



# 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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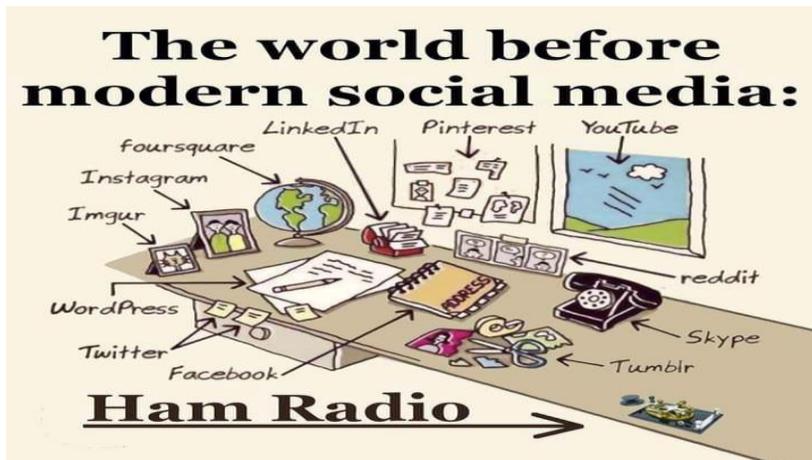
Signing Off

By Connie Koch  
(WAØQCJ)



### EDITORS MOMENT

The way I  
'SEE -W' it!  
de 'QCJ  
Hi Hi!



## WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### **SPARK!**

It is July and where is this summer going? I tell you what... please make time to do the things you want this summer because it is sure flying by! I hope some of those things involve HAM Radio and our awesome club events!!

Field Day 2024, I want to first put out a Big Thanks to Field Day 2024 chairman Joel (KEØWJX) for doing such a great job ensuring the event went on without a hitch. Now all of our events would not happen if not for you members and the contributions you make. This really goes out to everyone that participated and did the things you do to make another fun club event.

The point of Field Day isn't necessarily to achieve the highest score. The socialization with friends, emergency preparedness, and fun that was had can't be quantified in a club score. However I am excited to see how we turned out this year and how Brian (WE3MAY) enhanced our score with his new found interest in CW!

Again, many MANY thanks to the entire WAØSDO crew for handling the operating, food, setup & takedown for this event.

Now we move on to our next adventures like another POTA event at Bothwell State Park and many more events up coming.

See you on the bands!

Bret (W0VK)

### WORKSHOPS

Stay tuned for upcoming workshops!

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### NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR JULY MEETING

**Next Meeting – July 13 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 Joel (KEØWJX) 2 Meter repeater 147.03 – offset 179.9pl

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

de – Brooks (KAØJWA)

07/20/2024 –WAARCI Hamfest – Warrensburg, Mo.

07-21/2024 – ZBARC Hamfest – Washington, Mo.

08/11/2024 – SCARC Hamfest – O’Fallon, Mo.

08/24/2024 – Joplin ARC Hamfest – Web City, Mo.

10/12/2024 – SPARKFEST – Sedalia, Mo.

11/09/2024 - NARCFest 2024 - Nixa, Missouri



## **NEW MEMBERS!**

**Scott Covey KDØHMH**

**David Stockton (N5XWZ)**

**Oliver Johnson (KFØQMX)**

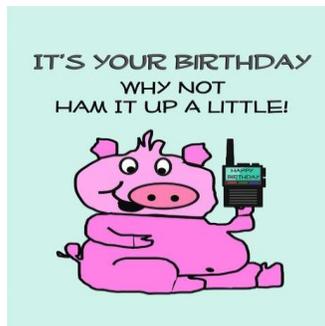
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## **July Birthdays**

**Daren Nerad (KDØOPS)**

**Dennis Brown (KDØWSI)**



**BTW...If you don't find your Birthdate announced monthly, it is because I don't know what it is ...but would LOVE to! Please inform me of your birthdate by sharing to:**

**[Connie.koch@att.net](mailto:Connie.koch@att.net) or enlighten me at Klub meeting . BIG THANKS!!! 'QCJ**



## WHO'ZIT ?

I was born in Florence, South Carolina where I developed a fascination with electronics. When I was young, I was so fascinated, on a family vacation; I put too many nickels in the TV to make it play more. I caused it to stop working! From then on, I was always tinkering with electronics and computers. I went to Central Methodist University where

I graduated with a Computer Science Degree. I manage all the electronics for my church. Since I got my ham radio license I have been active with the Ham radio organizations.

