



# S.P.A.R.K.

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Sedalia Pettis Amateur Radio Klub

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## NEWSLETTER

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

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## **EDITOR'S MOMENT**



**How's this possible??? 50 newsletters later??? In this issue we'll recap some memories from the past! Wanna' go for another 50 or so? I'm game! 73...'QCJ**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



**SPARK Members and Friends,**

**This edition of our newsletter marks a truly special milestone, our 50th edition. That's fifty issues of stories, photographs, announcements, achievements, and memories that chronicle the life and spirit of the Sedalia Pettis Amateur Radio Klub.**

**Reaching this milestone would not have been possible without the dedication and steady commitment of our incredible editor, Connie, WAØQCJ. For fifty consecutive editions, Connie has drafted, edited, organized, photographed, and thoughtfully preserved the activities of our club. That level of consistency and care is something very special. Because of her efforts, our Field Days, special events, meetings, community service activities, and member achievements have not simply happened, they have been documented and preserved. She has created a living history of our club. Years from now, members will be able to look back through these pages and see not just what we did, but who we were.**

**Documenting history takes time, discipline, and heart. Connie has given all three generously. She has set a tremendous example for all of us about service, follow-through, and pride in our organization.**

**Connie, we are incredibly proud of you. Thank you for your dedication, your talent, and your unwavering commitment to the Sedalia Pettis Amateur Radio Klub. This 50<sup>th</sup> edition is a milestone for our newsletter, but it is also a celebration of you and the lasting contribution you've made to our club's legacy.**

**On behalf of the entire membership, Congratulations!., and thank you for helping preserve our history and strengthen our future.**

**With appreciation and pride,**

**SPARK President**

**Bret WØVK**

**(editor: Friends I did NOT see this coming but do thank you, Bret, and all who have contributed to these 50 issues to create a comprehensive history of our great Klub. It has been my pleasure! Once again, my appreciation and thanks for a fun run!) de 'QCJ**

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**NEXT MEETING – March 7th 8:30**

**Pettis County EOC --- 1511 N. Ohio**

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**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**

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**HAMFEST CALENDAR 2026**

**de – Brooks (KAØJWA)**

**2026 HAMFEST dates will be posted as available after the New Year**

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**March Birthdays!**

Ryan Anderson – 3<sup>rd</sup> (KF0HYP)

Amber Nerad – 9<sup>th</sup> (KE0QYL)

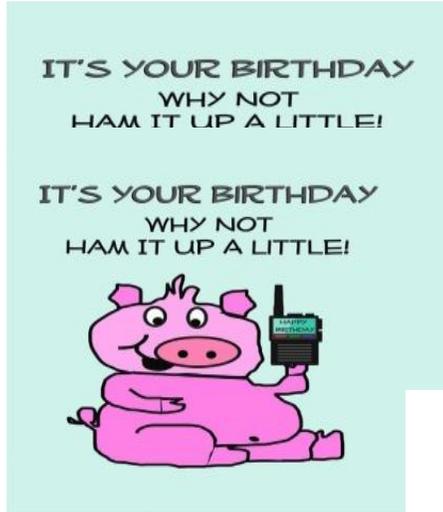
Josh Appleman – 9<sup>th</sup> (KF0BML)

Scott Anderson – 11<sup>th</sup> (KJ4MFW)

Dennis Henderson – 18<sup>th</sup> (KY0P)

John Bell – 22<sup>nd</sup> (KI7CMV)

Harry Burford – 23<sup>rd</sup> (K0TV)



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**NEIGHBORHOOD CLUBS NEWS UPDATE**

de – Ryan Anderson (KF0HYP)

Marshall – Saline County ARES Club Events:

Every Monday @ 7:30 PM – 2-Meter Repeater Net – 146.685 - Negative offset- Input and Output tone of 127.3

2nd Tuesday @ 6:00 PM – Club Meeting

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## WHO-ZIT?

Our mystery person learned early that if you want something fixed, you fix it yourself. Born in South Dakota and raised on a 3,000+ acre farm, he grew up troubleshooting tractors and equipment long before most kids learned to drive. The operation included cows, sheep, pigs, and chickens — so there was never a shortage of work to be done. He comes from a proud line of service, representing the third generation in his family to serve in the military. After spending ten years in uniform himself, he came home with even more discipline to match his mechanical know-how. He's been a mechanic nearly his whole life and is most comfortable with grease under his fingernails. In his spare time, he grows his own food, cans and preserves it, and tinkers with a project vehicle that may or may not ever be "finished." A Midwest man through and through — practical, steady, and self-reliant.

