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NEWSLETTER

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

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(WA0QCJ)



EDITOR'S MOMENT

There's much to be revealed by just watching and listening to other Hams at SPARKFEST in passing. I had a full morning of HAM 'quirkiness', I suppose you could call it... It was wonderful and genuine and I loved it! Made me realize why I fit in so well.

- * XYL's really do lead their OM's out by one ear when they feel they've overspent the ole' radio budget! The cartoons are true! Hi
- * You really can't have too many radios. Set a couple of them side by side and they reproduce! If not fast enough...you buy more at SPARKFEST!
- * You spy a rig on a table like the first one you ever owned and it stops you dead in your tracks! Mine were an HQ 100A Rcvr. and Globe Chief crystal Xmtr.
- * KE0QYA has that s---t eatin' grin all over his face cause things are going so well!
- * Two Hams greeting each other in person for the first time...it's priceless!
- * The triumph of the search when you find a piece of gear you've been hunting for years! Chris (KF0GUS) ...likes to be called Gus...got so excited he told me the same story twice!
- * If 12 raffle tickets are good...25 are better!

**OBSERVATIONS
FROM THE
SPARKFEST
REGISTRATION
TABLE...**

**73!
(WA0QCJ)**

WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

SPARK Members!

As we wrap up our summer, we have to reflect on another Super Successful SPARKFEST 2024! What a great event... I mean when we all pull together BIG things happen and that's a fact 😊! However, keep in mind the year is not over and we have the Turkey Trot event happening on Thanksgiving Day, which we have already been asked to participate!

As the fall is upon us, I have personally challenged myself to making at least one HF contact per day and so far I have been really having a blast with it! For instance, tonight just before I wrote this, I had a quite lengthy QSO with UA9JAI "Sergey" living in Surgut, Russia. It was a great conversation and I hope you all can make a contact with him in your future. It's a good one.

Don't forget to add to your calendar our Turkey Trot event this month and Winterfield day in January.

I hope everyone has an excellent Thanksgiving and I am looking forward to catching you on the Bands Soon!

-Bret W0VK

WORKSHOPS

Stay tuned for upcoming workshops!

**Next Meeting – November 2nd 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)

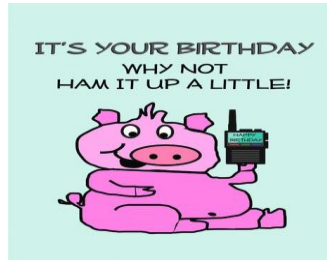
11/09/2024 - NARCfest 2024 - Nixa, Missouri



November Birthdays

Marcia Withers 14th (KF0HYP)

Melissa Marsh 15th (KF0MEE)



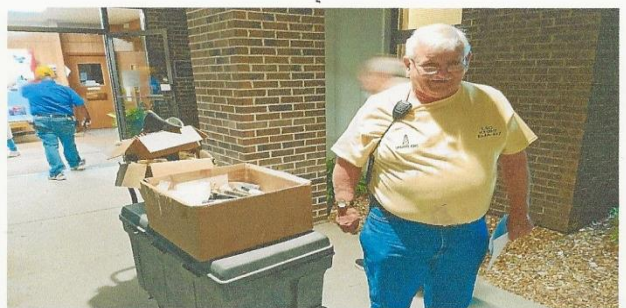


WHO' ZIT ?

I began my interest in medicine in the late 70's as an EMT-A in Enid Oklahoma. I left that and became a structural fireman for Vance Air Force base. During that time, I finished the then 14 module Oklahoma Paramedic program and worked in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. I used this as an avenue to help pay for college. I also joined the Oklahoma National guard and because of my college hours I was made an E-5 and became a 19-D (armor crewmember). There is nothing like taking a tank down range and shooting it! I finished my bachelor's degree (Entomology) and received my commission and went on active duty. Much to my dismay I did not get Armor as my first choice but Military Intelligence. It turned out to be a better choice in the long run. After 7 years active duty and 7 years of reserve service my last reserve unit being 2 battalion 12th Special Forces group, I ventured to work with my father and acted as the vice president of his helicopter and fixed wing flight school in Ozark, Missouri. As some may have predicted that didn't last too long and I went back into medicine. I received my Masters in Nurse Anesthesia and then my Doctorate. With this profession I have lived in Montana, Iowa and now I am finally back in Missouri. I am working at a local hospital and seeing most of my 18 grandchildren and 4 great grands' as much as I can. I became a licensed HAM almost 10 years ago but was never in a group like SPARK that made me want to use the radio. Thanks to you all!

