



# S.P.A.R.K.

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## NEWSLETTER

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The latest news, views, and announcements in Sedalia's HAM Radio  
Community

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(WAØQCJ)



### EDITORS MOMENT



Here we are into February, after surviving one of the coldest months in local recorded WX history! The blessing of all those snow days off school included several no-guilt-trips up and down 15 meters making some great CW contacts! The band was GREAT! This issue look forward to coverage of our Winter Field Day and the final results total!

73! de WAØQCJ

**WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

**SPARK!**

It is February and have we got this year started right? YES!! Winter Field Day was an awesome way to kick off this New Year and test the KLUB trailer and sharpen our operating skills. A BIG thank you to Joel (KEØWJX) and Brian (W3MAY) for co-leading the Winter Field Day event!

As we move into this next month, please be reviewing your antennas and outside coax for any damage. I have noticed the SWR's are different than what I usually have, so on the next nice day I will be bringing down the antenna for a thorough review. If you need any help from the wrecking crew let it be known.

I am pleased to share with you all that as I travel to HAMFESTS, I always hear the same thing: "You folks in Sedalia put on a nice HAMFEST"! I always follow it up with "It is the membership." ...and that is a fact! As we move on into the spring I will be very excited to see you at our monthly POTA events.

73! -Bret (WØVK)

**CONGRATULATIONS!!! NEW TECHNICIAN ON BOARD!**

Bret (WØVK) congratulates Kevin Sanders of Syracuse as he earned his license after testing on Winter Field Day. We look forward to having Kevin as a new member in the near future.



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**WORKSHOPS**

**Stay tuned for upcoming workshops in the New Year!**

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**Next Meeting – February 3rd at 8:30 AM at Pettis County EOC – 1511 N Ohio St.**

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**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 Joel (KEØWJX) 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 2024**

**Brooks, (KAØJWA) will be putting together our 2024 calendar as ‘Fests’ info is available.**

**Mark that calendar NOW as our own SPARKFEST will be held: October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024!**

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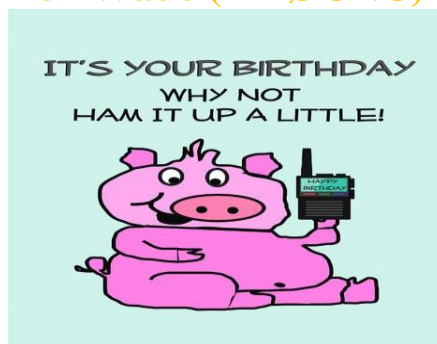


**February Birthdays**

**Mark Jackson (NØOWZ)**

**Paul Withers (KDØETL)**

**Rick Wade (KDØCNC)**



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## WHO'ZIT

In younger days I did a little hill climbing, drag raced for four years, then for 12 years was involved in late model stock car racing. Moved to Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas where I worked for a local printing company as a print operator. While there I designed an envelope

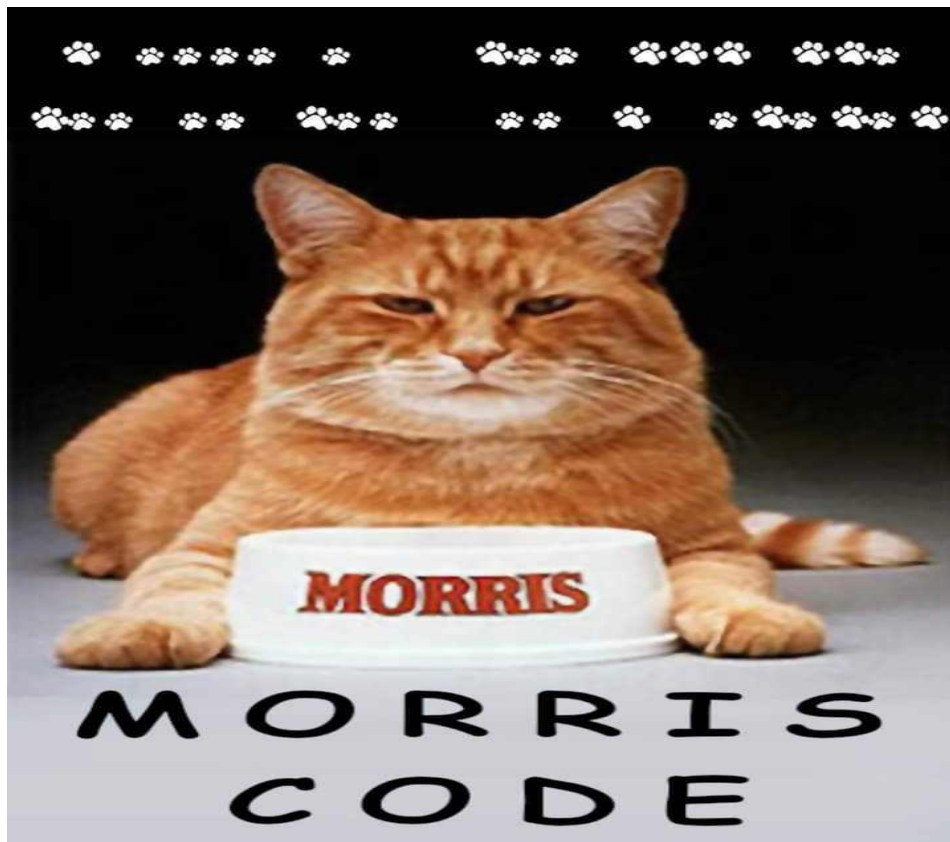
for a local real estate development company and also made the print plate. While in Arkansas, I had my first experience with moonshine. After moving back to Missouri, I worked for Burroughs Corp as a forklift operator. Got into CB radios and progressed to HAM radio over the years. Sold auto parts for six/seven years, and am related to a Bluegrass celebrity. My best enjoyment is spending time with my family.