WHO AM I? Contact: (WAØQCJ) with your guess! [connies.l.newsletters@gmail.com](mailto:connies.l.newsletters@gmail.com)

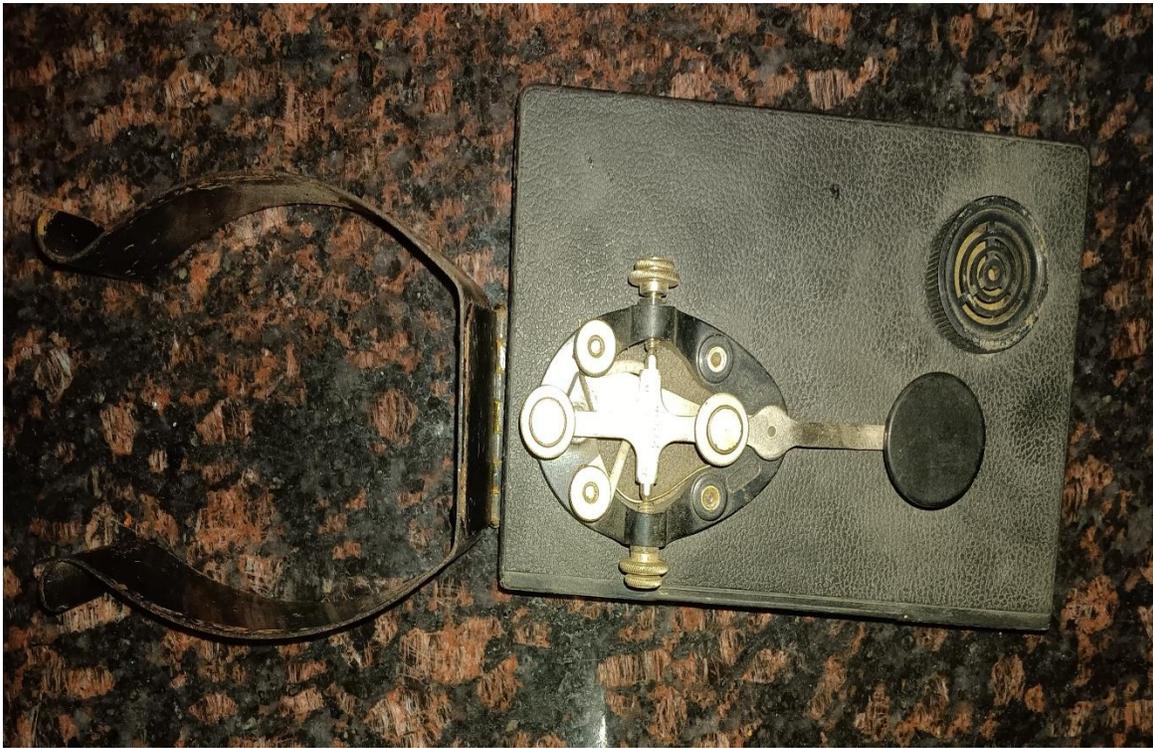
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## **FIRST QUARTER CHALLENGE!**

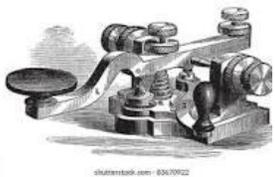
**Are you still hauling in those monthly contacts? Here it is the first of March and we'll be totaling up our numbers for Richard (KEØQYA) at the end of the month!**

# What-Zit?



You probably recognize this as a telegraph key of some sorts...but look carefully...It's vintage AND valuable! It served a special purpose within the military world. Radiographers used this leg mount or 'knee key' which attached directly to their leg, usually just above the knee. It provided a stable 'hands-free' base when the operator was in the field, a vehicle or in a cramped space like an aircraft such as WW2 bombers. Thank you, Daren Nerad, (KDØOPS) for this glimpse into history and sharing this 'old timer' with us.

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## CW CLASS CONTINUES ON TO LESSON FIVE!

Hearty members of the Wednesday evening CW class continue their practices diligently! One of the highlights of the class has been new CW keys and oscillators that are appearing on the scene! Daren (KDØOPS) and Don (KFØARQ) have produced some of the newest and best of show which assist them in their sending capabilities. Keys, Paddles, and Straight Keys all have their place in the CW community. Cheer these members on as they improve their skills in the Morse Code mode of communication! This life skill will prove invaluable! Charge on!