## **WHO AM I?**

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

**OUR MYSTERY WHO'ZIT VICTIM FOR JUNE WAS Marci Withers (KFØKYQ) !  
MARCIS IDENTITY WAS DISCOVERED BY AMBER (KEØQYL) THEREFORE AMBER  
COLLECTED HER PRIZE AT OUR JUNE MEETING!**

**Congratulations!**



**New General! Oliver Johnson (KFØQMX)**



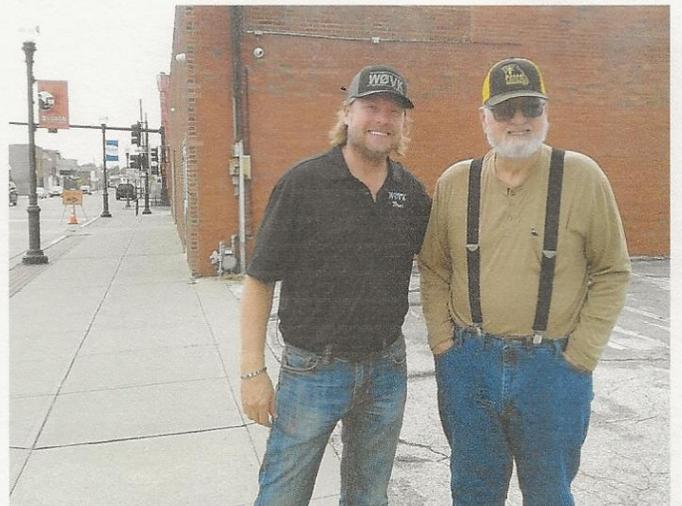
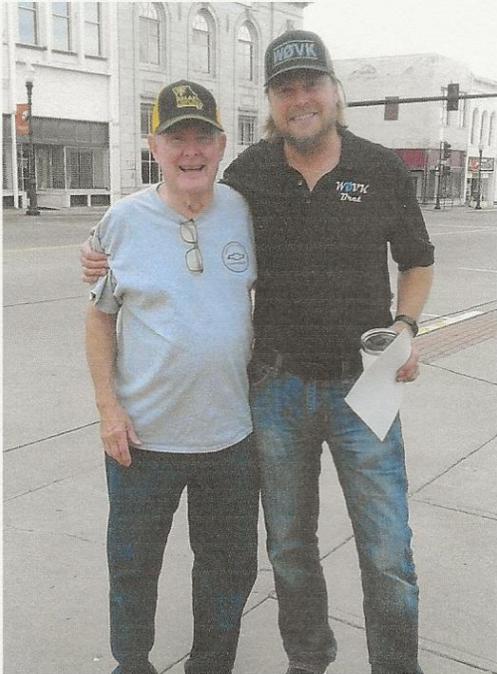
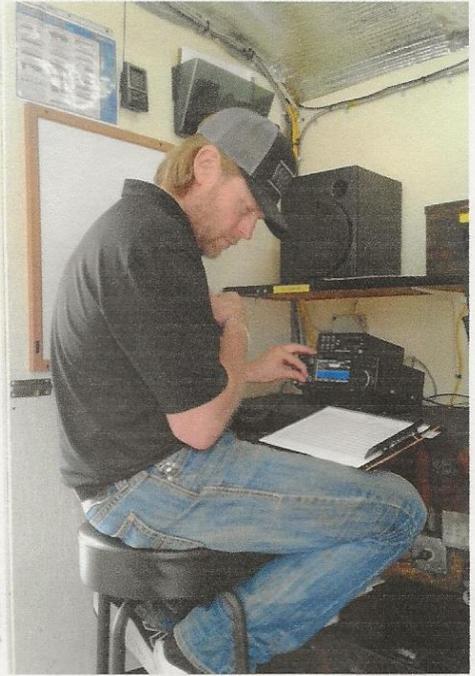
**New General! David Stockton (N5XWZ)**



**Oliver Johnson (KFØQMX), our youngest SPARK member, receives a new 2-Meter radio courtesy of Dwayne Lucas (KB9TQJ) upon testing with SPARK and attaining his General license. Paul (KDØETL) and Marcie (KFØHYQ) graciously covered his testing fees.**

# SCOTT JOPLIN RAGTIME FESTIVAL JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> - 2024







## SECOND QUARTER 2-METER NET CONTEST AWARDEES



MARK JACKSON (NØOWZ)



STEVE DEMOSS (WAØWUY)



STEVE SEMON (KEØCYW)



RENDA JACKSON (KBØUVW)



CONNIE KOCH (WAØQCJ)



DON WELDON (KFØARQ)