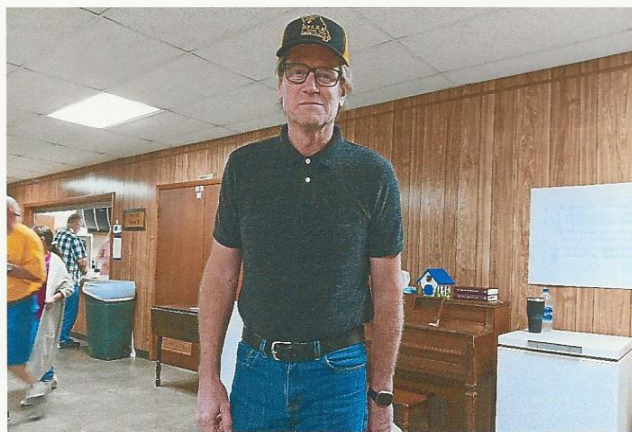
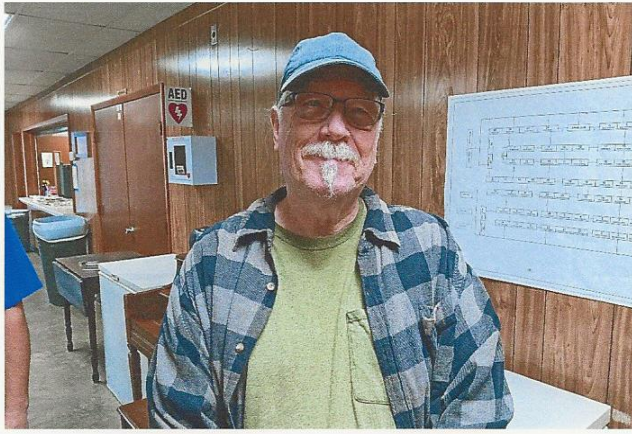
Who Am I? Contact: (WA0QCJ) with your guess! – Connie.koch@att.net