### WHO AM I?

Contact Connie at: [Connie.koch@att.net](mailto:Connie.koch@att.net) with your guess!

**OUR MYSTERY WHO'ZIT VICTIM FOR JANUARY WAS DWAYNE LUCAS (KB9TQJ) ! DWAYNE, YOUR IDENTITY WAS NOT DISCOVERED, THEREFORE YOU MAY COLLECT YOUR PRIZE AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING!**

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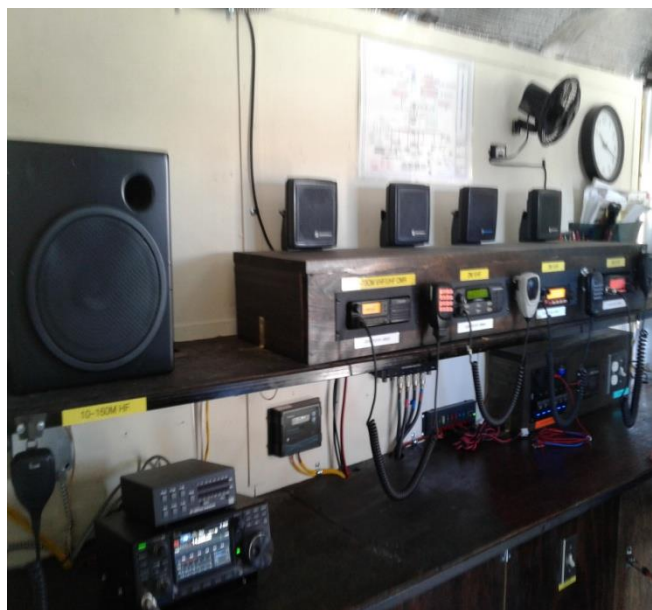


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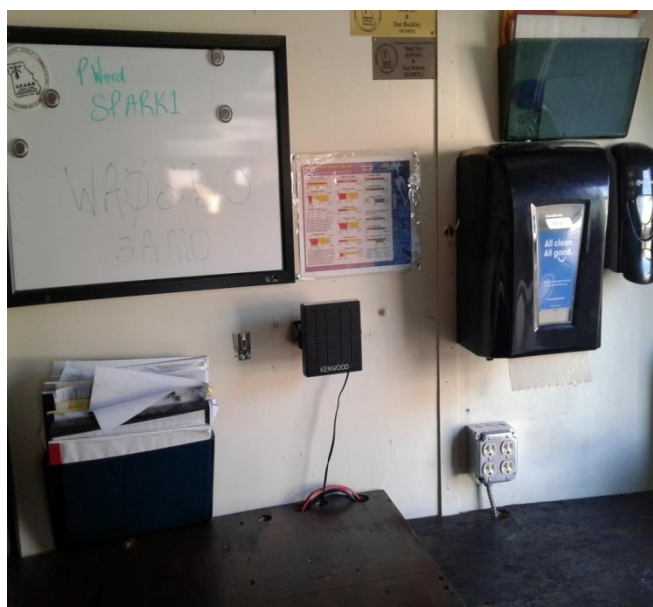


