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NEWSLETTER

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The latest news, views, and announcements in Sedalia's HAM Radio
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By Connie Koch
(WAØQCJ)



EDITORS MOMENT

'School Daze'

T'was two weeks before summer
Term break was at hand.
Welcome promise of freedom,
permeated the land.

They filed in with their lunches,
some bagged, some on trays.
dragging their feet to find a seat,
brain-dead and eyes a'glaze.



**They sat there in a stupor,
contemplating their ‘mystery’ food.
No conversation taking place
as they sighed and quietly chewed.**

**“I *need* me some summer!”
one grumbled as he groaned...
While others agreed all chiming in
with moanings of their own.**

**“I’m super sick of homework
and getting up at six.”
“I don’t like report cards,
or my hair I have to fix.”**

**“I can’t stand all this testing!”
“MAP tests, they are so lame!”
“Common Core is such a bore...
sad part of the learning game.”**

**“I don’t like all the hassle
of time-wasting detentions!
...or mean-girl anger issues
and weak in-school suspensions.”**

**“I’m tired of classroom snitches,
drama queens and school dress code!
If I don’t get relief real soon,
I surely will explode!”**

**“I don’t fit in, got nothin’ to wear
I’m just a ball of stress!”
What I got, nothing can cure...
not even a long recess!”**

**“I need ME some summer NOW
to go out to the pool!”
Time to hang out with my friends
and do my stuff that’s cool!”**

then...

**Jolted back to life by the clang of a bell
they arose, every lad and lass.
The *teachers* left their lunchroom,
and drifted back to class.**

**The moral of this story
for you students in the bleachers,
is that summer break is not for YOU!
It is for *your* TEACHERS!**

WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hey Spark!

It is June already and we have had two very successful POTA events this year already and we are so grateful the weather has been cooperating with us so well. I am always looking forward to the next POTA event and our next one will be announced very soon at our next meeting. Don't forget we will be having an Islands-On-The-Air event coming in the near future, so be thinking about your favorite island style shirt to wear 😊.

But first. I am really looking forward to Field Day June 22-23, 2024. It's always the fourth full weekend in June. I am always excited to see how OUR club comes together to enjoy each other's company during this yearly event. Joel and Brian will be running the RV 24 hours again this year. The club trailer will be in full action and many other portable stations are planning to be there and run as needed. So, the anticipation is getting exciting! It's going to be awesome! We will discuss more at the meeting on June 1st.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and until then 73!

-Bret WØVK

WORKSHOPS

Stay tuned for upcoming workshops this year!

**Next Meeting – June 1st 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)

- 06/09/2024 – EgyptianFest – Granite City, Illinois
- 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.



NEW MEMBERS!

Larry Vandiver (W9XE)

Rick Doss (KFØPIO)



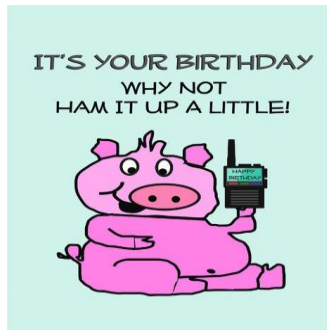
June Birthdays

Stanley Potts – 5th (KFØPXN)

Brian May – 15th (WE3MAY)

David Marsh – 16th (W1OTW)

Lucas Robinson – 30th (KDØFMG)



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 or enlighten me at Klub meeting . BIG THANKS!!! ‘QCJ



WHO'ZIT ?

- * In 7th grade, I was in wreck and went over the side of a bridge. Onlookers were so certain we were dead, a hearse was called. I rode to ER in back of a hearse!
- * I came in first place in 7 mile walk/run a thon. A Police Chief was my coach.

* While on tornado watch, I was trapped between 2 tornadoes. I experienced debris from both.

* I was cleared by Secret Service to provide hazmat protection when President Clinton and the Pope met in St Louis and stayed in a bunker for 3 days.

* I was once in a police lineup due to similar appearance of suspect. One witness chose me.

* I learned Judo from instructor from WAFB and had a tournament in KC. My opponent was a person who was 3rd in our region. The fight did not last long. My favorite move was a foot sweep and when opponent moves at you, grab front of his Gi... drop and roll on your back throwing opponent over your head.

