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NEWSLETTER

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SPARK-CON 2025 - ARRL Midwest Division Convention



Hello SPARK-CON Attendees and SPARK Members!

Get ready for an unforgettable evening at the 2025 ARRL Midwest Convention!

You're officially invited to our Friday Night Celebration on October 10th at 6:00 PM at "Pork Place" inside the Missouri State Fairgrounds.

We're kicking things off with a lively social hour at 6:00 PM, followed by a delicious dinner, exciting updates from the ARRL Midwest Division Leadership Team, and a dynamic keynote speaker who's sure to inspire you.

This night is all about great company, great conversation, and great memories. Don't miss this highlight of the convention — mark your calendar now and get ready for a fun-filled evening you won't forget!

Can't wait to see you there!

Bret (WØVK)

NEXT MEETING – September 6th 8:30 AM
Pettis County EOC --- 1511 N. Ohio

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)

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)

10/10- 10/11 - 2025 | SPARK-CON, ARRL Midwest Division Convention,
Location: Sedalia, MO

10/25/2025 - 32nd Halloween Hamfest
Location: Kirkwood, MO

11/08/2025 - Nixa ARC Hamfest
Location: Nixa, MO

Once Again...Richard (KEØQYA) Has Been Ambushed!



Clara offers up one of her award winning breakfasts of Froot-Loops to pacify the discerning palate of (KEØQYA). It doesn't take much to entertain the Friday morning breakfast bunch! Hi

SPARK-CON REVEALS IDENTITY OF KEY-NOTE SPEAKER!!!



2025 ARRL Midwest Division Convention
Keynote Speaker – Amelia Rose Earhart,
Around the World Pilot, Former TV Helicopter
Reporter, Author & Artist. This modern-day
Amelia Earhart says the most important
lesson she learned during her journey is that
in order to truly succeed, and also grow along
the way, we need to learn to love life's

turbulence – by staying agile amidst the storms that pop up along each of our
paths. Come join us at 6pm on October 10th, 2025, in Sedalia Missouri, at the
Missouri State Fairgrounds for a dinner and presentation you won't soon
forget. For more information and tickets please visit: Spark-Con.org

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CURRENT & FINAL OFFICIAL SPARK-CON FLYER



ARRL MIDWEST DIVISION 2025 CONVENTION

SEDALIA PETTIS AMATEUR RADIO KLUB

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Event Highlights:

Vendor & Exhibitors - Explore the latest in amateur radio gear and technology.

- Tailgating (Swap Meet) - Buy, sell, and trade equipment.
- Full Seminar Schedule - Learn from expert speakers.
- License Testing - Get your amateur radio license or upgrade.
- DXCC Card Checking - Validate your DX contacts.
- Over \$10,000 in Prizes - Including hourly door prizes!
- Emergency Preparedness - Hands-on demos and discussions.
- Near Space Balloon Launch - A thrilling high-altitude experiment.
- Transmitter Hunt & Antenna Clinic - Test your skills in direction-finding.
- On-Site RV Camping & Hospitality Area - Stay and enjoy the weekend.
- Hamfest Dinner - Friday Night from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.
- Grand Prize Drawing - Saturday at 5:00 PM (not present to win)
- Youth STEM Presentation and Seminars
- For other convention information, see QR Code

Hotel Booking: Hotel Bothwell (660-826-5588), Best Western (660-826-6100), Holiday Inn Express (660-826-4000) have blocks of rooms for this event ask for the Spark-Con block when making reservations

Missouri State Fair Camping: Full hookups (660-530-5600)

Location:

Missouri State Fair Grounds
2503 W. 16th St. Sedalia, MO 65301

Date: 10/10/2025 & 10/11/2025

HAMFEST / Seminars / Convention

All Run Through Times Below:

12:00PM to 5:00PM Friday

8:00AM to 5:00PM Saturday

Admission Fee: \$10

Talk-in: 147.030 -OFFSET, PL 179.9

SPARK-CON.ORG

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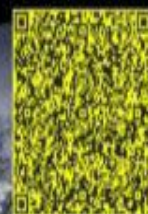
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SCAN FOR MORE INFO



September Birthdays

Dwayne Lucas 1st - (KB9TQJ)

Darrell Kimball 2nd – (W1TXX)

Bret Kuhns 5th – (WØVK)

Bart Kuhns 10th – (KEØZTG)

Lori Stuart 11th – (KFØIHX)

Brian Wood 14th – (KEØNJB)

John Cannon 29th - (KFØPRU)



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

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WHO-ZIT?