# WHEN **IMAGINATION** MEETS **RENOVATION** YOU GET.....!

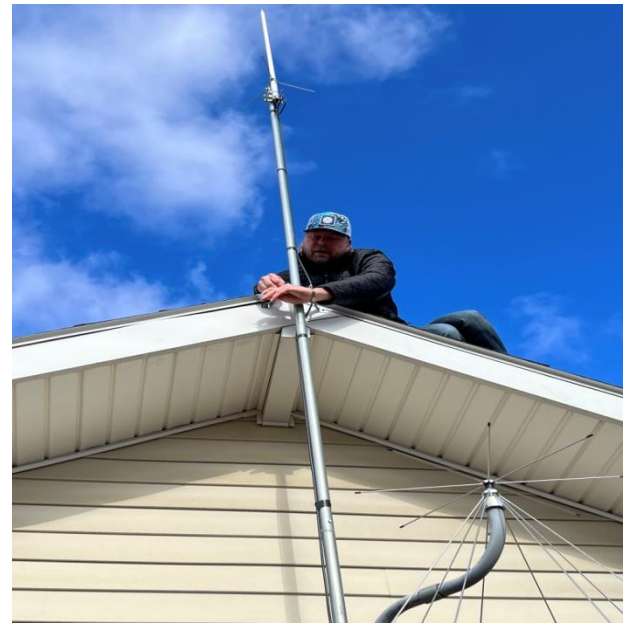
## SOME KIND'A WORK OF ART FROM MARK NYE (KØNYE) !



With the blessings of SPARK, Mark Nye took it upon himself to refresh and renovate the interior of our E-Com Trailer and it stands ready to deploy! Mark presented a walk-thru video of the newly renovated trailer. It was also available for touring following the December meeting. As an AED unit for the trailer had been donated to the Klub, training has been offered and 20 members indicated they were interested. An Eagle 1 antenna is the HF antenna, and a 2nd antenna is required. A new automated trailer jack has been installed. The unit will be a welcome improvement at our Winter Field Day and future events. **BIG THANKS** for a job well done, Mark!



# PREZ' BRET, (WØVK) UP TO SOME 'HOME WRECKING'



**Yes, that's what we call it here in the SPARK organization! We send our 'Wrecking Crew' when the call goes out! Bret, (WØVK) is shown with Ryan, (KFØHYP) at Ryan's QTH in Marshall, Mo. working his magic assisting in the install of a new antenna. Don't jump, Bret!**

**Photos courtesy of Bart (KEØZTG)**



# **THE NEW YEAR OF 2024 HAS BEEN GOOD TO SPARK !!!**

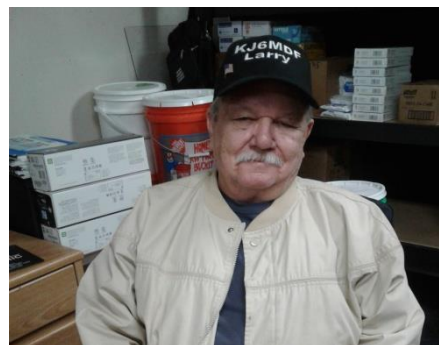
**Thanks to Paul, (KDØETL) for capturing these photos of our first meeting of the 2024 year!  
With an attendance of 35 members and guests we have taken our numbers to new heights!  
THIS is why our Klub is so SUCCESSFUL!**



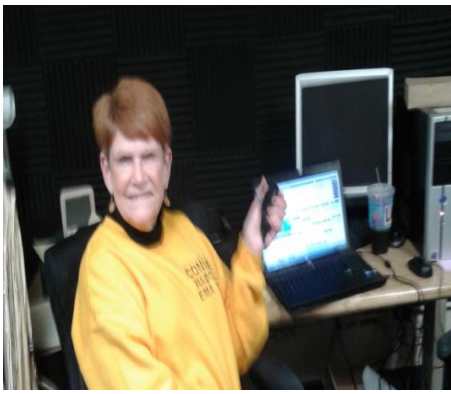




**WINTER FIELD DAY – 2024**  
**JANUARY 27th & 28th**







***OF COURSE WE ATE WELL!!!***





**TO OUR NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS!**

**Brooks Baker (KAØJWA)**

**Dave Roberts (WØDR)**

**Cecil Higgins (ACØHA)**

**Robin Higgins (KEØRRJ)**

**Jason Unwin (KF5UEF)**

**T.J. Porter (WA9FTA)**

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**LOCAL CIVIL AIR PATROL AMBASSADORS SEEK SPARK ALLIANCE**



Members T.J. Porter (WA9FTA) and CAP Commander, Jason Unwine (KF5UEF), approached the Klub with a request of possible 2-meter communication equipment to upgrade their site emergency radio room in Sedalia. Klub members offered up donations of a radio and power supply to meet their needs. A coalition of our organizations could prove beneficial for both parties particularly sparking an interest in the young cadets who could potentially find an interest in Ham radio and become licensed. CAP weekly meetings take place on Thursdays at 6:00 PM at their Sedalia site at 3315 E. Broadway.