* I was Incident Command of true hostage situation. A girl was taken hostage. The perpetrator had fork to her neck. Rescuers rushed the 2 "bad guys". One rescuer had a knee fracture. As a result, US Marshalls arrested the 2 males.

(ed: OK friends...remind me to NEVER get on the bad side of this individual!)

WHO AM I?

Contact Connie at: Connie.koch@att.net with your guess!

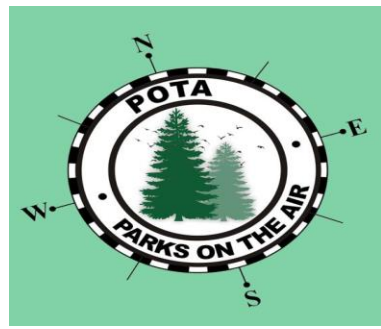
Congratulations!



New Technician! Oliver Johnson



New General! John Cannon (KFØPRU)



POTA EVENT – KNOB NOSTER STATE PARK – MAY 18TH – 2024

A dedicated membership of Hams gathered at Knob Noster State Park and easily garnered the required number of contacts to once again activate that QTH. Klub V.P. Joel, (KEØWEX), coordinated a most successful event with kudos to Brian (WE3MAY) for providing *delicious* home-made breakfast sandwiches for the masses. Donuts and brownies rounded out the morning feasting. Steve, (WAØWUY) became our designated ‘Butterfly Whisperer’ as this beauty perched on his finger and entertained us with its antics for some time! Don (KFØARQ) was pleased with the successful operation of his new ‘Go Box’ built by Paul (KDØETL) ...see insets of both photos. If you haven’t attended a POTA event you are missing out on one of our most enjoyable SPARK activities. Do plan to attend the next!





EXCITING NEWS!

Don Weldon (KFØARQ) was honored as the Sedalia/Pettis County Emergency Management Agency Volunteer of the Year on May 9th at a banquet to recognize outstanding first responders.



First responders honored Thursday, May 9 at the Noonday Optimist Club's Respect for Law Banquet were Sedalia-Pettis County EMA volunteer Don Weldon, Pettis County Ambulance District Capt. Bobby Sanchez, Sedalia Fire Department inspector Daniel Carver, Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper Micah Bennett, Sedalia Police Department Detective Ty Barrett, Pettis County Fire Protection District firefighter Mathew Houston and Pettis County Sheriff's Office Deputy Cameron Anderson. PHOTO COURTESY OF TOM OLDHAM

Don is pictured with Tricia Rooda, Director of Sedalia/Pettis EMA



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1st - Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival - Location Main Street and Ohio
Emergency Communication Trailer Will Be Deployed



June 8th - Hot Air Balloon and Kite Festival - APRS Tracking Support

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**SEDALIA CHAMBER
HOT AIR BALLOON & KITE FESTIVAL**

JUNE 7-9, 2024

**ON THE MISSOURI STATE FAIR
WEST CAMPGROUNDS**



June 22 – 23 ARRL Field Day – Location EOC Building 1511 N. Ohio,
Sedalia, Mo.



GUEST EDITORIAL

It's been about a year since we've heard from our friend and fellow Ham, Phillip Markmann (KJ5ZW) down in Holly Lake Ranch, Texas. This month he presents his 'spot on' article about the virtues of CW...Morse Code and his unique interest in this Amateur Radio life skill! Enjoy!

International Morse Code

de Phillip Markmann (KJ5ZW)

On a Saturday morning, the year 1993, I tuned my Heathkit Rig to a conversation with the mode known as CW (Morse Code). One person was an OM in the state of Florida and the other person was in Japan. I listened and copied each CW operator as they communicated back and forth.

