



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

**Meeting:** March 4, 2023  
**Program:** Fusion (Following meeting)  
**Meeting leader:** Bret Kuhns, W0VK  
**Meeting Location:** Pettis County EMA 1511 N Ohio, Sedalia MO

33 total in attendance; 31 members; 9 VE; 17 ARRL, 2 guests  
(Sign in sheet maintained in separate file)

**OPENING:** (Raffle preceded meeting with two numbers drawn and netting \$33 for the club.)

Meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bret, W0VK – Club President; Meeting started 8:30 am with attendee introductions.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Secretary:** Harry, K0TV Club Secretary presented summary of last month’s meeting minutes. Printed copies were available at the meeting and had previously been posted on the club website. Don, KF0ARQ moved to accept minutes, a 2<sup>nd</sup> was received, PASSED.

**Treasurer:** John, N0XG Club Treasurer presented the clubs financial status later in the meeting, but the report is listed here. Net currently is \$6,695.59. No bills are outstanding. Robert, KC1PRP moved to accept the report. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup>. PASSED.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**TESTING:** Bret, W0VK indicated there was a candidate for the test session to be held after the meeting.

**TRAILER:** Mark, K0NYE reported the trailer was ready for deployment. Regarding the HF rig that was off frequency, Bret, W0VK indicated his source for possible service was no longer available. The donated Alinco rig also in the trailer will be moved to the primary HF position and we will see how that works. A Parks on the Air exercise was proposed as a good method to test the new HF rig.

**TRAINING:** Both Connie, WA0QCJ and Daren, KD0OPS reported on training opportunities. There is currently a Tech. class starting in March to be conducted over 2 Saturdays and testing at the April meeting. There are 7 currently signed up for the class. Interest in a General class later in the year was mentioned.

**REPEATERS:** 2M, 6M, 220, DMR, Fusion: no change in repeater status from last month.

**NETS:** Richard, KE0QYA took volunteers for monthly NCS. Meeting time for the Tuesday Rag Chew net was changed to 7:30PM.

**EMCOMM** – Next Tuesday, 3/7/23, there will be a state-wide tornado awareness drill conducted at 10AM. Sirens will be sounded, and net will follow on the 2M repeater.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION** – Richard, KE0QYA gave Face Book/website report. Connie, WA0QCJ gave the newsletter report. Joel was the winner of the Brownies, wasn’t present at the meeting, so meeting attendees enjoyed his prize.

**WRECKING CREW** – Dennis, KY0P still has coax work to be done when weather permits.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS** – Several members were recognized as needing our thoughts, prayers, or support.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**SPOTTER CLASS** – Several who attended the recent class put on by the National Weather Service reported it was interesting and informative. There was a large crowd of 50 in attendance including many SPARK members. A new version of NWS chat will go online later in the year to add features.

**WINTER FIELD DAY** – Harry, K0TV reported that Steve, KC8AEK turned in points for the WFD and SPARK scored 3060 points for the event.

## NEW BUSINESS:

**MO QSO PARTY:** It was decided to participate in this April 1 activity with a station set up at the EOC. This will be a meeting day too. Harry, K0TV agreed to take care of rules and scoring. The club will operate under WA0SDO call with the intent of doing 24 hours. Details of a potluck dinner was also discussed.

**REPEATER CERTIFICATE:** Bret, W0VK announced a March initiative to generate additional activity on the 2M repeater. Members who complete 10 contacts with different stations, not on a NET, will receive a certificate. The first one to finish the challenge will receive a gold star on their certificate.

**PARKS ON THE AIR:** With the Tech. class on weekends, and MO QSO Party soon, it was decided not to try and conduct a club sponsored POTA event for March.

**SPARKFEST** – Scheduled for October 14. The facility is paid for, the refundable deposit is in place. All is on track for SPARKFEST. Harry, K0TV reported that SPARKFEST 2023 will have a unique quality that no other hamfest can claim this year. This includes the big Dayton Hamvention. That is, SPARKFEST 2023 will feature a partial eclipse of the sun. We will enjoy a view of a 60% eclipse during SPARKFEST this year!

**BOONVILLE HAMFEST** – Paul, KD0ETL will not be able to transport the trailer to the hamfest this year. Club members will be in attendance, we will staff a club information table, and will be promoting SPARKFEST. Dwayne KB9TQJ offered to tow the trailer.

**FIELD DAY 2023** – Location will be the EMA building as it will support a 24 hr. event.

## WRAPUP:

After-meeting workshop presentations: No presentation for the April meeting.

Next meeting will be April 1, 2023 at the Pettis EOC 1511 N. Ohio.

A testing session will follow today's meeting.

A Fusion digital radio presentation by Daren, KD0OPS will follow the meeting today.

Dwayne, KB9TQJ is looking for a 220 amplifier. Preferably all mode.

Ron, KE0ITC was thanked for the meeting doughnuts.

Renda, KB0UVW moved to adjourn the meeting. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was received. PASSED

Meeting closed at 9:51 am.

These minutes submitted by  
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SPARK Secretary