# NEIGHBORHOOD CLUBS NEWS UPDATE



## Marshall – **Saline County ARES Club Events:**

**Every Monday @ 7:30 PM – 2-Meter Repeater Net – 147.165MHz**  
w/ positive offset and tone 127.3

**2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 PM - Club Meeting**

**Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> - Fitness 5K (7:30 A.M.) Communication Support**

**September 14<sup>th</sup> - Marshall Cross-Fit Games (8:00 AM)**  
Communication Support

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - Boo Run (8:30 a.m.) Communication Support**

de – Ryan Anderson (KFØHYP)

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## **WILL THE REAL BRIAN MAY PLEASE STAND UP?**



**Brian May (WE3MAY) plays his radio like the true champion among men that he is!**



**Brian May plays lead guitar and background vocalist for the rock band ‘QUEEN’  
...and what a loss it would be if we had to live our lives without either of them!**



## SPARK FIELD DAY – JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup> - 2024



Twenty-seven members logged in attending the event and many stayed to operate six stations set up on the premises. Oliver (KFØQMX) our newest member, made many contacts tag teaming with Amber (KEØQYL) . It was a pleasure for us to share in Oliver's experience making his first SSB contacts as his enthusiasm was most evident. Joel (KEØWJX ) and Brian (WE3MAY) stayed the course and operated throughout Saturday night into Sunday morning. It was a very successful Field Day and our total number of contacts and points will be forthcoming after all have been tabulated.



# PANORAMIC VIEW OF ECOM TRAILER

de – Paul (KDØETL)



***THIS*, SPARK MEMBERS, IS A REASON WHY WE ARE CONSIDERED NUMBER ONE!  
AND *THIS*...SWEET LIL' IC 7300 TOOK HER PLACE IN THE MIX OVER FIELD DAY!  
DONATED BY A MOST GENEROUS, HOWEVER, ANONYMOUS SOUL.**



## **ODE TO THE ICOM 7300**

**I think that I shall never see,**

**A poem lovely as a '73.**

**A rig that rises above the rest...**

**At any Field Day or Ham Fest.**

**Her ease of use surpasses them all...**

**And don't we love her 'waterfall'?**

**Generous Friend, may you be blessed.**

**We'll be thankful again at our next contest!**

de – 'QCJ



## Amateur Radio Connects Family Members During Utah Boating Emergency

*06/14/2024*

On June 5, Isaac Stiles, KJ7FAY, and his 3-year-old son were involved in a boating accident. Their canoe had tipped over at the Lost Dog Confluence to the Flaming Gorge Reservoir. The initial emergency call was made by Stiles' wife, Kendal. She had to drive to nearby campsites until she found someone with a phone and then made the call to the Green River Fire Department (GRFD). She told them the pair was in the water but could not be seen or found. Emergency responders rushed to the scene.



The fire crews were able to find Stiles and his son on the opposite side of the river. They were rescued by a Sweetwater County Sheriff's Department boat. Stiles' son needed ambulance transportation to a waiting Air Med Helicopter, which would then take him to Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City.

Stiles said that once his son was loaded into the ambulance to meet the helicopter, he needed to call his mother to take care of his other son...but there was no cell phone service. So, he turned on his mobile ham radio to a local repeater and was able to reach Zach Gunyan, KE7WYG.

Gunyan made telephone contact with Stiles' mother and relayed critical information. He also went a few steps further and stayed on the phone to help calm and assure Mrs. Stiles that everything was going well. He took the rest of the day off from work, kept monitoring the repeater until Stiles was back in the area, and then went to the scene of the accident to help recover the boat and equipment.

After the telephone conversations with Gunyan, Mrs. Stiles thanked him for his help, to which he replied, "This is why I originally got into ham radio, to help just one person in an emergency."

Stiles had a hard time finding the words to thank Gunyan. "He's always been a dependable person and helped in many amateur events," said Stiles. "We are fast becoming good friends!"

Gunyan said he keeps his radio on most of the time, except when he is moving between locations and servicing computer networks. "I lose signal as I move from building to building," said Gunyan. "But on the day of the accident, I just happened to be at the right place, where I could hear the call for help."

Stiles' son is now out of the hospital and on track to make a full recovery. Gunyan is an ARRL member and the current president of the [Sweetwater Amateur Radio Club](#) (SARC). He is an Emergency Management volunteer with the Sweetwater County Sheriff's Office. Stiles, secretary of the SARC, is now working on a way to recognize Gunyan for his efforts during the accident.

## SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS - (KAØJWA)



Friends,

Another Field Day has come and gone, but it has left us with some good memories and the knowledge that if there is an emergency and we're called upon, we'll be a little more prepared to help. To those that made it to Field Day, we'd like to say thanks and hope to see you again next time around. And to those of you that couldn't make it, we hope to see you next year.

73 de - (KAØJWA)



QRT FOR NOW! de WAØQCJ es KAØJWA