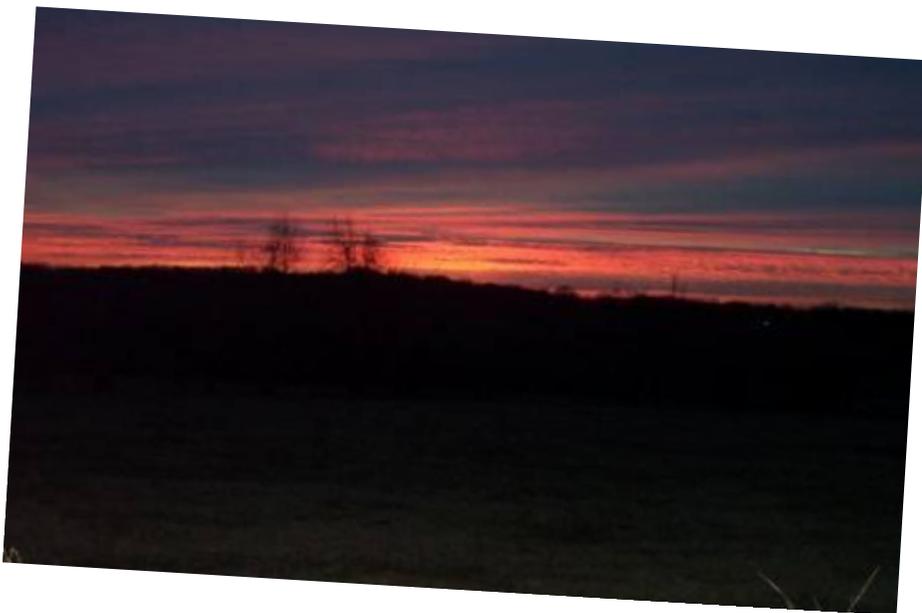
## **BLAST FROM THE PAST 2022!**



### **IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

This month we spotlight Steve Demoss (WAØWUY) who has achieved a milestone for which many aspire but seldom realize. His photos have been published in National Geographic Magazine! Enjoy these images and Steve's most interesting biography.

1. (Q) What are your favorite pastimes or hobbies in addition to HAM Radio?  
(A) I like to take photographs. In my collection I have over 25,000 photos. Kind of excessive I know, but what can I say? You have to take 20 to get one good one. I have had a few published in the National Geographic Magazine. Some of my favorite subjects are sunrise and sunsets.



**“The thing about taking these types of pictures is that you have to be there and be ready to shoot because the window of time to take the picture may only last for a minute or a few seconds.”**



**...MORE 2022 'BLASTS FROM THE PAST'**



**WHO'ZIT?**

In our May Newsletter you were tasked to identify the mystery Ham who had an opportunity to do some race car driving but was held up by one minor issue...not knowing how to drive a stick shift! So, did this person ultimately race the car? Ask **Amber Nerad! (KEØQYL)** ... she could tell you! Since no one successfully guessed our mystery gurl', Amber received her most excellent reward at the next monthly meeting!

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**Breakfast Klub...Every Friday Morning at Clara's Café -North 65 Hwy. 8:00 ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

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**WE ARE THE 'SPARKLERS'! MIGHTY, MIGHTY 'SPARKLERS'!**

Let it be known that there's a new bunch of Hams in town! We are the Ladies of SPARK and are happy to introduce ourselves to YOU as the 'SPARKLERS' that we are! We chose our name carefully after much deliberation and felt that it suited us perfectly.





## TECH TALK



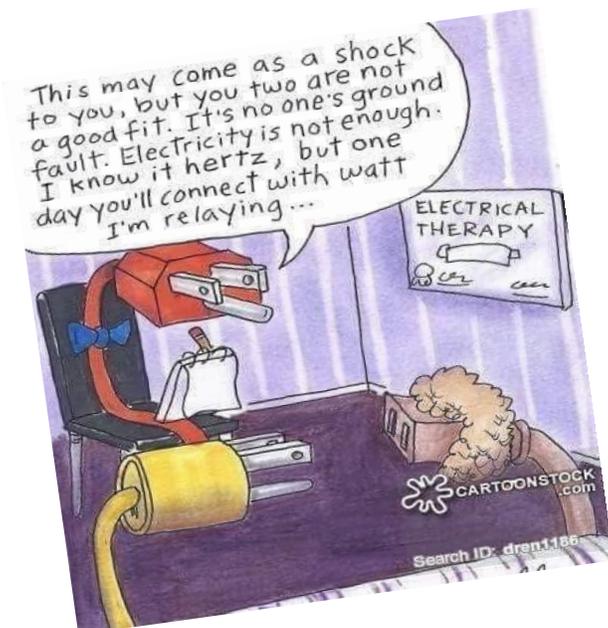
An enlightening article showcasing the radio career of

