



# S.P.A.R.K.

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## NEWSLETTER

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

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## EDITOR'S MOMENT

de - (WAØQCJ)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello SPARK Members,

As we welcome October and the crisp fall air it brings, I want to take a moment to reflect on what an outstanding month we had in September. Our Parks on the Air (POTA) activation was a tremendous success! From setting up in the early morning to the final CQ calls, the energy and enthusiasm from everyone involved was inspiring as we celebrated this state park where the infamous Jessie James robbed an east bound train back in the day. We made a lot of solid contacts and introduced a new face to field operating! These club events show the community the fun and flexibility of amateur radio in the great outdoors. It was great to see all the experiments going on at the same time testing out antennas. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated, brought gear, logged contacts, or just came out to support. You made it memorable! Especially Joel KE0WJX for all he does for our field events!

Now, looking forward – we are on the home stretch toward SPARK-CON, the ARRL Midwest Division Convention, which our club is proudly hosting this year! This is a BIG DEAL, not just for our club, but for amateur radio across the Midwest Region. It's an incredible opportunity to showcase what SPARK is all about: passion, teamwork, innovation, and what we do best –come together as a community.

But here's the thing – we need all hands on deck. Whether it's helping with setup, greeting attendees, assisting with forums, managing tables, or just being available to pitch in where needed – your participation will make the difference between a good event and a great one. Let's show the entire Midwest Division what SPARK is capable of!

Please reach out to me if you haven't signed up to help yet – there's a role for everyone.

Let's represent this convention strong, together.

73,

Bret Kuhns

President, Sedalia Pettis Amateur Radio Klub

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**NEXT MEETING – October 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

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**THIS IS US! PRINT TO SAVE! SHARE IT!**

**CURRENT & FINAL OFFICIAL SPARK-CON FLYER**



# ARRL MIDWEST DIVISION 2025 CONVENTION

SEDALIA PETTIS AMATEUR RADIO KLUB

## S.P.A.R.K.-CON



### 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

### Contacts:

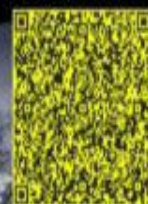
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FACEBOOK WEB PAGE



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## **October Birthdays!**

Sam Davisson – 5th - (W2SAM)

Rik Hill – 7<sup>th</sup> - (KEØIFB)

Joe Barnett 23rd – (KEØWLB)



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## **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 in Springfield Ohio. Was an 18 wheeler (Semi) safety lane inspector and diesel mechanic for Werner Enterprises. I got my technician license in 2010. Spent 20 years in the military working on everything from generators, diesel engines, hydraulics, pneumatics, and HVAC. I have walked in the footsteps of legends at Iwo Jima and had lunch on the top of Mt. Suribachi. I have pieced together a networking lab consisting of Cisco and Dell appliances because I consistently get IT calls from my family, most of the time it's my fault the internet doesn't work. I met and shook Charlie Daniels hand while in Iraq. (He has surprisingly small hands.)

**WHO AM I ?**

Contact: (WAØQCJ) with your guess!

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# ATTENTION ALL VETERANS !!!



**Klub Members! If you are a Veteran of any branch of the U.S. Military service, or are currently now serving, your Klub wishes to honor you with a gift for your service. Please respond to me with your: Name, Call, and Branch under which you served / or serving. Once again, Thank You for your service and sacrifices.**

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## **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**

I believe everyone will enjoy reading this article. It is very informative and talks about the impossibilities of input and output circuits.

It was a Sunday afternoon at Fort Richardson, Alaska. The outside temperature was at 40 degrees below Zero. In the nice warm barracks we had no reason to go outside. In one corner a TV could be heard and a football game was being watched. A poker game was going on in another corner and one could hear "read 'em and weep" every so often. There was a chess game happening in another cubicle. Someone had smuggled beer into the barracks. You would open a window, place a can on the window sill, shut the window and time it for 3 minutes. Then open the window and retrieve a nice cold beer. What you would NOT do, was let your beer be outside for 5 minutes! It would freeze and break open the can! Did I mention it was cold outside?

In my cubicle, Gilbert had a reel-to-reel tape recorder with music and was in the process of hooking up the wires to an amplifier and 2 pretty good size speakers. When he turned on the tape recorder and amplifier we were almost blown out of the barracks!! The sound was way too loud! He had the output wire of the amplifier connected to the output of the recorder and the input of the amplifier plugged into the input of the recorder! For clarification, input to input and output to output!!! With the volume less than a quarter of a turn it was booming loud. Ha Ha the "Impossible became possible." Big Grin. Gilbert learned to pair inputs to outputs and we were in business. Also, the recorder had a pre-amp as well! Heehee; Did not take me long to help him wire everything correctly. If you recall, I told you this article would be "very informative."