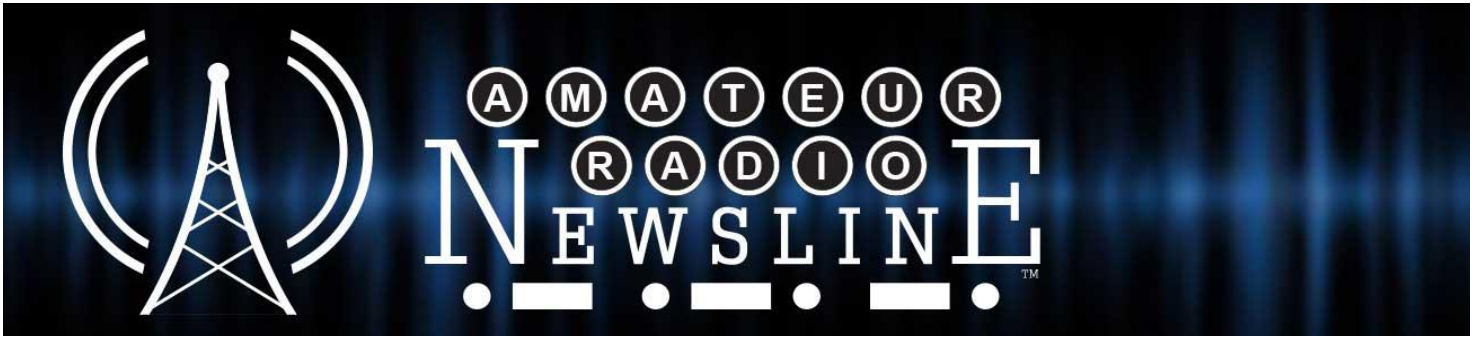
The thing about their conversation was the Japanese operator always had a noticeable pause of one to one and a half minutes between his receiving and sending response to the Florida operator. I was wondering about that and wondered why. Finally, the operator in Florida asks the Japanese operator about the delay. (Must have been receiving my telepathic question in Florida!) Hi Hi The Japan operator had the customary delay, then answered that he had to translate from English to Japanese and then back to English with his response! This proved to my satisfaction, Morse Code is an International language completed in English!!! On the other hand, some time later, in weeks or months, I do not recall, I heard two Russian operators talking to each other, utilizing Morse code in their native language. On a different occasion, while another Florida CW operator and I were chewing the fat, the Band started fading out and became very noisy with QRN. We kept on until we could only hear the noise coming and going, and finally signed off before we lost even that aspect of "communicating" to each other.

And THAT is Why I Love CW So Much! Until next time! 73 de (KJ5ZW)

(editor's note) To bring you up to date on Phillip's 'goings on' these days, he is the editor of his club's newsletter, The Wireless Connection. He announces that his club's new call sign and logo will be forthcoming in their June issue. (WC5TX) is officially their new call for the Wood County Amateur Radio Association. Their new website is <https://WC5TX.org/> . I highly **ENCOURAGE** our SPARK membership to check it out!



Hams helping Hams
in Wood County and 444.950+ 151.4
the surrounding area 147.100- 136.5



2024 ARRL Field Day Theme: Be Radio Active

03/15/2024

The theme for 2024 ARRL Field Day is "Be Radio Active." The event will run on June 22 - 23, and it will be one-part contest, one-part emergency communications exercise, and one-part open house -- and a great time. The theme encourages radio amateurs to take advantage of the peak of Solar Cycle 25, which we are nearing. Activity this year is likely to be extremely high thanks to favorable solar conditions. The upper HF bands, such as 15 and 10 meters, should benefit most from the Cycle's peak.

There are resources available already for clubs and individuals to make their Field Day plans. ARRL will publish more information and tools so that hams can make the most of the event as it draws near. Amateurs interested in learning more are invited to join the [Field Day Facebook](#) group to connect with others who are planning for the big weekend.

Find links to all of the resources on the ARRL Field Day web page at www.arrl.org/field-day.

ARRL Learning Center Features Two New Emergency Communication Training Courses

05/10/2024

ARRL has released [two new courses](#) to train emergency communications (EmComm) operators for volunteering within the [Amateur Radio Emergency Service® \(ARES®\)](#). Both courses are within the ARRL Learning Center. The Basic EmComm course is designed to get a new volunteer started. It provides basic knowledge and tools for any emergency communications volunteer and contains three modules and 11 topics, including required prerequisites. It's expected to take approximately 10 - 20 hours to complete.

The Intermediate EmComm course builds on the lessons learned in the first course and equips volunteer radio amateurs with the tools needed to thrive in the fast-paced environment of public service communications and to understand the legal rights and responsibilities of working with a served agency, as well as teach them and how ham radio fits into the broader incident command (IC) structure.

In 2023, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [revised the Guide for National Emergency Preparedness](#) to specifically include amateur radio. ARRL and FEMA entered into a new Memoranda of Understanding in May 2023 that outlined the importance of trained radio amateurs within the response ecosystem. "Amateur radio is as important as ever in emergency management," said Johnston. "The new courses will keep hams trained to serve effectively."