### Daren Nerad (KDØOPS)

My first interest in Ham radio was in high school and through some friends whose relatives were operators in Nashville TN. Up to that point I experimented with CB. DX was my only experience with radio. Through the years I had learned my father was a radio operator while in the USMC. I thought that sounded like fun.....so I enlisted. That opened up the world of radio to me. I took on the same MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) as my father had (2531 - Field radio operator). I was schooled on everything from UHF to HF and several forms and types of communications in-between. The radio and operation skills I still draw from are based on my education in the military. After I returned to civilian life it took me a couple of years before I reached back out to explore the path of Ham Radio. Reaching out to S.P.A.R.K. lead me to Doug McIndoo (N4RZB) who helped me get connected with a Ham 101 class that WAARIC put on. After getting my ticket in May of 2011 (KDØOPS), I then upgraded to General in March of 2018 while my wife Amber (KEØQYL) gained her Tech License that same session. More recently I achieved my goal of Extra Class in May of 2021 and proceeded to upgrade my VE status to reflect my Extra Class. I now am focusing on enjoying the hobby and trying to offer Ham Radio classes and help others wanting to get their ticket or upgrade. ELMERING and Mentoring is one of the most valuable resources to new hams and feel the more we make ourselves available the more likely we can continue to sustain the hobby. (...and that's the REST of the story!

73 Daren – (KDØOPS)

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## **BLAST FROM THE PAST 2023!**

This month's featured SPARK member is Don Weldon (KFØARQ)...alias 'Clown Extraordinaire'! Don has a life-skill that I found intriguing and I felt many of our members would as well. Don shares experiences of 20+ years with us.



**Q. Did you ever go to Clown College?**

**A. At the time I joined the Ararat Shrine Clown Unit, I went to Clown School with Priscilla Mooseburger. She had been with Barnum & Bailey Circus for a number of years and I spent time in her class learning costumes and makeup. I have performed at the Shrine Circus every year and have been a Shriner for 40 years.**

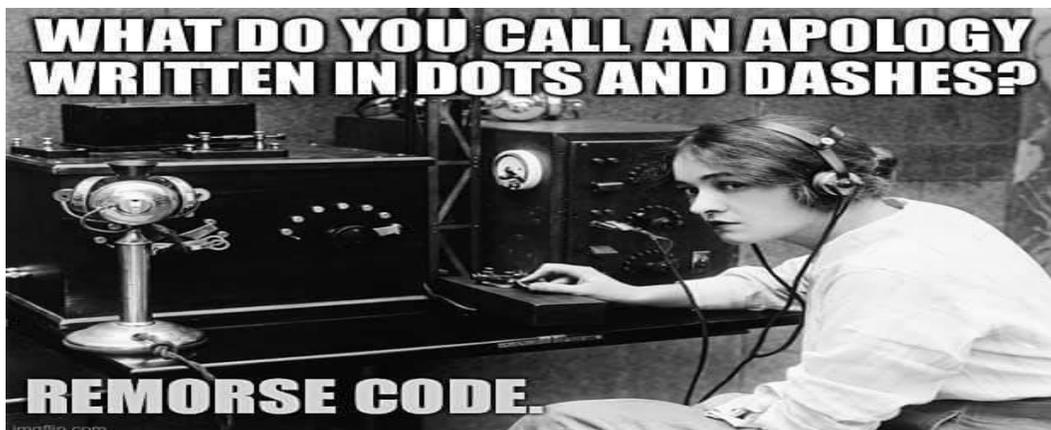
**Q. What was your inspiration for becoming a clown?**

**A. I rode little motorcycles with the Fun Kor for 10 years before becoming a clown. When the Kor disbanded, I joined the clown unit in KC. I liked the idea of dressing up and making kids smile.**

**Q. What are the personas of the clowns you have in your arsenal? Do you have a favorite?**

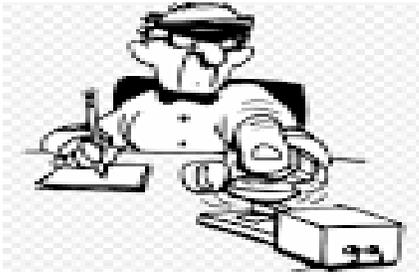
**A. 'Chief' is my #1 Clown. I portray him in most parades. 'Circus' is #2. The 'Hobo' clown is 'Dapper Don'...a gentleman's gentleman or butler. Depending on the mood, I will do him now and then. My # 3 'Parade Only' costume was worn when I was in the Fun Kor.**

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...MORE 2023 'BLASTS FROM THE PAST'

## BRASS POUNDERS LEAGUE 2023



Our class of Brass Pounders have completed their Monday evening Morse Code classes and home study! It

was a pleasure to have mentored all of you students. I appreciate your attendance and hard work. I hope you are taking away from the class a quality life-skill you can build upon to include in your Ham Radio arsenal of knowledge. Best wishes as you continue to progress. de (WAØQCJ)



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## More Amateur Radio Astronauts Head for the International Space Station



Three of the four new astronauts on February's planned launch of the SpaceX Crew-6 mission to the International Space Station (ISS) are amateur radio operators.

