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Radio Community

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EDITOR'S MOMENT





WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello SPARK, and Welcome to another exciting month in the world of amateur radio!

As we kick off February, I want to take a moment to reflect on Winter Field Day 2025. Last weekend was filled with HAM Radio and great fellowship! Joel (KE0WJX) did it again with a wonderful weekend planned and did they make some contacts? OH YES!!! The club had probably the best Winter Field Day yet so I am very excited to hear about it at our next club meeting! We will be having more amazing activities as we go into this year so if you could not make it out to Winter Field Day 2025, there will be other opportunities coming up in the months ahead. The new year has already started off with a bang and brought opportunities to get on air, so take advantage when you can and come hang out with us!!

Looking ahead, be thinking of a place for a great POTA event because those are going to be starting up in April and will continue monthly through October. Our Club POTA events are a fantastic way to hone your operating skills, learn something new, and most importantly, have fun while contributing to the camaraderie of our club.

Finally, be thinking about community outreach. Amateur radio has always been about helping others, whether through emergency communication support or sharing our passion among fellow HAMS and friends. If you know someone that would make a great HAM bring them to a club meeting and show them what we do.

Thank you for your dedication to SPARK and let's keep the airwaves busy!

73,

Bret Kuhns (W0VK)



THE FACE OF WINTER FIELD DAY

This is what it's all about! Kevin Sanders, (KF0OXT), a relatively new member of our Klub, upgraded to his General license recently and showed up to Winter Field Day! He hadn't worked any HF until then but *Boy Howdy!!!*, once he got started there was no stoppin' him! Congratulations Kevin, on one of the most significant experiences of your Ham Radio career!

WORKSHOPS

Stay tuned for upcoming workshops!

Next Meeting – February 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 2025

de – Brooks (KAØJWA)

**NO, WE HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU! NEW POSTINGS FOR
2025 ARE NOT AVAILABLE YET. STAY TUNED!**



February Birthdays

Grace Finch – 1st - (KE0MER)

Mark Jackson – 3rd (N0OWZ)

Paul Withers – 10th (KD0ETL)

Mike Hawkins - 17th - (KE0UHO)

Rick Wade - 26th–KD0CNC)

Russ Taylor– 31st (KN6NDZ)



WHO'ZIT ?

I once spent a night inside an abandoned beaver lodge under a pond bank...smelly!

Tom Massie, of 'Gold Fever' television fame, gave me an autographed gold pan when I met him prospecting in Colorado.

I constructed a half-mile long hiking trail at a popular National Natural Resource Center.

I am guilty of having rear-ended a Missouri Highway Patrol car while riding my bicycle. I landed on the lights on top of his cruiser. His comment, "When did they take the training wheels off your bike?"

My uncle, Monte Basgall, was the infield coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers baseball team. I am capable of eating a whole box of Girl Scout Thin Mint cookies within a 9-mile drive to my home because I didn't want to share with my family.

I was selected as a member of Royalty within the Fire Fighting Community of Pettis County.



Who Am I?

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

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



At our January meeting we had the opportunity to welcome three lovely young ladies to our group. We look forward to seeing Jackie Semon as well as Emmy and Cora Cline at our February meeting!

FCC ORDERS BAN OF ALL BAOFENG'S BECAUSE TOO MANY HAMS ACCIDENTALLY TRANSMIT THAT AWFUL SIREN TONE ON LOCAL REPEATER

61 comments



Share This Story, OM!

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Shares

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a decision that most ham radio operators knew would eventually happen, The Federal Communications Commission has ruled that Baofeng radios with the built-in audible siren feature can no longer be sold in the U.S.

Most of the handheld radios made by Baofeng come with a siren that can easily be activated at the touch of a button. Radio operators have been inundated with the annoying sound at hamfests, club meetings and on the air.

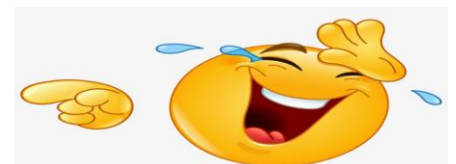
The Gold Diggers Amateur Radio Club were the first group to complain to the FCC.

“Our local repeater sounds like Firehouse 5 responding to a 3-alarm fire,” said Gold Diggers President Lou Rodden in a letter submitted during public comment on the issue.

