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Radio Community

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EDITOR'S MOMENT



Greetings SPARK Members!

In our hobby of Amateur Radio, the term 'Old Timer' is one of respect for one's ability and years of service. It has nothing to do with age. Steve (WAØWUY) has had his ticket since 1970. Connie (WAØQCJ) has had her ticket since 1963. Not sorry to be the older 'Old Timer' in the SPARK organization! That just means I've had more years to enjoy this fascinating hobby of ours!
73s de (QCJ)



Renda Report! (KBØUVW)...Feelin' Sassy!

1. Cast has been removed from her arm and she's beating (NØOWZ) with it!
2. Hmm...Thought she'd learned that lesson by now!
3. Bones are growing back and perfectly aligned.
4. Pain free and looking forward to our upcoming Spring Events!

73's Connie (WAØQCJ)

WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hey, SPARK!

May is here and I am certainly looking forward to more outside field events with you all! We have had a very busy April with Daren's training class, all the work on the Igate / Digipeater which now gets our APRS in top notch shape and a day at the park which gave us an opportunity to blow the dust off the go-box to ensure things work as they should.

Please stay tuned to our club events coming this month we will have some for you to choose from or hopefully you can make it to all of them. June 3rd will be our 1st Special Event of the year and we have a Parks On The Air event planned as well in May.

We may have another special event in June, please come to the meeting to find out more on this exciting opportunity/event we have been invited too

See you May 6th 😊

-Bret WØVK

May – Pi-Star Hotspot Workshop

June - Vara Software for digital modes (VaraFM, VaraChat, VaraHF, and VaraC).

July - APRS (Reporting System) Workshop Automatic Packet

Next Meeting – May 6th at 8:30 AM at Pettis County EOC – 1511 N Ohio St.

NETS AND FREQUENCIES

2 Meter Net – Sunday at 7:30 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 **7:30 PM** – Rag Chew net operator Don (KFØARQ) 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 2023

These Are The HamFests Currently Posted – More To Follow
de – Brooks (KAØJWA)

07/15/2023 - Hamfest 2023

Location: Johnson County Fairgrounds Warrensburg, MO

Sponsor: WAARCI

08/13/2023 - SCARC Hamfest

Location: Elks Lodge- O'Fallon, MO

Sponsor - St. Charles Amateur Radio

10/14/2023 – SPARKFEST

Location – Our Savior Lutheran Church – 3700 W. Broadway – Sedalia, MO

Sponsor – SPARK

Sorry, not this month





May Birthdays

Renda Jackson (KBØUVW) 17th



WHO'ZIT?



We took our camera and went remote to produce training tapes for disabled & handicapped folks; to bring them up to minimum standards so they could be hired to work.

Also taped a motel maid while doing her job in Warsaw as well as a training tape in the Lamy Levi factory. Other gigs included a taping in a barn yard of individuals working with a calf. One of the most memorable was an opportunity at the local TV broadcast station which garnered us a job to produce a TV Commercial.

Your's Truly served as the actor at Dog n' Suds for that commercial. No one successfully identified our mystery man as Philip Markmann (KJ5ZW) who may claim his pan of brownies at his earliest convenience!

WHO'ZIT? May Victim

One thing I learned as a youngster was that Ford 8N and 9N tractors did not have live power! I was brush hogging and came to realize that when the clutch pedal was pushed down, the power take off was still engaged to the drive wheels. Needless to say, the tractor, *with me still white knuckling the steering wheel*, went halfway through the side of the barn! Fortunately I made it without injury. ...Dad bought a PTO slip clutch.

My travels have allowed me to drink beer in Tokyo, play Aldama in Dubai, look through the Oculus of the Pantheon, and eat spectacular pintxos in San Sebastian. Heck, I have even run the Exorcist steps. They are steep!! Who am I?

Contact or e-mail me at: Connie.Koch@att.net

April – Technician Class and Testing - de Daren (KDØOPS) es Paul (KDØETL)

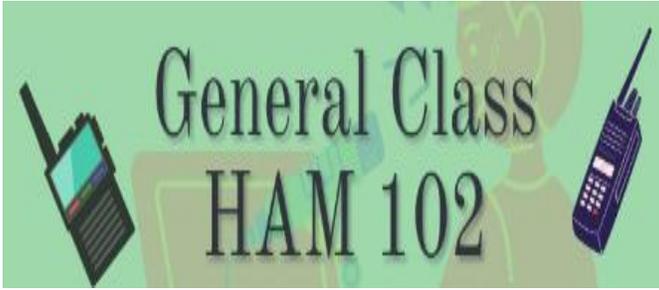


Wow! What an honor to have the privilege of teaching and testing such a group. We had a great turnout on the class, testing, and upgrades with, 5 new Technicians and 1 upgrade to General. It is really great to get this kind of activity in the Ham Radio Community. Be expecting to hear some new call signs in the near future!