The four crew members that comprise the SpaceX Crew-6 mission pose for a photo during a training session on the crew access arm at the Kennedy Space Center's Launch Pad 39A in Florida. From left are, Mission Specialist Andrey Fedyaev, Pilot Warren "Woody"

Hoburg, Mission Specialist Sultan Al Nedayi, and Commander Stephen Bowen.

Photo Courtesy of SpaceX.

...MORE 2023 'BLASTS FROM THE PAST'



## Renda! (KBØUVW)...What Were You Thinkin'?

1. Stay off that antenna tower!
2. Quit pickin' fights with (NØOWZ) that you know you can't win!
3. No more rodeo'n for you, little girl!
4. Teach your lil' dog to stay outta' your way!
5. **HEAL UP QUICKLY - WE EXPECT NO LESS OF YOU!**

73 Connie (WAØQCJ)

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## OUR MISSION FOR THE ANNUAL BALLOON & KITE FESTIVAL

Seventeen members of SPARK gathered on site at 5:30...Dark O'clock AM...to set up the E-Com Trailer and prepare for our anticipated balloon tracking adventure of the day. After

attending a meeting of balloon pilots, WX was determined too sketchy to risk launching. Our operators immediately went into WX Net mode as a host of members coordinated efforts, dispersing vehicles into field locations with APRS Digigate capabilities on board. Their tracking signals and WX reports were logged at base station E-Com trailer with professionalism and skill. This exercise was deemed another of our best efforts coming together in an emergency situation and pulling together as a team making Ham Radio Work!



# BLAST FROM THE PAST 2024!

## THE NEW YEAR OF 2024 HAS BEEN GOOD TO SPARK !!!

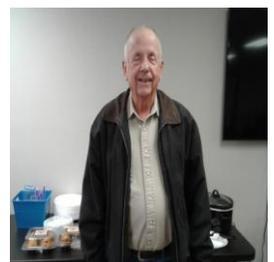
Thanks to Paul, (KDØETL) for capturing these photos of our first meeting of the 2024 year! With an attendance of 35 members and guests we have taken our numbers to new heights! THIS is why our Klub is so SUCCESSFUL!



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## WINTER FIELD DAY – 2024

### JANUARY 27th & 28th



**...MORE 2024 'BLASTS FROM THE PAST'**



**“It’s a beautiful day on the 2-meter band...**

**It’s a beautiful day for a contact...**

**Won’t you be mine? Could you be mine? Would you be?...Could you be?....**

**Won’t you please?...Please Oh, please.....Please.....won’t you be my contact?”**

“You always make each day a special day. You know how: By just your being you yourself. There's only one person in the whole world that's like you, and that's you. And people can like you just exactly the way you are.” - Fred Rogers –

**Truer words were never spoken. That being said...if you haven’t already done so, please have your completed 2-meter contact lists ready to turn into Bret (KØVK) at the March meeting.**

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**S.P.A.R.K.**  
SEDALIA PETTIS AMATEUR RADIO KLUB  
PRESENTS:  
**Technician Class  
HAM 101**  
A free service provided by the local area radio club community by local Ham and radio enthusiasts  
FEBRUARY 17TH & 24TH - 8 AM TO 4 PM  
ADDRESS:  
SEDALIA PETTIS COUNTY EMA BUILDING  
1511 N OHIO AVE, SEDALIA, MO 65301  
FOR TESTING ON MARCH 2ND  
(AFTER CLUB MEETING @ 10:30 - 15\$ FEE FOR TEST (CASH ONLY) - YOUTH FREE  
(FCC FEE TO BE PAID SEPARATELY AFTER SUCCESSFULL TEST COMPLETION - 35\$ FEE PAID ONLINE TO FCC)  
A two-day event featuring a walk-thru of the technician questions and answers with key talking points. For sign up please contact Daren Herod - KD0OP@ARRL.NET (0 = 00 zero). More info on our web site WA8SDO.org or Facebook page search S.P.A.R.K.  
Logos: HAM IT UP!, ARRL, ARRL VEC, ARRL INSTRUCTOR, AMATEUR RADIO



**Eight future Hams are enrolled in the current February Technician Class taught by Daren, (KDØOP) , Harry (KØTV) , Paul (KDØETL) and Richard (KEØQYA)**



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**A Creation de Harry (KØTV)**

“Difficult to think about all those other carriers of the delectable treasures that found their way to recycle bins and land fills. One made its way to a higher purpose! Sadly the pan was so fragile it barely lasted beyond the picture.” Hi Hi