I was born and raised on a farm in Pettis County. My first job was in a factory in Sedalia that made pre-hung doors. After that I became a contract telephone cable splicer and worked in Missouri and several different states. Afterwards I worked as a carpenter and owned a lumber yard that sold lumber and livestock feed. I also did custom building of different kinds of sheds, farrowing houses and other livestock equipment. I even built an outhouse for a cemetery!

WHO AM I ?

Contact: (WAØQCJ) with your guess!

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‘SUPER DENNIS’ (KBØSFP) !!!

Every so often an individual comes along that just has that cool sense of intrigue and uniqueness about them that piques our interest. Once such person is Dennis Starks AKA ‘Military Radio Guy’ and ‘Super Dennis’...hailing from from Cross Timbers, Mo. He has been a vendor at our SparkFests and many others and is well known throughout the area. His interests include radio equipment, weapons... both military and survival . He also collects vintage automobiles including a large number of Jeeps! *(ed. Not that it would catch my interest...but of course it would! Hi Hi)*

I have taken random photos of Dennis at various Ham functions and he recently asked me, “What do you do with all those photos?” Well, Dennis...THIS is what I do with them! Hi Hi ! I did appropriate the following picture from his QRZ bio page and couldn’t resist borrowing it . Super Dennis does have an uncanny knack for creating an interesting moment and I felt this was one for the books! Check it out!

There is always a way to sneak in some more air time without neglecting your chores. While hanging laundry I'm in QSO with Budd W3FF in Northern California, & Less M0YCM in Jamaica on 17 meters. The radio is a PRC-1099A with an Outbacker Joey antenna attached. Don't ever let me hear that someone doesn't have time to get on the air, nor space for an antenna!



Thank you, Dennis, for letting me share a bit of your history in our newsletter. ('QCJ)

Sentiments About Retirement...de (WAØQCJ)



...and it begins. That 'change of life' we look forward as we embrace the well-deserved freedom that accompanies retirement! It is great! I have everything that I wanted as a teenager. I don't have to go to school

OR work. I have no dress code. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car with a full tank of gas...I don't have to report to Mom or Dad and I don't have acne. Hi! The people I hang around with are Ham Radio Operators and they're looking out for me! At a recent Friday Ham Radio breakfast at Clara's I was pleasantly surprised with a lovely retirement gift from Paul (KDØETL) and Marci (KFØHYP). They know of my 'witchin' ways and presented me with these lovely 'Witch Hat' sun-catchers gracing my sliding patio doors! Thank You dear friends for your thoughtfulness! (Yes, that is a mounted coyote on my back deck)





GUEST EDITORIAL – PHILLIP MARKMAN (KJ5ZW)

Phillip is a former member of our founding club CMARC, and we welcome his editorial from present QTH – Hawkins, Texas

Signal Triangulation

dePhillip Markmann (KJ5ZW)

Signal triangulation is one method to locate an interfering noise or signal to its source, so the noise or interference can be corrected. HAMs call the activity “Fox and hounds” or “Fox and geese” or “Hide and seek;” or just “Fox Hunt” a few names for the same activity.

The purpose of this fun activity is for training and teaching the principles of signal triangulation.

Back in the 60’s and 70’s, several of us were “CB folks” and played with our mobile radios at night (had to work for a living during the day). Anywho-o-o ... One activity I recall having fun with was our version of “Hide N Go Seek” where one vehicle would go hide and 10 (15) minutes later the rest of us would drive the streets and back alleys looking for the vehicle known as the Fox. The Fox was to transmit every 5 minutes for 5 seconds. Please take note; for me that was well over 5 decades ago (closer to 60 years now) and I do not recall the exact timing, however it was fun, while at the same time teaching us signal locating.