**Sedalia Cadet Flight – (Unit NCR-MO-009)**

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## ARRL COMES CALLING!

SPARK welcomed our ARRL Midwest Division Section Manager Cecil Higgins (ACØHA) and his lovely wife Robin (KEØRRJ) first as guests as well as new members to our Klub! Cecil gave an overview of latest ARRL issues including explanation of upcoming membership options. Cecil is a very busy ambassador for ARRL and stated that his calendar to visit Hamfests and club meetings is booked a year in advance. We were very happy to visit with Cecil and Robin and appreciate all they and ARRL do for our local Klub.



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## UPCOMING TECH CLASS IS ANNOUNCED!

**S.P.A.R.K.**  
 SEDALIA PETTIS AMATEUR RADIO KLUB

PRESENTS:

# Technician Class HAM 101

A free service provided by the local area radio club community by local Ham and radio enthusiasts

**FEBRUARY 17TH & 24TH • 8 AM TO 4 PM**  
 ADDRESS:  
 SEDALIA PETTIS COUNTY EMA BUILDING  
 1511 N OHIO AVE, SEDALIA, MO 65301  
 FOR TESTING ON MARCH 2ND  
 (AFTER CLUB MEETING @ 10:30 - 15\$ FEE FOR TEST (CASH ONLY) - YOUTH FREE  
 (FCC FEE TO BE PAID SEPARATELY AFTER SUCCESSFULL TEST COMPLETION - 35\$ FEE PAID ONLINE TO FCC)

A two-day event featuring a walk-thru of the technician questions and answers with key talking points. For sign up please contact Daren Nerad - KDØOPS@ARRL.NET (Ø = "0" zero). More info on our web site WØSDO.org or Facebook page search S.P.A.R.K

Logos at the bottom: HAM IT UP!, ARRL SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB, ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB, ARRL VEC, ARRL INSTRUCTOR AMATEUR RADIO



## **How Well Do You Know Your Newsletter?**

This February issue marks the 25<sup>th</sup> in the series since the first issue of your newsletter... but just how much technical information and useless trivia could you recall if given the chance? Well here ya' go! This is the way to navigate your Newsletter Search! Data is available on your

'Sedalia-Pettis Amateur Radio Klub' website. [wa0sdo.org](http://wa0sdo.org) Click on 'Newsletters' for 2022 and 2023 and research the following questions. NO EXCUSES...THIS IS AN OPEN BOOK TEST!!! ...and no grades will be taken!!! (Hi Hi) Contact 'QCJ [Connie.koch@att.net](mailto:Connie.koch@att.net) first with your completed assignment and claim your prize at the March meeting! Have some HAM fun!

**April – 2022** What member was in the “Spotlight” this issue?

**July – 2022** Which member was the June ‘Who-Zit’ ?

**March – 2023** What were the dates of the Technician class?

**August – 2022 -** Whose birthday was in the August issue?

**February – 2022** What member was awarded a Lifetime Membership at this meeting?

**January – 2023** What circus celebrity was ‘Spotlighted’ in this issue?

**March – 2023** What was the date of the first Hamfest listed?

**October – 2023** Who was the new ham who received his Technician license at this meeting?

**February – 2022** Who was the 1<sup>st</sup> member pictured at the Winter Field Day?

**May – 2023** To what organization did Prez’ Bret make a SPARK presentation?

**September – 2022** What event were the ‘Ladies of Spark’ meeting to organize?

**January - 2023** Who were two of the SPARK operators who participated in ‘The Day Ham Radio Went to School’?



de 'QCJ...couldn't resist! Hi Hi



### SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS (KAØJWA)

#### Kansas Ham Issued \$10,000 Fine

On December 5, Glen Rubash, KC0GPV, of Dwight, Kansas, was issued a \$10,000 fine for what the FCC called "willfully and repeatedly" violating Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by operating an unlicensed radio transmitter on the frequency 88.3 MHz in Manhattan, Kansas. (...and you thought the cost of buying radios was expensive! )



(AFTER WINTER FIELD DAY???) Hi Hi  
QRT FOR NOW! de WAØQCJ es KAØJWA