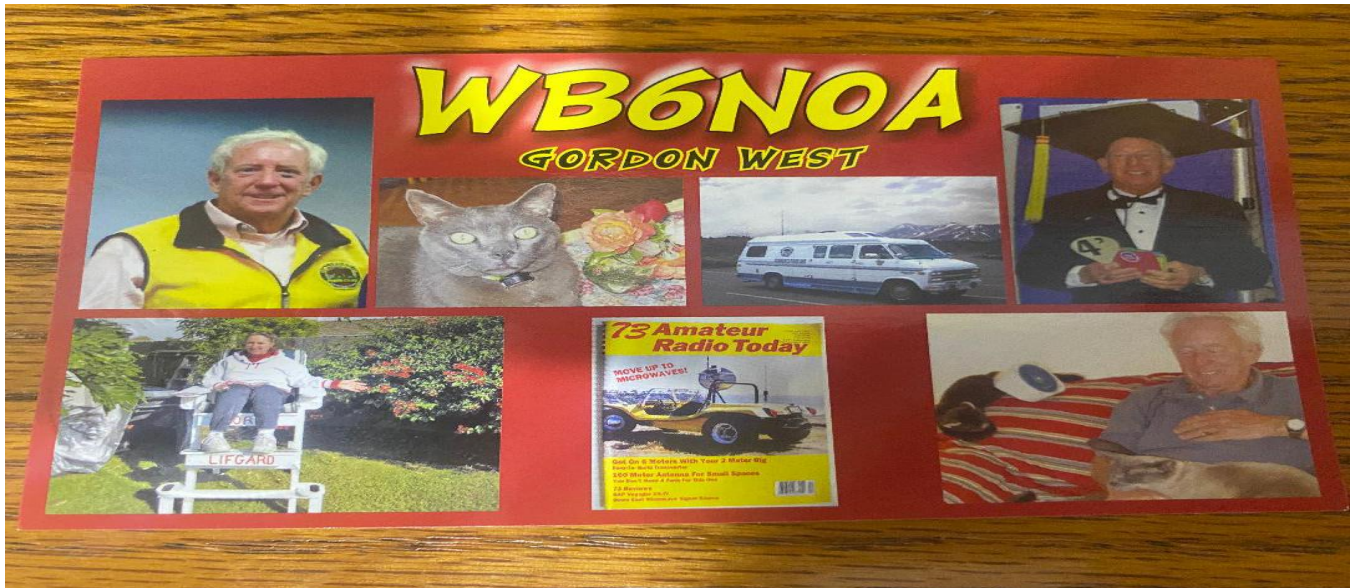
At a recent club meeting, Rodden described the siren. “It goes WEEE WOOO WEEE WOOO, and at the same time a flashing LED rapidly blinks. The ear-piercing noise and the flashing light is enough to send anyone into a seizure,” he said.

The Gold Diggers will celebrate the FCC decision with a “Burn Your Baofeng” event this weekend.

Yeah...we know it's a joke, but we also know it sure 'nuff happens! Hi Hi



WHO'S OUT THERE HAVING FUN????



John Cline (N0XG) shares this QSL from a favorite contact he made recently!
Always great to collect some new wall paper for the shack!

Gordon West - WB6NOA
2414 College Drive
Costa Mesa, CA 92626 USA

Confirming QSO with: N0XG
Day 14 Month Dec Year 2024
UTC: 1817 MHz: 2812.9
RST: 599 MODE: FM
Transceiver: K1UD TS-970
Antenna: " " "
Remarks: 6 ele 10m Beam

*73 from Gordo, Suzy, the cats,
and the comm van!*

*John,
What a nice
QSL card!
WB6NOA*

QSL Cards Printed by K8BFF / www.k8bff.com

Valentine Lament



Valentines just pass us by
without concern or thought.
We're overlooked by party planners.
On the "A" list we are not!

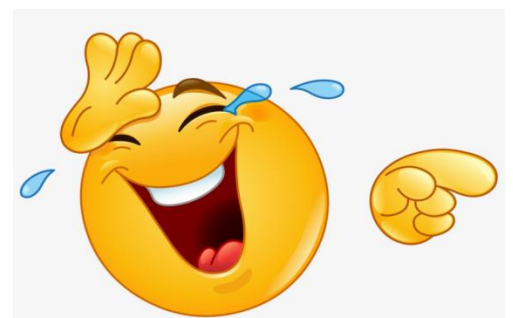
We long to impress vain socialites.
Among guests we would mingle.
We'd share hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine
Alas, we remain quite single.

Our dance cards are empty.
No one signs our list.
Could it be 'cause we only
"get down" with the Twist?

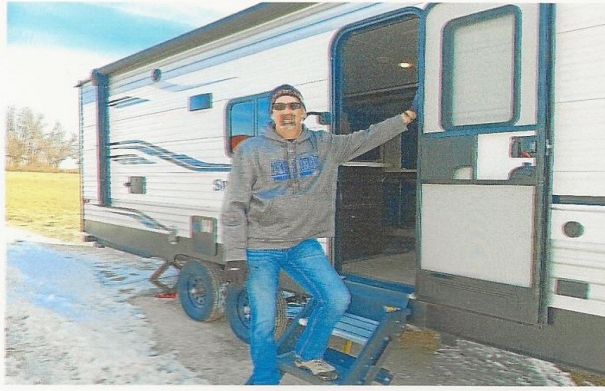
We'd slither and sway to the snake DJ
our scales fairly out of control.
We'd end our moves with a hug and a hiss
As we snake, rattle and roll.

