like Gilligan's Island, Mash, Gunsmoke and Hogan's Heroes. I also like Chicago Fire.
3. (Q) What is something few people know about you?
 (A) In the Navy I was on an operation in Rhode Island located on an island off Newport. Torpedoes were built and tested there but with no explosives. I became a sky diver as a hobby in Rhode Island but my real job was as an underwater photographer. I got to photograph some of the most beautiful dive sites ever throughout my career in the Navy. We did operations on nuclear submarines. The job involved a long cable attached to a topside bouy. It had stop points and we divers had transponders on our belts and submarines could be located when they moved by. One time I was really startled by a dark shadow approaching. I thought it was a killer whale but it was actually a submarine. Certainly dodged a bullet there!
4. (Q) What is the first thing you'd do if you won the lottery?
 (A) I'd get a better house.
5. (Q) Is there a job you'd never want to do?
 (A) Any job pertaining to hurting animals.

6. (Q) What's a favorite job you've done?

(A) I loved being a firefighter at WAFB and being Chief for the Pettis County Fire Department for 5 years. I've also volunteered as an EMA weather spotter for over 30 years.

7. (Q) What's your favorite story about yourself?

(A) I skydived into a pine tree once. (Editor – Must have been a piercing experience!)

HONOR FOR LOCAL EDUCATOR !!!

A CAMIRAND In the News!!!

Angie Camirand, spouse of Nick (KEØNIL), shares the SPOTLIGHT!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!

Amber Nerad – (KEØQYL) 9th

Josh Appleman – (KFØBLM) 9th

Scott Anderson – (KJ4MFW) 11th

Dennis Henderson (KYØP) 18th



TECH TALK

An enlightening article showcasing the radio career of Daren Nerad (KDØOPS)

My first interest in Ham radio was in high school and through some friends whose relatives were operators in Nashville TN. Up to that point I experimented with CB. DX was my only experience with radio. Through the years I had learned my father was a radio operator while in the USMC. I thought that sounded like fun.....so I enlisted. That opened up the world of radio to me. I took on the same MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) as my father had (2531 - Field radio operator). I was schooled on everything from UHF to HF and several forms and types of communications in-between. The radio and operation skills I still draw from are based on my education in the military. After I returned to civilian life it took me a couple of years before I reached back out to explore the path of Ham Radio. Reaching out to S.P.A.R.K. lead me to Doug McIndoo (N4RZB) who helped me get connected with a Ham 101 class that WAARIC put on. After getting my ticket in May of 2011 (KDØOPS), I then upgraded to General in March of 2018 while my wife Amber (KEØQYL) gained her Tech License that same session. More recently I achieved my goal of Extra Class in May of 2021 and proceeded to upgrade my VE status to reflect my Extra Class. I now am focusing on enjoying the hobby and trying to offer Ham Radio classes and help others wanting to get their ticket or upgrade. ELMERING and Mentoring is one of the most valuable resources to new hams and feel the more we make ourselves available the more likely we can continue to sustain the hobby. (...and that's the REST of the story!

73's Daren – (KDØOPS)

NEWS FLASH – GENERAL TESTING!

Hello Fellow SPARK Members,

In the March meeting, there was interest in putting on a General Class for upgrade opportunities. April looks to be a good month to hold one of these sessions. We will be using the W5YI format for the slides and you have time and the opportunity to purchase the book.

Tentative times and dates.

Dates:

April 2nd Time: 1 to 5 (4 hours)

April 9th Time: 7 to 4 (8 hours -1 hour break for lunch)

April 16th Time: 7 to 4 (8 hours -1 hour break for lunch)

April 23rd Time: 7 to 10:30 (can go longer but someone will have to pick this up from an instructor's side) (4.5 hours)

April 30th Self-study

May 7th Testing

24.5 hours class time

Hams seeking upgrades to General: I ask that you reply to this email letting me know you are interested by end of next week (18th) so we can focus on the logistics of the class and room.

Instructors: I will follow up with you on a link for the lessons and a chart to fill in for instruction lessons based on the times and dates above. 73's Daren (KDØOPS)



WHO LIKES ‘DEM BROWNIES???

You’ve asked for it...and ‘ye shall receive! The secret recipe for Connie’s brownies has been locked inside a safe...inside a vault...inside of a volcano...to be shared with you today! Follow directions *exactly* and you too may re-create this chocolaty delicacy!...or you can just come to Klub Breakfast on Fridays!

CONGRATULATIONS! MARCH CLASS OF 2022 LICENSEE GRADUATES!

Lori and Leo Sihuart !!!

AND..... BIG THANKS To...

Marcia (KFØHYQ), for her lovely gift of roses to the YL’s and XYL’s at our March meeting! What a gracious and thoughtful surprise!



“IN THE SPOTLIGHT INSIGHT”

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

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(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?
How long have you been a HAM?

SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS (KAØJWA)



In this day and age, the amateur bands are always under attack. Be it from business concerns looking for more spectrum space, shortwave broadcasters on the HF bands or even bootleggers operating within our own allocated frequencies. There are more Hams right now than at any point in history, but many times while scanning the low bands there are very few stations heard. I know some repeaters in more populated areas are fairly active, but they are the exception to the rule. Most repeaters nationwide wide remain quiet with little or no use. The point is if we don't use our privileges, we will lose them. Turn on your radio and make a contact. This doesn't mean you have to be on the air 24 hours a day, just make an extra call now and then to foster new activity. No one knows you're there if you don't make some noise. If you know of someone with interest in Ham Radio, encourage them to the best of your ability. Send him or her our way and we'll be happy to help them work towards their license.

QRT FOR NOW! de WAØQCJ es KAØJWA