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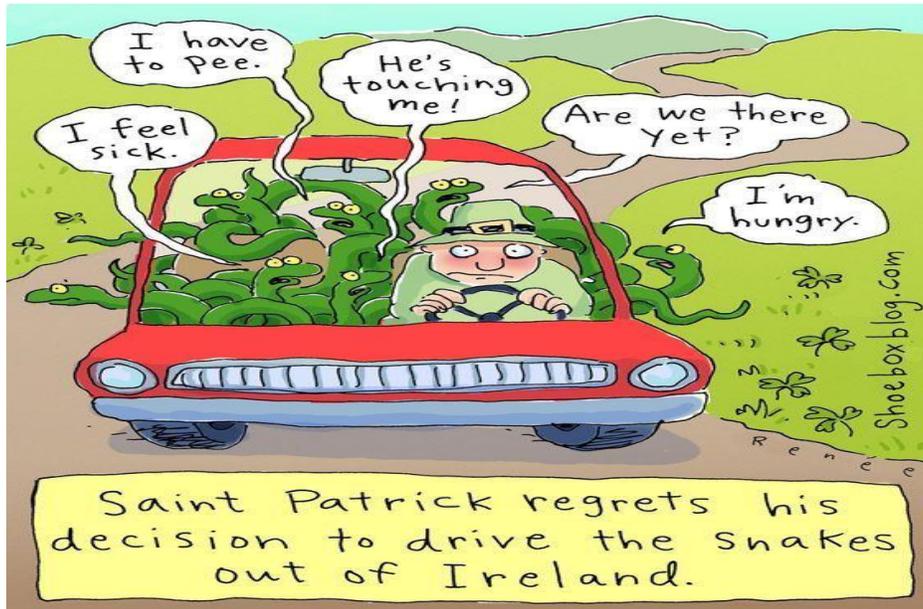
**Stanley Potts ( KFØPXN) is welcomed by Klub VE's as he earned his Technician Ticket!**

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# BLAST FROM THE PAST 2025!

## EDITOR'S MOMENT



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## **BASIC ELECTRICAL EXAM**

1. What color is the green grounding screw? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When hooking up a 200v heater, you must use 220v wire? \_\_\_ TRUE \_\_\_ FALSE
3. Electricity will leak out of pipes if they are not connected with rain tight fittings? \_\_\_ TRUE \_\_\_ FALSE
4. To trip a breaker, you must stick out your foot as it walks by. \_\_\_ TRUE \_\_\_ FALSE
5. When dealing with conduit the O.D. must be larger than the I.D. or the hole will be on the outside. \_\_\_ TRUE \_\_\_ FALSE
6. A keyless fixture cannot be unlocked \_\_\_ TRUE \_\_\_ FALSE
7. A breaker reads "20" on the handle. This means that it can only be tripped 20 times before it wears out. \_\_\_ TRUE \_\_\_ FALSE
8. If you plug a 110v appliance into a 120v line, 10 extra volts will leak out and make a mess. \_\_\_ TRUE \_\_\_ FALSE
9. The gauge # of a wire tells you how many outlets you can plug into it. \_\_\_ TRUE \_\_\_ FALSE
10. When pulling 4/0 wire thru a 1/2" PVC conduit, the "PVC" stands for "Pipe Very Crowded" \_\_\_ TRUE \_\_\_ FALSE
11. An OHM is a Hindu measurement of voltage \_\_\_ TRUE \_\_\_ FALSE
12. A Flush Mounted device may only be hooked up to a toilet. \_\_\_ TRUE \_\_\_ FALSE
13. High voltage wire is only used in the upper stories of a building and low voltage wires is only used in the lower floors and basement. \_\_\_ TRUE \_\_\_ FALSE
14. If you have a molded case breaker, the mold can be removed with soap and warm water. \_\_\_ TRUE \_\_\_ FALSE
15. Electrical Inspectors are also known as \_\_\_\_\_



## HUGE THANKS TO BRIAN MAY!

(WE3MAY) For his generous donation of a 100-watt ICOM unit for the communications trailer with a full range of surrounding repeater frequencies installed. We are ALWAYS happy when Brian comes back home to be with us...his FOREVER Ham Radio family!

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## MIXING IT UP WITH THE CUB SCOUTS!