The ARRL Learning Center at learn.arrl.org is a member benefit and features many ways to get the most out of your amateur radio license. The Basic and Intermediate EmComm courses are available to anyone with a free www.arrl.org account. Users must log in to the ARRL Learning Center with this account, and functionality of the site relies on cookies being enabled.

(de – ARRL)



Here's some fun for you gamers out there! In this WORD SEARCH find the calls of several members who attended the May SPARK meeting! You know the drill...The first member to contact connie.koch@att.net

with your completed puzzle will walk off with the goods at the June meeting! Be the one to claim your BROWNIE prize!

SPARK WORD SEARCH!

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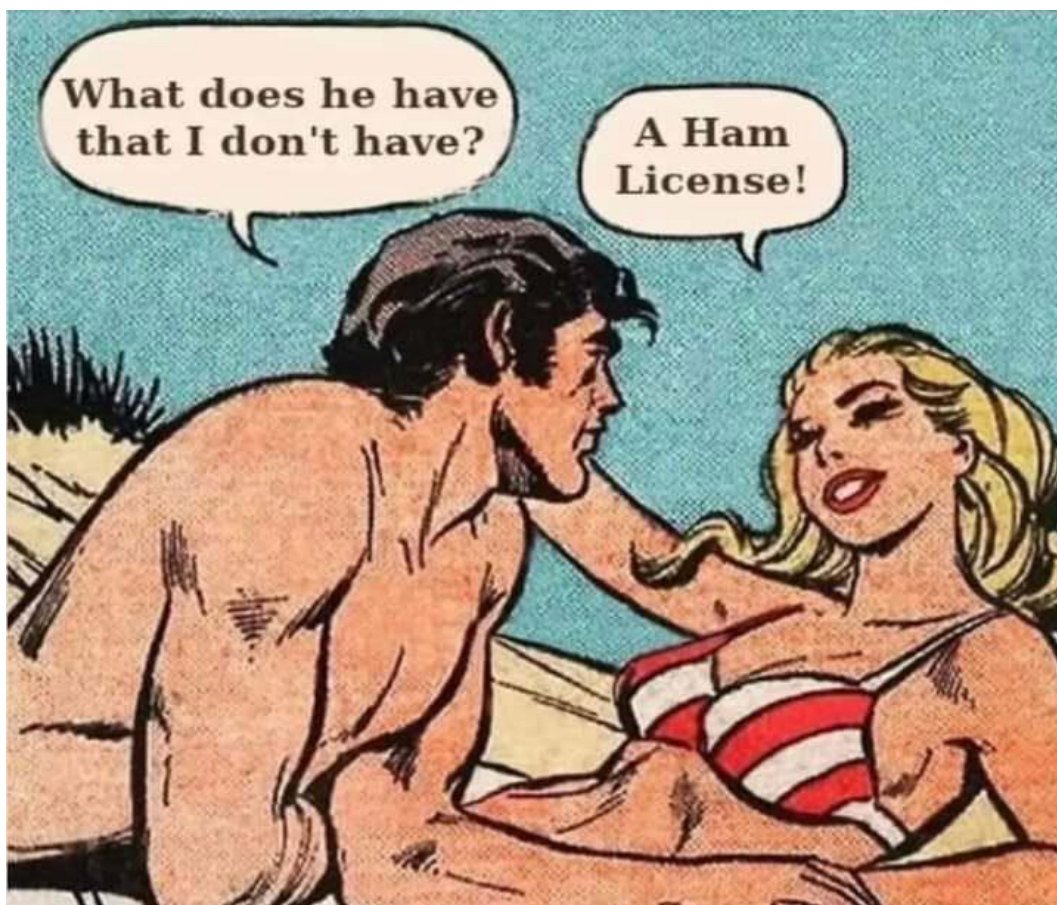
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SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS - (KAØJWA)



Since the first ARRL Field Day in 1933, radio amateurs throughout North America have practiced the rapid deployment of radio communications equipment in environments ranging from operations under tents in remote areas to operations inside Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs). Operations using emergency and alternative power sources are highly encouraged, since electricity and other public infrastructures are often among the first to fail during a natural disaster or severe weather. It is typically the largest single emergency preparedness exercise in the country, with over 30,000 operators participating each year. Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday.



QRT FOR NOW! de WAØQCJ es KAØJWA