Remember to retrieve the beer at 3 minutes, too late at 5 minutes. Pair your input and output connections.

Did I mention it was cold outside?

QRT for now!

de –(KJ5ZW) Phillip Markmann



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## **YOUR SPARKLERS SPARKLED!**



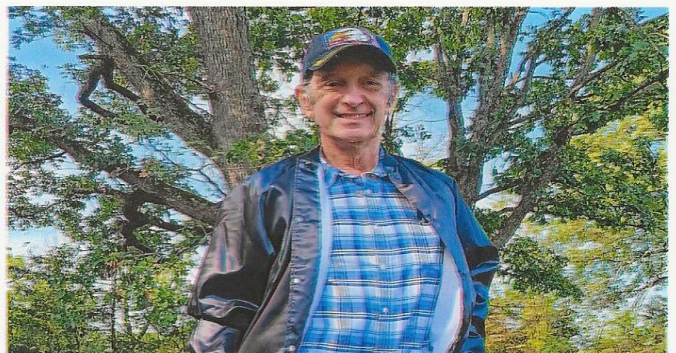
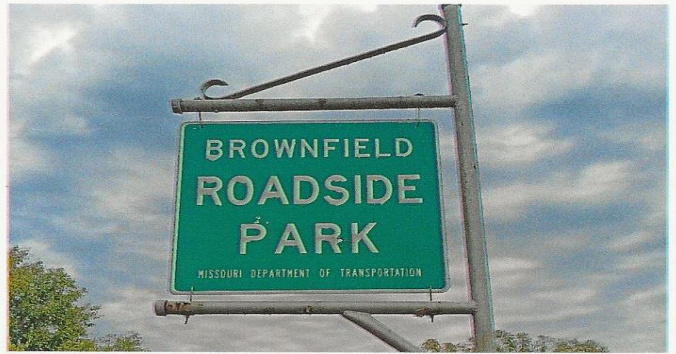
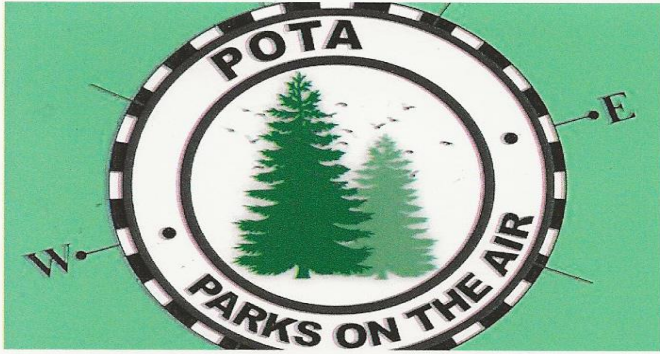
On September 6<sup>th</sup> Renda (KBØUVW) and Connie (WAØQCJ) visited with the Warrensburg Club members to encourage and educate the YL's and XYL's as how to organize a ladies group within their club. Information was shared outlining the SPARKLERS activities and responsibilities within SPARK and the individual talents each of our ladies bring to the table. Bret was on spot as well as our best cheerleader and he made a successful SPARK-CON recruitment presentation. We thank (WAARCI) for their hospitality.



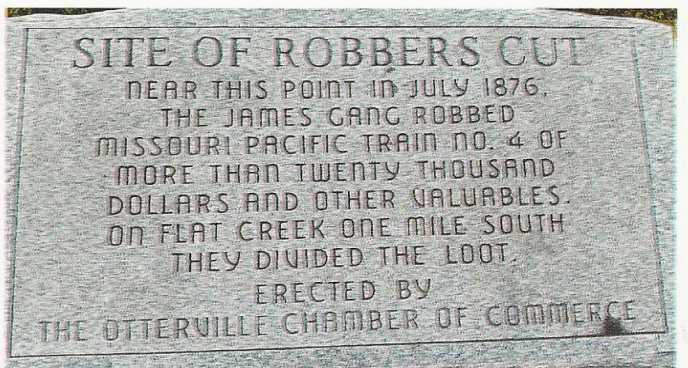
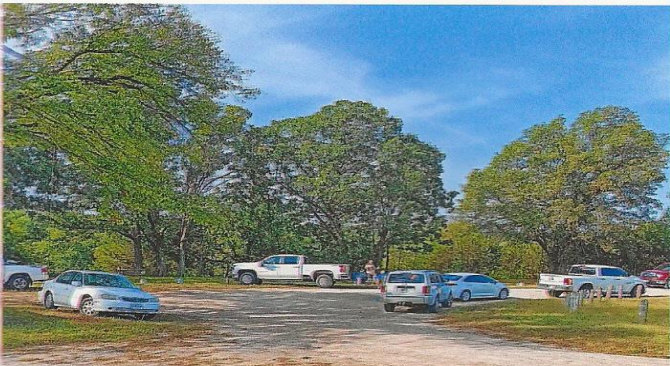
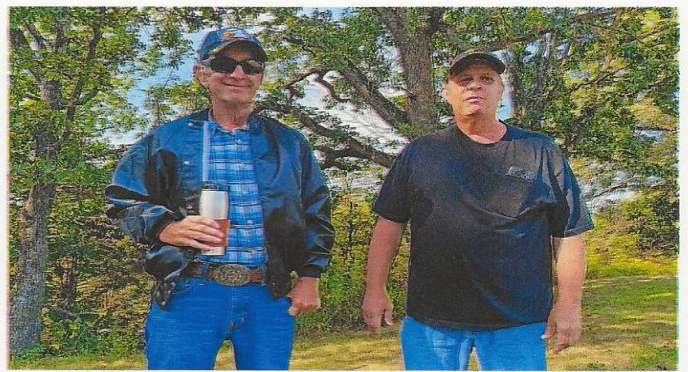


## SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> - 2025 POTA EVENT

**Wowza!** We had ourselves a GREAT event as we activated our QTH, Brownfield Roadside Park , AKA: ‘Jesse James Jump-Off’, with 18 successful contacts and 13 members in attendance!







**"I hear that train a comin'...It's rollin' 'round the bend, I ain't seen the James Gang since 8 or 9 or 10!...But here they come a blazin'... six shooters in the air! The band is HOT on 40, ...and I *just don't care!* ...Jesse take your boys on...further down the track...let me get my 'Ham' on...don't cause me no more flack!...Go rob a train or sum'thin...get far away from me!...Can't you see I'm busy...git' on just *let me be!*... I'm workin' through a pile-up...I won't give up, you bet!...I ain't met no James Gang...'whut ever stopped me yet!...Just move it on along boys...I'm playin' with my toys!...It could fairly take till dark ... but I'll ac-ti-vate this park!"**



# **SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS**

**(KAØJWA)**

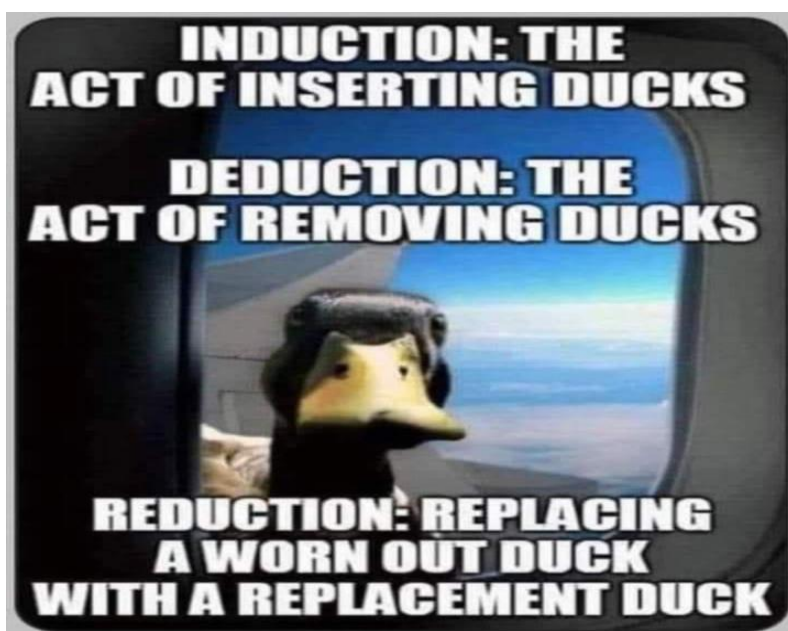


## **UNLICENSED OPERATOR ARRESTED**

A man arrested on allegations he used amateur radio to threaten to kill members of a local amateur radio club has been released on bail from the Bexar County Texas Jail. Twenty-nine year old John David Watkins III, posted a \$4,000 bond and was freed before noon Sunday. This after his having been taken into custody the previous night on two counts of making terroristic threats. An arrest affidavit states Watkins, known on radio frequencies as “White Noise,” was creating interference

and illegally transmitting without having the required radio operator license. A member of a radio club met with Watkins recently and told him to stop or the group would report him to the Federal Communications Commission. Officials said that the next day Watkins allegedly made threats against the person who visited him and against other members of the club, saying he would kill them with an AK-47 rifle. These threats were reported to the police who provided security at the club's next meeting. Note to those who dare interfere with US! We will hunt you down like the dirty dogs you are!

73! de (KAØJWA)



**QRT FOR NOW! de WAØQCJ es KAØJWA**