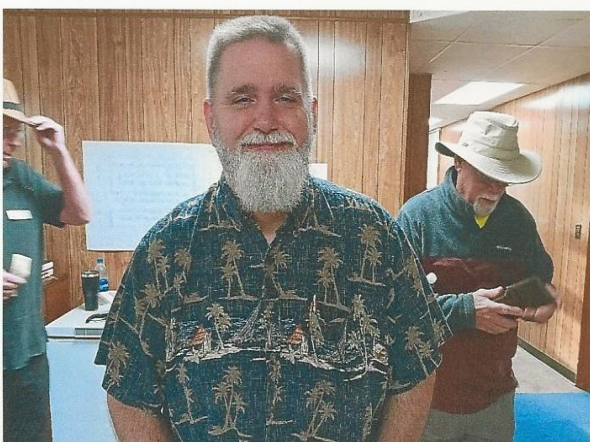
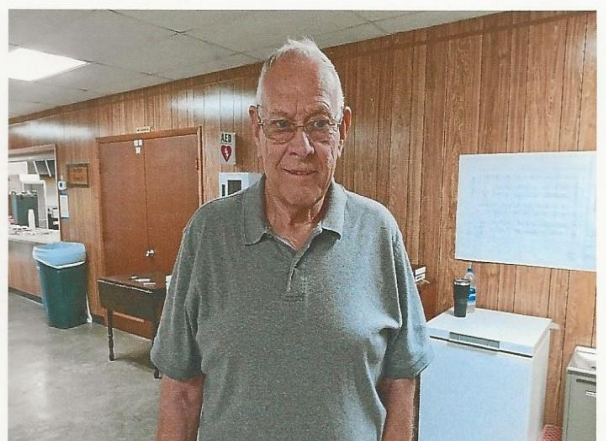
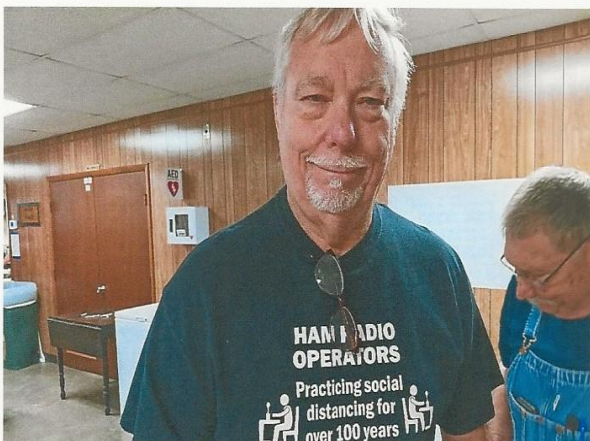
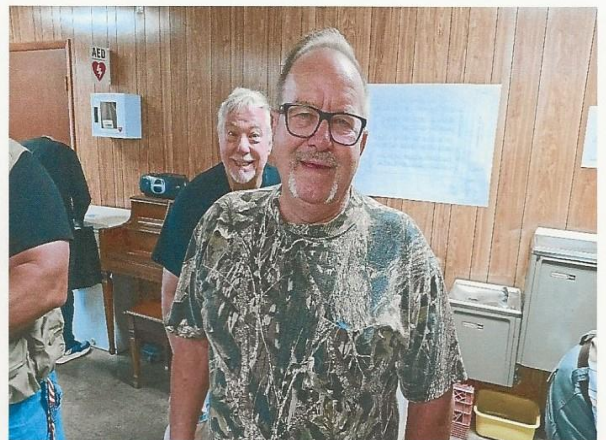
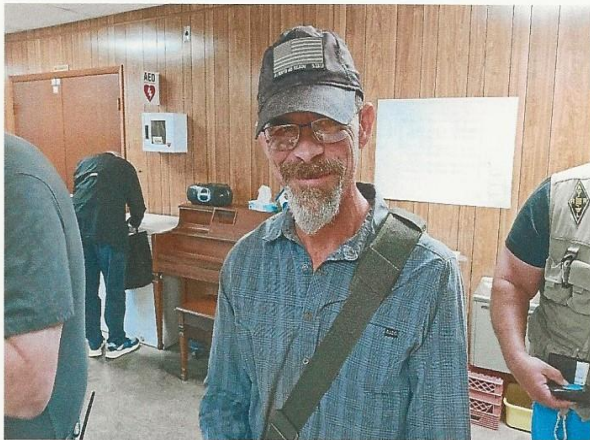
IT'S IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR! SUCCESSFUL SPARKFEST 2024!