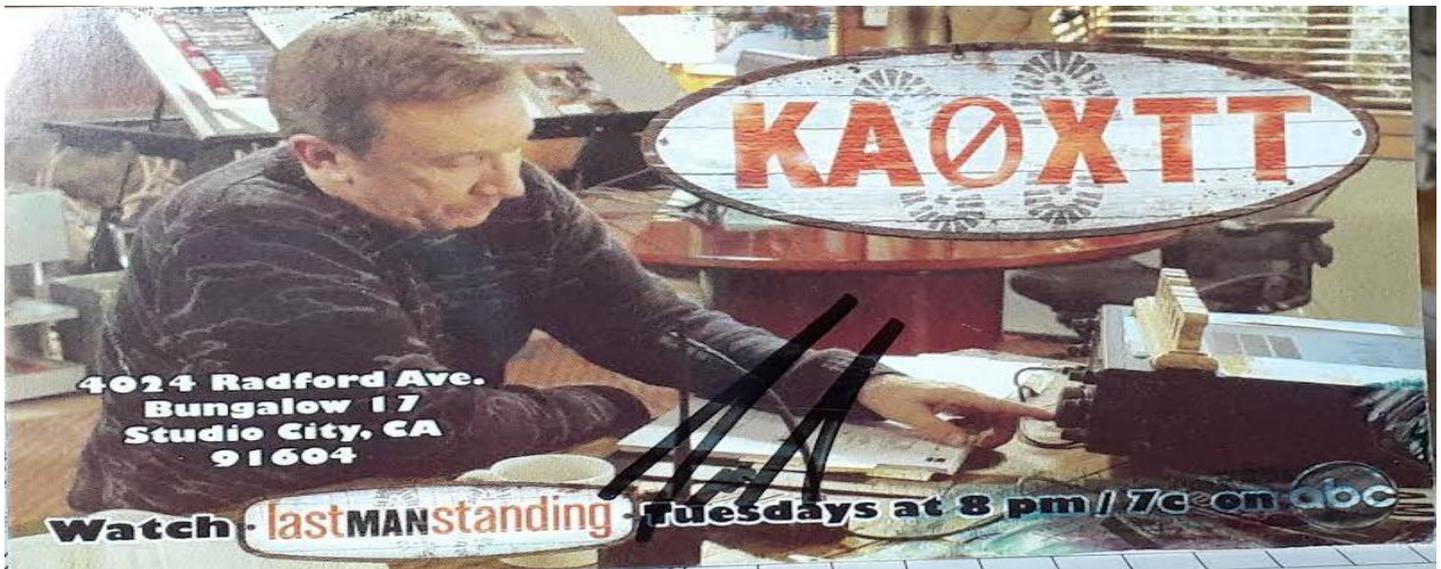


**On June 4<sup>th</sup> Don (KFØARQ) and Connie (WAØQCJ) met with regional Cub Scouts for a Day Camp presentation about Ham Radio. The camp theme was 'Amazing Adventures'. Connie gave an overview of the history of the hobby/emergency service capabilities as well as a lesson in sending and receiving CW. Don WOWED 'em with his portable rig and managed to make some HD contacts even though signals were sketchy. The scouts were able to make 2-Meter contacts with Harry (KØTV) which was just icing on the cake!**



...THE LAST OF YOUR 2025 'BLASTS FROM THE PAST'

# REMEMBER WHO AMONG US RECEIVED THIS QSL?



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## SPARK to host ARRL Midwest Division Convention

By Chris Howell  
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The American Radio Relay League Midwest Division Convention, SPARK-CON, will be held Friday, Oct. 10, and Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Lowell Mohler Assembly Hall on the Missouri State Fairgrounds.

Bret Kuhns is a local ham operator with SPARK, the Sedalia Pettis Amateur Radio Klub, and has helped grow the local group's annual radio day event into a regional convention.

"We've had hamfests the last four years here in Sedalia," Kuhns said. "However, we have now been selected to have a convention based on the success we've had with

our smaller hamfests." Kuhns has been at the Mathewson Convention Center this week, setting up dozens of tables for this weekend's visitors. Operators will sharpen their radio skills by making verified contact 'handshakes' with fellow hams across the globe.

"This is a four-state convention with Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas," Kuhns said. "We have an estimated turnout of 1,000 to 1,500 people. The majority of our attendees will be ham radio operators."

The event is about education and sharing knowledge, and will have forums, ham radio displays and people trading and purchasing amateur radio gear.

Early birds on Satur-

day will get a special treat and witness a science experiment with a radio-communications twist.

"We're going to launch a high-altitude balloon Saturday morning at 8:30," Kuhns said. "It will go near outer space, and then we're going to retrieve it. It has transponders on it so we can track it."

SPARK is launching the balloon in coordination with the Civil Air Patrol and the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

"We're going to have emergency communication trailers from the surrounding area on display," Kuhns said. "And we're going to be operating a special event on high frequen-

cy worldwide."

An airplane will also be circling the area to give local hams a different radio contact to make.

"We're also going to have an airplane circling in the area so folks can make air-mobile contacts," Kuhns said. "Talk with the airplane as it's flying over and they will be issued certificates on-site for contact with an airplane."

The ARRL Midwest Division Convention is 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission will be \$10 per person.

For more information, visit [www.spark-con.org](http://www.spark-con.org) or [spark-con](https://www.facebook.com/spark-con) on Facebook.

