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NEWSLETTER

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ALL THE FIXINS' FOR A DELICIOUS NEW YEAR !

WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT



President's Message for the New Year 2025

Dear Sedalia-Pettis County Amateur Radio Club and Fellow Ham Radio Enthusiasts,

As we step into 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable achievements we've had as a club and to look ahead to the exciting possibilities the new year holds for all of us.

2024 was a year of growth, learning, and camaraderie. From participating in field day, special event stations and contests that build us to enhancing our skills and expanding our station capabilities, our Sedalia HAM community continues to thrive because of your passion and dedication. It's this spirit that makes our club more than just a collection of operators—it makes us a family bound by a shared love for amateur radio.

Looking forward to 2025, let's continue to build on our successes as a club. We have a host of activities planned, including new training sessions, club events, and outreach efforts to share the joy of ham radio with the others in our community and the next generation. I encourage each of you to get involved, whether it's through mentoring our new folks, helping with club projects and events, or simply spending more time on the airwaves like I have done this last fall.

Together, we can make this year even more rewarding, not only for ourselves but for the amateur radio community at large. We have been given the opportunity to host the American Radio Relay League 2025 Midwest Division Convention this year and let show the Midwest Division who we are! Let's make 2025 a year of collaboration, exploration, and above all, fun year to be had.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy, and successful New Year! I'm excited for what we'll accomplish together.

73,

Bret (W0VK)

WORKSHOPS

Stay tuned for upcoming workshops!

Save the Date!

WINTER FIELD DAY – JANUARY 25 AND 26 - 2025

11:00 at EOC Location

Next Meeting – January 4th 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)

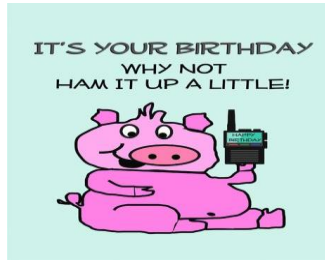
Stay tuned for upcoming information!





January Birthdays

- David Stockton – 10th (KF0QPI)
- Scott Covey 18th – 18th (KD0HMH)
- Steve Demoss 25th - (WA0WUY)
- Ron Hellesvig – 31st (KF0ITC)



WHO'ZIT ?



Although I didn't play in the Olympics I was invited to referee them.

My college thesis was: "The Automated Collection Of Sediment Transport to Search For A Statistical Correlation Between Turbidity And Suspended Solids".

I built my college's weather station.

I have received acknowledgement for a design improvement on a patented ozone injection system for Chevron.

My proudest accomplishment is a 6 day cruise for a prestigious research institute as a Chemist and Marine Tech collecting data using a CTD thousands of feet beneath the ocean.

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

NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP:

Election of club officers for 2025 was held at the December 14th meeting.

WELCOME YOUR 2025 SLATE OF OFFICERS!

President - Bret Kuhns – (W0VK)

Vice-President - Richard Camirand - (KE0QYA)

Treasurer - Paul Withers - (KD0ETL)

Secretary – Harry - (K0TV)

Activity Coordinator - Joel Klonowski - (KE0WJX)

WA0QCJ_{elly} BBQ Pork Chop

de Harry - KØTV

Motivated by a gift of Jelly that Connie, (WA0QCJ) recently distributed at the SPARK December meeting, I wanted to enjoy it on something other than a slice of bread with peanut butter. So, it was off to the internet for a recipe then out to the store for ingredients.

I settled on making BBQ-rubbed pork chops made with QCJ jelly, sweet and smoky seasoning, with lemony roasted green beans on the side.



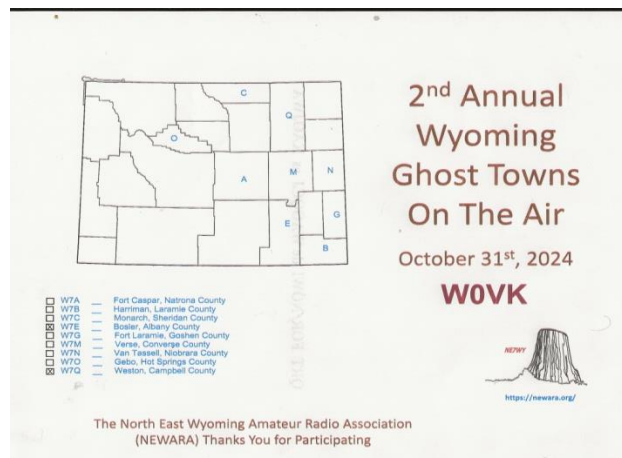
There was a huge mess in the kitchen to clean up, but the result was pure S9+40 DX with a signal report of 59.

Thank-you Connie for your thoughtful gift.

(ed. note...You are SO-O-O welcome Harry. It's my pleasure to treat my HAM family...always!)

WHO'S OUT THERE HAVING FUN????

Bret (W0VK) has been out there on HF having himself some good times this past year! Just since October he has logged over 150 QSOs and most of those have been DX. That is just an hour or two every night he has devoted to making new friends and enjoying our hobby. Here are just a few examples of QSLs and certificates he has received.



A SPARKLER CHRISTMAS!



Lori (KF0IHX) and Leo (KF0IHY) Shuart graciously hosted a Sparkler Christmas get-together at their home in Cole Camp. Several Sparklers and their spouses enjoyed a lovely meal as well as viewing the amazing Holiday decoration displays showcased throughout their home. Thank you to our lovely hosts for the perfect start to our Christmas Holiday Season!





Did you ever meet someone who you knew that just *someday...somehow...*he was going to get *just* what he deserved???. Well, here's our boy right here...Brian May (WE3MAY) who recently got his 'come-up-pance'! Hi Hi At the December meeting Brian was awarded several citations expounding upon his value to our Klub. As Brian has left our zip code but not our hearts, he was awarded the following certificates...self-explanatory, which were all point on!

- * Certificate of Service to SPARK
- * Certificate of Awesomeness!
- * Certificate of 'Cool Dudeness'!
- *Certificate of Extreme Smartness!

(ed. note – let it not pass without noting that Brian has that 'handsomeness' factor going on that should not be overlooked. Hi Hi)



At our December meeting we had the opportunity to welcome two lovely young ladies to our gathering. We hope to have **Brandi Vargas** and **Katrina Drieman** return to us in January!

SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS- (KA0JWA)



Here we are! Looking forward to another year of Amateur Radio! Hope you will find many opportunities to put our hobby to good use. Make a few contacts or install a new antenna. January marks the start of the fourth year of your newsletter! Your support with articles submitted and suggestions made have been greatly appreciated. After all, this is your newsletter and your input is welcomed. If you would like to write an article or story and submit it for publication, feel free to do so. 73 and good DXing!

73! KA0JWA

AT BIRTH BABY ELEPHANTS CAN WEIGH UP TO 225 POUNDS. THEY ARE SOME OF THE BIGGEST BABIES ON EARTH, ALMOST AS BIG AS HAMS WHO MISS A RARE DX CONTACT.



.....and you know who you are! Hi Hi!

73! WA0QCJ

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