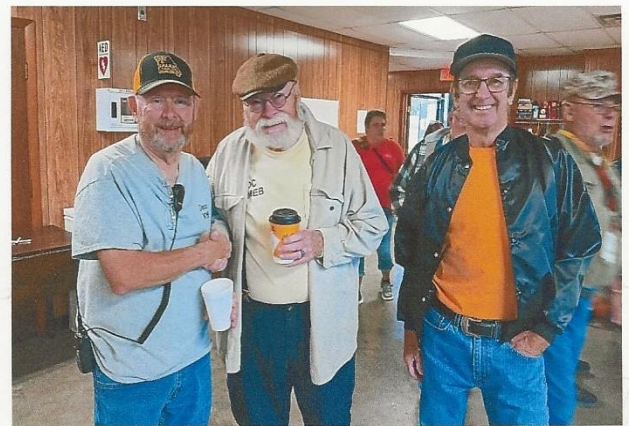
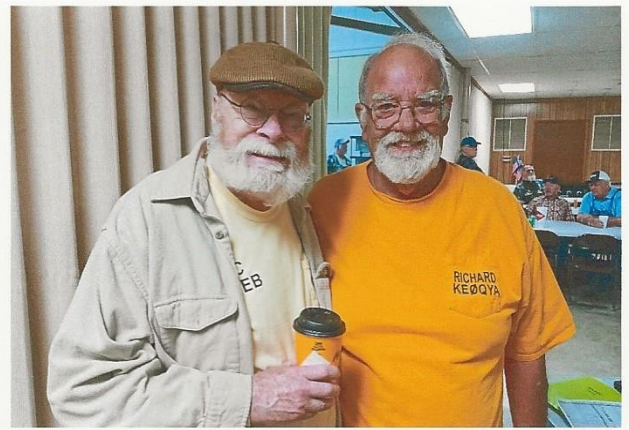
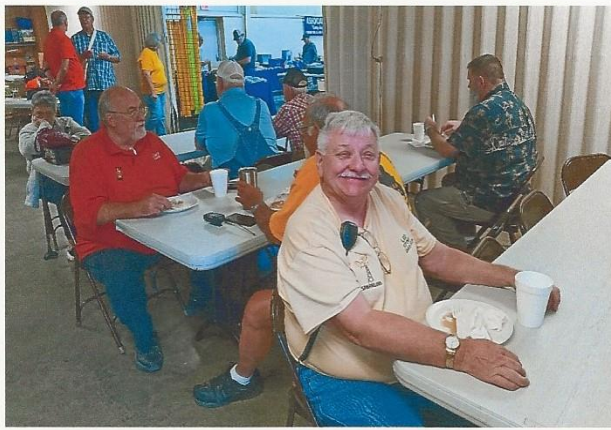
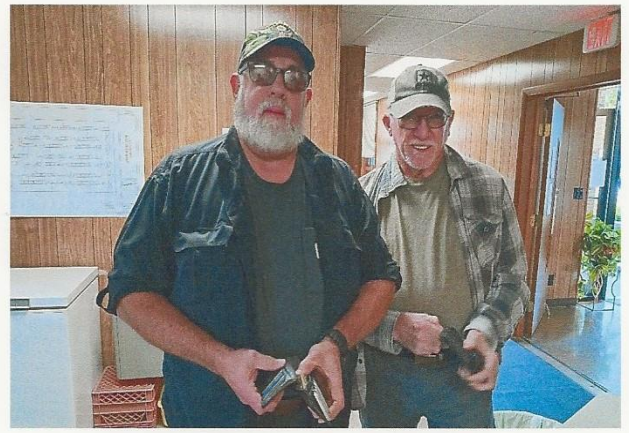


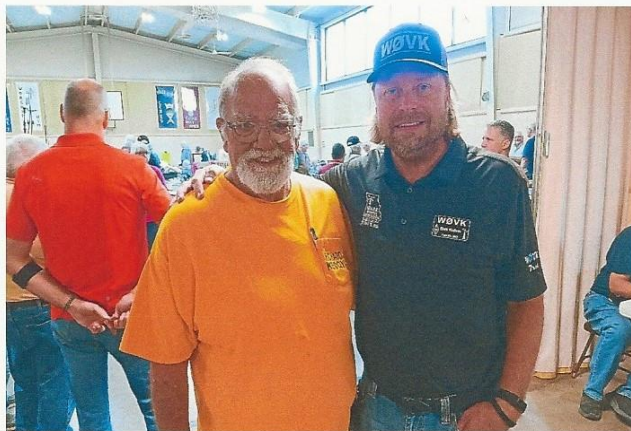
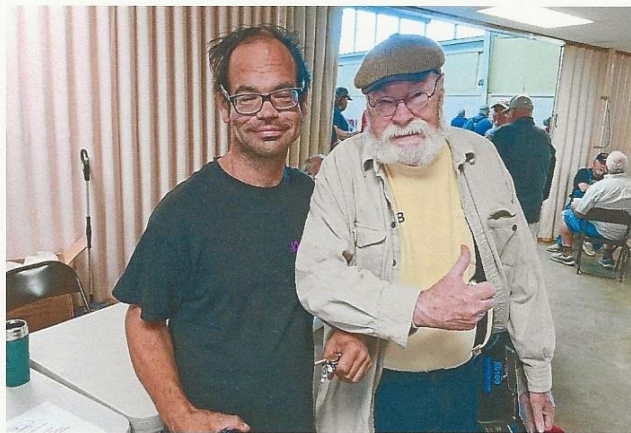
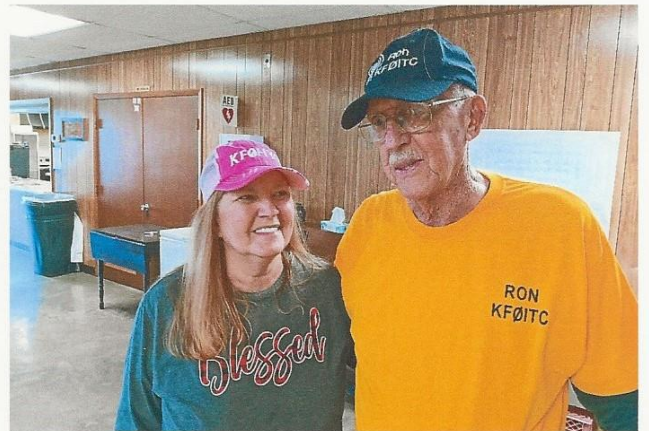












LAST TIME WE'LL EVER LOOK AT IT THE SAME WAY AGAIN !