April and May-General Class - de Daren (KDØOPS)





Recently KLUB President, Bret Kuhns (WØVK), met with local Kiwanis club to educate and impress upon their membership



the virtues and merits of Ham Radio. He spoke of the foundation of SPARK...the need for what we do, the makeup of our membership and the fun we have serving our community through our volunteer service. Bret's 10 minute presentation morphed itself into an hour-long Q & A session as the audience was very receptive to his message. Well, Bret did what we Hams do best...he TALKED!

2023 QSO Party Planned Operations

- Planned 100 Operation
- Planned 500 Operation
- Planned 2000 Operation
- Planned 5000 Operation
- Planned On & Off Operation
- Planned On & Off Operation



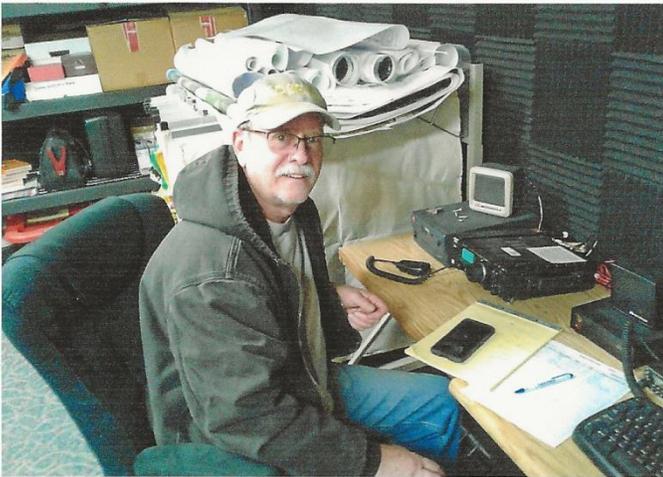
The 2023 Missouri QSO Party is April 1 and 2, 2023

coordinated by the
Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society

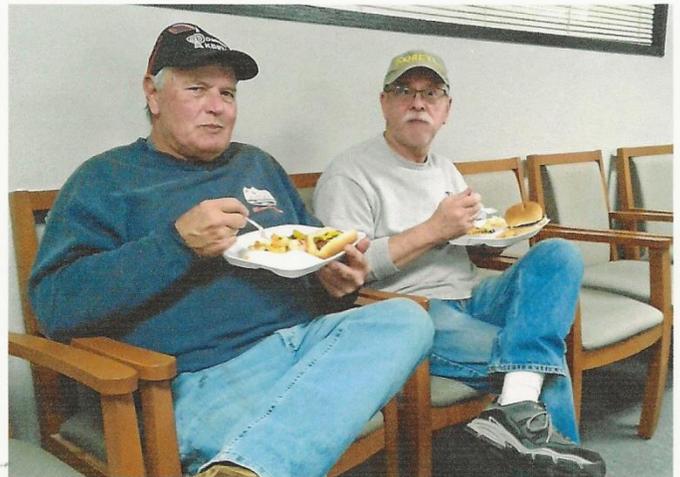
St. Louis (BEARS-STL)



We ate....



We talked....



We ate....



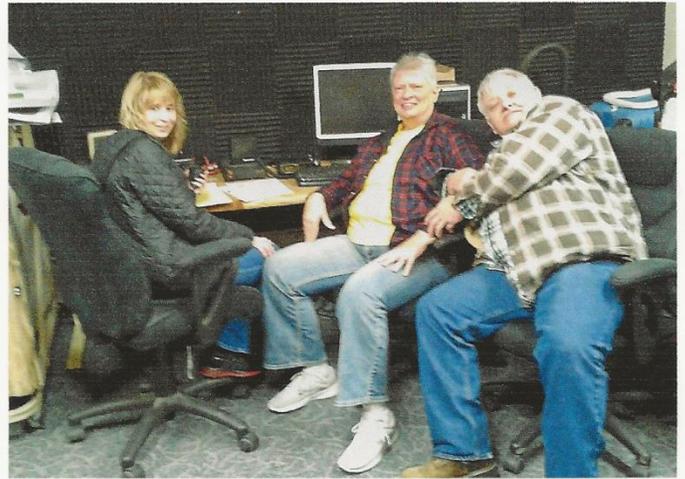
Special guest, Bernadette



We talked some more....