One specific evening a guy and his girlfriend took off and 10 minutes later we headed out to burn some of that 19 cent gasoline. Each headed in different directions and took note of the received S-units on our radios, when the “Fox” transmitted. Each of us had driven to a different location and we disclosed our receive S-unit readings to each other while waiting for another transmit. By comparing our signal strength, we were able to move to a different spot. We worked as a team to locate the Fox. I should say, the Fox was not allowed to move (hints I am thinking he had a 15 minute head start instead of 10). I cannot recall anyone ever breaking the “do not move rule.” This night was starting to be “extra” difficult and challenging for the searchers. My 102” whip antenna was mounted at the left rear corner of my car. This helped to provide direction to received signals. Finally we ALL arrived on Main Street ... pulled to the side of the road and looked over the parked cars. We could see the white fiberglass 102” antenna in the middle of the drive-in theater. !!! Thinking back now, I remember his 102” whip at the rear of his vehicle as well. That means his transmissions would have been primarily headed west. HI HI. Not sure the direction factor is effected with transmit (?) but it is with receive.

It was a very interesting game to play for a weekend “Fox Hunt” exercise. Today, the drive-in theater has been replaced with an indoor theater. However, parking lots are all around town and with a 15 minute drive; a challenging position could be found to park until found by the group. I was thinking of Covered Bridge Park or Clover Dell but they would need a 20 minute lead depending on the start point in town.

This type activity is good training.

Anywho-o-o-o ...

Until next time...Keep a clean fist if you're a CW operator...and speak clearly if you use a Mic

73! de Phillip (KJ5ZW)



Best Wishes to **David Stockton (KFØQPI)** who has recently moved to Arkansas. We shall miss you!



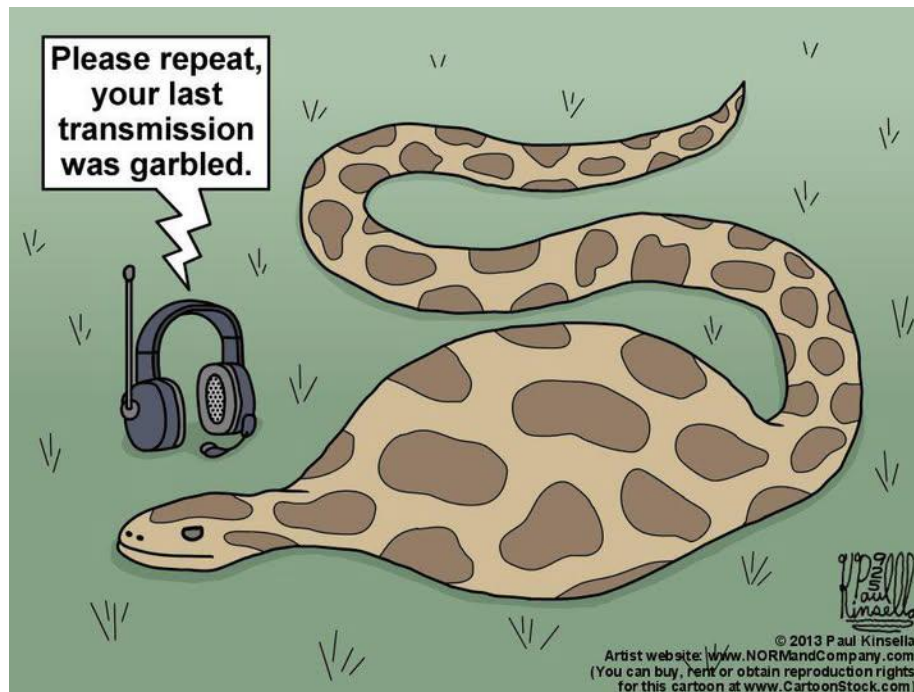
Someone ‘Berry Special’ just celebrated her 1st birthday! Chris (KCØTKS) and Michelle’s Granddaughter Chesney Balke !

SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS- (KAØJWA)



Now that the State Fair is a piece of history, we can officially count summer as finished. Hopefully we'll have a mild Fall before we're engulfed in the throes of Winter. With that in mind, it's time to finish any outdoor projects before the snow falls. That means finish up your antenna projects so when it's cold outside you can be inside on the warm side of the door basking in the glow of a couple of 3-500's working the band of your choice. Now...cast your attention forward to SPARK-CON!

73! de (KAØJWA)



QRT FOR NOW! de WAØQCJ es KAØJWA