**ARRL MIDWEST DIVISION CONVENTION
LOWELL MOHLER ASSEMBLY HALL
MISSOURI STATE FAIRGROUNDS**

***** **October 9th, 10th, 11th, 2025** *****



Facility Description: Open-span exhibit hall

Square Footage: 10,000 sq. ft.

Length: 110 ft.
Width: 95 1/2 ft.

Restroom Available: Yes

A/C Available: Yes

Heat Available: Yes

Overhead Doors: 15 ft

Seating Capacity: 700

Floor Type: Concrete

Sound System: Yes

Other: Two adjacent classrooms

SAVE THE DATE !!!

THE DAY AIRSTREAM CAME TO TOWN!



At our October 5th SPARK meeting the membership was delighted to host two of the Airstream campers, Robert Bolling (KW4DT) and Jim Johnson (WW7N) as they rallied with hundreds of others at the Missouri State Fair Grounds for the week. The occasion was their Midwest Division Airstream Club International Convention which included 100+ HAM radio operators within their numbers! Richard (KF0QYA) had a chance to visit with Robert at the Airstream HAM Shack and provided us with coverage.



THANKYOU TO THE SALINE COUNTY ARES CLUB

Ryan, (KF0HYP) presents donation of a \$25 gift certificate from DX Engineering for SPARKFEST as thanks for SPARK participation in his recent event in Marshall. Mo.



NEIGHBORHOOD CLUBS NEWS UPDATE

de – Ryan Anderson (KFØHYP)

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



DAVID STOCKTON (N5XWZ) UPGRADES TO GENERAL !





NEW MEMBER !
'TORT' ISAACSON (K0HQW)

SUPER HEROS AT WORK!



THE WRECKING CREW RIDES AGAIN!



Wrecking crew team of Sam (W0SAM), Brooks (KA0JWA) and Bret (W0VK) came to the aid of Stanley (KF0PXN) as they relocated a mast and antenna provided by Sam to be installed at Stan's QTH in Otterville. We are hopeful to hear him on the air very soon!

...AND A REPEAT HERO WHO AIDS SPARKFEST ONCE AGAIN!



Don (KF0ARQ) and Bret (W0VK) present a SPARKFEST Appreciation Plaque to Don Weaver for the continued use of the limousine carts at SPARKFEST. Pictured left to right: Don Weaver, Don (KF0ARQ), Robbie Weaver, and President Bret (W0VK).

CONGRATULATIONS BRET ON YOUR BSA QSO!



Jamboree-on-the-Air, or JOTA, is the largest Scouting event in the world. It is held annually the third full weekend in October. JOTA uses amateur radio to link Scouts and hams around the world, around the nation, and in your own community. This jamboree requires no travel, other than to a nearby amateur radio operator's ham shack. Many times you can find the hams will come to you by setting up a station at your Scout camporee, at the park down the block, or perhaps at a ham shack already set up at your council's camp.



From: horne.bt@gmail.com <horne.bt@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, October 27, 2024 10:32 AM

To: hota2@hotmail.com <hota2@hotmail.com>

Subject: JOTA QSL Contact - W0VK DE N1BAM

Bret M Kuhns,

Thank you for the QSO and for talking with the Scouts as they got on the air for the first time. Please find my QSL card attached. I have also uploaded the contact to LOTW and QRZ.

I take a new picture (when possible) at each activation to make a unique QSL card to send out and hopefully share a bit more of the locations with everyone.

I will return physical QSO cards if received and requested. I will forward all digital and physical cards to the scouts involved in this event.

73,
Brian
N1BAM



SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS - (KAØJWA)

NO.....IT'S REALLY NOT MOVING!!!
HI !



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