So much food...so little time!



Amber made a Texas contact!



Sure! Room for one more!



Connie, you're killin' me!



Amber n' Daren



We escaped the madness!



TECH TALK

So-o-o-o...Where in the world is Carmen Sandiego?... or KØTV and WØVK???

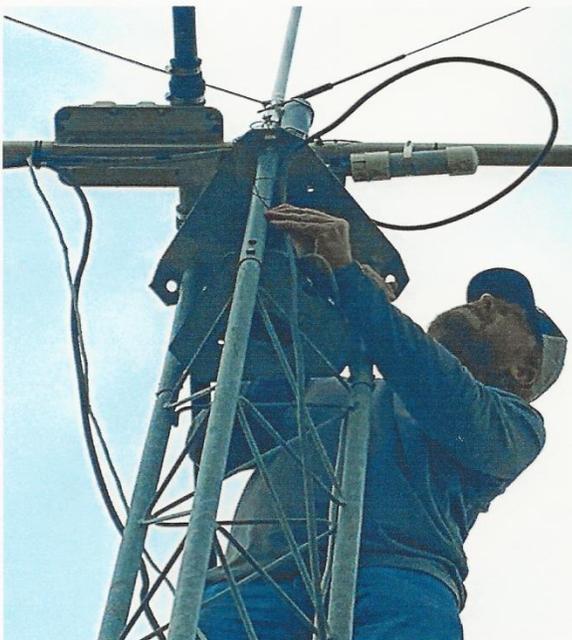
Well, they're up on the roof of Bothwell Hospital working on the Digipeater to get it back on the air. WØVK straightened the Triband antenna which is mounted above the 3 band beam SteppIR antenna as it was out of alignment.



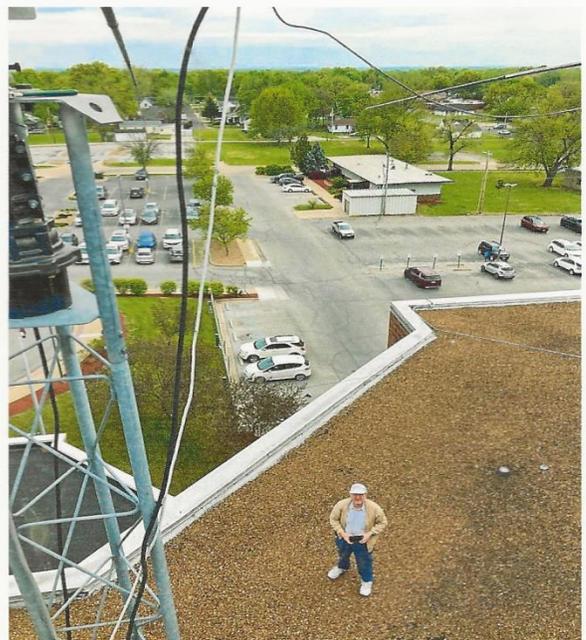
Ok, Bret...you're a man of many hats...but seriously?



(Photoshop courtesy of Daren, (KDØOPS))



Let's see...'lefty loosey, righty tighty'?



Harry in a supervisory capacity running the show!

THE GREAT 2-METER CHALLENGE OF 2023



Bret (WØVK)



Steve (WAØWUY)



Renda (KBØUVW)



Don (KFØARQ)



Mark (NØOWZ)



Richard (KEØQYA)



Mark (KØNYE)



Harry (KØTV)



Lori (KFØIHX)