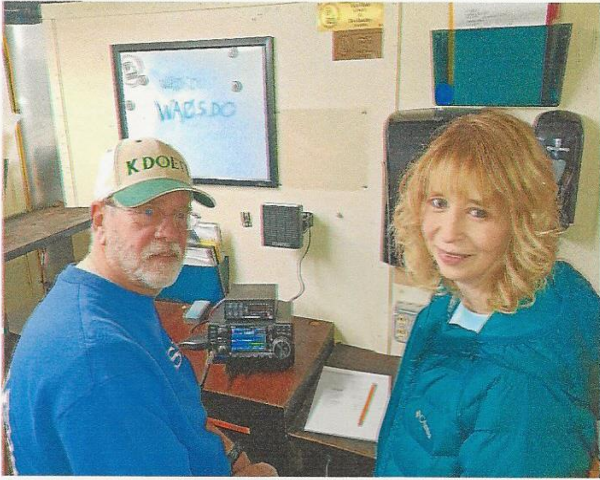
We got rhythm and can 'bust a move'.
Yeah, we got what it takes.
Look for us on ABC
on "Dancing With The Snakes"

So as you make celebration plans,
choose guests who intertwine.
Select an asp as your main squeeze,
Make a snake your Valentine!



SPARK WINTER FIELD DAY JANUARY 25 -26 2025







SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS- (KA0JWA)

Historic Olathe Radio Crackles Back To Life

By TED HART The Kansas City Star

Larry Woodworth pulled a lever to begin transmitting and watched as his radio roared to life this month. First came a loud buzz as 2,300 volts rushed through its system. Then he watched the mercury vapor in the vacuum tubes burn bright violet. “This is W-9-bravo-sierra-papa,” he said, giving the amateur radio’s call letters. “W9BSP. Olathe, Kansas, Ensor Museum.” For the first time in more than 40 years, the radio that Marshall Ensor had built was transmitting again. Ensor, a longtime Olathe dairy farmer, high school teacher and radio operator, built the amateur radio in 1936 and 1937. He is remembered by some as a pioneer for teaching others about amateur radio, and his old house, now the Ensor Farm-site and Museum, is listed as a National Historic Site and on the Register of Kansas Places for his contributions. But the radio he transmitted on to teach others hadn’t been used since 1972, two years after his death. Since then Ensor’s old radio equipment had fallen into disrepair. On Jan. 5, his largest radio and the centerpiece of his radio room began transmitting again, with Woodworth announcing the call letters. Work on repairing Ensor’s old equipment began after Harry Krout, one of Ensor’s former students, visited the museum. While he was talking to Woodworth, the museum’s manager, he pointed out what a sorry state the radios on the farm were in. “He made an observation that the old equipment was a sorry mess to look at because he remembered it from when it was all in new condition,” Woodworth said. “I said to him, ‘Harry, is that an offer to make this equipment nice and operable?’ ” Harry Krout set to work by rebuilding a smaller radio with his son Joe Krout. But restoring the transmitter was no small feat. Built into a black walnut cabinet, the radio is nearly 5 feet tall and weighs about 700 pounds, Woodworth said. It took the pair almost 150 hours over three years to get the radio in working condition, Joe Krout said. They had to replace almost 90 percent of its wiring and rebuild many of its components. Plus, the radio had to have certain safety modifications made, Joe said, because “the level of safety concern in 1937 was quite a bit different than it is today.” The time, though, was worth it for the father and son. Harry Krout had been a student of Ensor’s in the 1940s, and Ensor had inspired him to pursue a career as an electrical engineer, Joe Krout said. “He had a great deal of respect for what Marshall had done and represented, and this was just a way to pay back what he learned,” Joe Krout said. Gregory Sheffer, who made a short documentary about Ensor’s life, said that Ensor is remembered for using the transmitter to teach others how to use amateur radios during a time when the technology was rapidly developing. “I think the real significance of what he did is how much he did that, how long he did that and how he did it for free as well,” Sheffer said. The Ensor Farmsite and Museum is a gem, Sheffer said. “These areas south of Kansas City have very little history left, especially Olathe... it’s also so well-preserved, and there’s so much that’s there. Woodworth and Harry Krout operated the radio for three hours that Saturday evening, and before signing off, Woodworth said they had made contact with other amateur radios from around the country. And now that Ensor’s old radio is back in commission, Woodworth plans on transmitting from it periodically during the months when the museum is open. **LEARN MORE** The Ensor Farmsite and Museum at 18995 W. 183rd St. in Olathe is open from 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends in May, June, September and October. For more information, go to www.ensorparkandmuseum.org .

IF RADIOS WERE HAMBURGERS:



ICOM



KENWOOD



YAESU



MOTOROLA



ALINCO



HALLICRAFTERS



FLEX



ELECRAFT



BAOFENG

**Guess who swears by her ICOM-7300? Hi Hi!
...but all kidding aside, on Winter Field Day I
worked all my contacts from that sweet lil'
YAESU FT-897 in the radio room on site. Nothin'
wrong with that brand at all!**

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