Chris Howell can be reached at 660-530-0146.



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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**

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### **Baofeng as a Mobile Radio SMA-to-SO 239 Adapter By Phillip Markmann**

Just some thoughts for added usefulness of the Baofeng HT. With a Baofeng, you learn your limits and check into nets you can hold “Full Quieting.” You also learn how to utilize the memory bank to store frequencies most often used. Even if you use the Chirp programming software, you also learn: repeater frequencies, repeater offsets, CTCSS tone requirements to access repeaters, etc.

I learned to manually program my Baofeng as well as every radio I own. Especially hand carried radios (HTs) because my thinking is, “What happens if I am in the field or woods and need to program or adjust the current program in my Baofeng?” Obviously, I will not have a laptop computer with me!

I got the idea for SMA-to-SO 239 adapter from a book written by NC SCOUT. Where he used a SMA-to-BNC adapter, I use the SMA-to-SO 239 adapter. NC SCOUT was building a 2-meter dipole and wanted to extract his makeshift antenna easily and quickly. On my part, I wanted to attach coax to an antenna more securely. By-the-way, SMA female for the Baofeng. You remove the rubber duck antenna that came with your Baofeng and screw in the SMA female adapter. Careful NOT to over tighten.

When I was reading the description of what he was doing, I thought, “I can do that.” Only, my purpose was mobile operation with my Dodge truck, where as his purpose was portable operation. I have a nice ground plane for the 2-meter magnetic mount antenna. I had a 5/8 wave, magnetic mount on the cab roof that worked very well. The 5/8 wave mag mount worked 3 times better than the quarter-wave. Today, I have a quarter-wave on the floorboard behind the driver’s seat and a Baofeng on the floorboard with an adapter already installed. I have also removed the battery to make

it impossible to accidentally key the Baofeng! With two battery packs, I will be able to insert one battery and have a 2<sup>nd</sup> battery as back up.

I have another Baofeng at Radio Corner in my workshop with a SMA-to-SO 239 adapter. I hooked the coax from my 50-foot tower to the Baofeng and could reach “every” repeater I programmed in that Baofeng, except one.

The repeater I could not reach has a Texas Hill between me and that repeater. I can get into that repeater with 50 watts; however, I am very noisy. Therefore, I do not check into their net unless I have the help of propagation. Which will happen from time to time.

When you are unable to hold repeaters “full quieting,” you start thinking about, and start looking for, a radio that will transmit with more than 5 watts. (More on that statement in a moment).

I picked up another HT at the Shriner Ham Fest near Kansas City. That was over 10 years ago. Do the Shriners still have a yearly Ham Fest? That HT is a Yaesu VK-170, five watts with two rechargeable battery packs and the charger. This Yaesu is near indestructible! That is to say I haven’t broken it yet. My Uncle used to say this about my cousins and me, “Give those boys a steel ball and a rubber mallet, they will break the steel ball every time.” HI HI The Yaesu VK-170 would use a SMA Male-to-SO 239 if I so choose to hook that radio to the coax of the 50-foot tower.

I have a 75-watt Yaesu for those times that propagation helps me with the repeater on the north side of the Texas Hill. FT-2900 Yaesu.

So, what happened to my 5/8 wave mag mount? Let the driver beware. When driving at the speed limit of 55 miles per hour, and there is a low overpass, you need to know how tall you are and when the antenna takes a hit, you would get the picture. In my case there was a gas station on the other side of the overpass that I pulled into. The antenna was hanging down the side of my Dodge truck. Let’s just say a 5/8 wave Mag mount is s-o-o-o much better than a quarter wave mag mount until it isn’t! DUH <VBG> One of these years I will replace the 5/8 wave Mag Mount antenna.

Proverbs 27:17  
Until next time,  
KJ5ZW Phillip

**(editor’s note: (or... you can glue 3 or 4 Baofeng units in a stack which will provide a decent door stop for your Ham Shack. Just kidding...well...kind ‘of!)**





## SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS (KAØJWA)

### SAVE THE DATE!

The 2026 Missouri QSO Party (MOQP) is scheduled for **April 11-12, 2026**, shifted slightly later than usual due to Easter.

The contest begins at 1400 UTC on April 11 and ends at 0400 UTC on April 12, 2026, generally running through the weekend. It is coordinated by the [Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society St. Louis \(BEARS-STL\)](#).

#### Key Details for 2026:

- **Dates:** April 11-12, 2026.
- **Time:** Begins 1400Z, April 11, and ends 0400Z, April 12, 2026.
- **Special Activity:** Operators often work 1x1 call signs to spell "SHOWME" and "MISSOURI".



The contest focuses on making contacts with stations in all of Missouri's counties.

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**QRT FOR NOW de KAØJWA es WAØQCJ**