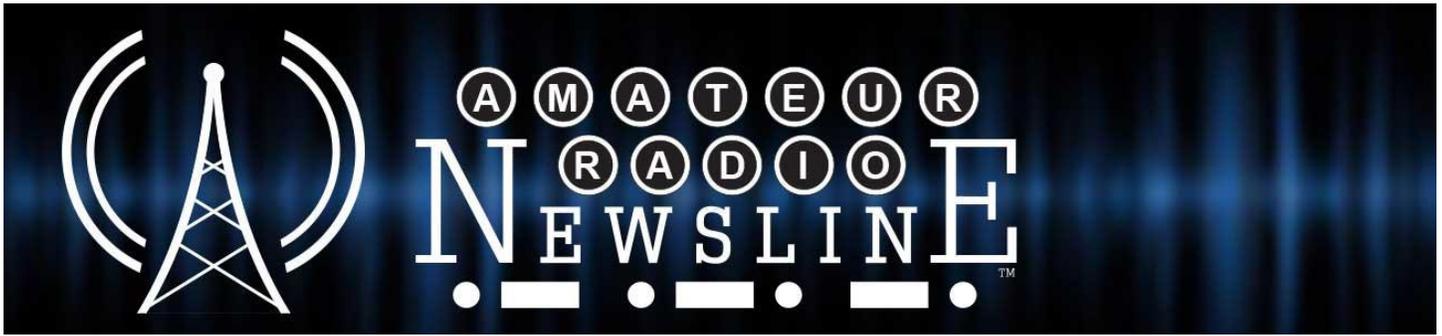
Dennis (KYØP)



Connie (WAØQCJ)



Brian (N7BFM)



Dear ARRL Affiliated Club,

This Monday, May 1, ARRL will launch a survey for members, encouraging their participation as we consider a dues increase.

The survey will include some short questions about raising dues and modifying the way some membership benefits are bundled. The survey will also include an opportunity for members to share their feedback.

The participation of every member is important. Please encourage all the ARRL members in your radio club to complete the survey in May.

The survey will open on May 1 at www.arrl.org/take-dues-survey. This is a member-only page. Members need to be logged into the ARRL website to take the survey. Members who are not logged in may select the Login button on the top of the web page, and they will be prompted to enter their ARRL website username and password. If they have not logged in since April 2022, they should use these [Login Instructions](#).

Thank you in advance for urging all ARRL members to complete the survey.

73

Mike Walters, W8ZY
ARRL Field Services Manager

ESPECIALLY FOR OUR NEW OPERATORS!!!

2023 Online Ham Bootcamp

04/25/2023

The [Nashua Area Radio Society's](#) spring 2023 online Ham Bootcamp will be held on **Saturday, May 13**, from 10 AM to 6 PM Eastern Time. Access to the session will be provided via [Zoom](#).

Ham Bootcamp includes a series of demonstrations and tutorials designed to help **newly licensed Technician-, General-, and Extra-class license holders get on the air**. Ham Bootcamp is also a great opportunity for hams who are interested in seeing what the hobby has to offer.

The online Ham Bootcamp program is available to all licensed and prospective amateur radio operators. For additional information, contact Anita Kemmerer, AB1QB, of The Nashua Area Radio Society at ab1qb@arrl.net. Nashua Area Radio Society is an ARRL Affiliate.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT INSIGHT

I shall continue to post the Newsletter Personality Questions which will put YOU in the SPOTLIGHT for a future issue of SPARK newsletter! Choose any 5 (**or more!**) questions you'd like to answer and e-mail to: Connie.Koch@att.net. You've seen responses from Don (KFØARQ), Doc (W3MEB) , Steve (WAØWUY) , Renda (KBØUVW) , Dennis (KYØP) and Scott (KJ4MWF) and others! What interesting life experiences they have had! We want to hear about YOURS too!

Personality Questionnaire

How did you get involved in HAM Radio and how long have you been a Ham?

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?

SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS (KAØJWA)



AMATEUR RADIO FIGHTIN' THE FIGHT!
Still an issue in the news! Under normal circumstances, amateur radio privileges are suspended during times of conflict, but according to news reports from Deutch Welle, Ukrainian Hams have joined the fight. They are being used to intercept Russian military transmissions or jam the enemy communications. They have gone as far as transmitting insults and taunts to the Russians. I expect it would be an interesting conversation to hear. Apparently the Russians are lacking in military style encrypted radios, so their soldiers have been forced to use

commercial grade open or non-encrypted radios making monitoring easy. There are several sites listing frequencies being used. Propagation allowing, you can tune in the war zone and listen for yourself. This is a good reason to keep your go box ready. You just never know!



QRT FOR NOW! de WAØQCJ es KAØJWA

