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NEWSLETTER

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Membership,

I hope you all had a wonderful Fourth of July and were able to spend some quality time with family and friends. Summer always seems to go by quickly, and I hope you're enjoying every opportunity to spend time with friends and family.

Our club continues to be active, and it's great to see so many members participating. I'd like to thank Richard for launching our repeater challenge. It's been exciting to hear more activity on the air, and I encourage everyone to keep the momentum going. Whether you're a new operator or a seasoned ham, getting on our local repeater is a great way to stay connected with Hams and a great way to learn something

new. This fellowship makes our club special.

I'd also like to thank Harry for coordinating our support of the Union Pacific Big Boy train event as it passed through Sedalia. Your work helped make the event a success, and we appreciate everyone who volunteered their time.

As we head into August, we're looking forward to seeing everyone at the fair. It's always a great opportunity to promote amateur radio, visit with friends, and welcome new faces to our hobby. Listen closely for anyone that ID's on the repeater and let's let no call go unanswered. Let's give them a big Sedalia welcome!

Thank you for everything you do to make our club one of the best around. Stay safe, stay active on the air, and enjoy the rest of your summer.

President Bret WØVK

NEXT MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12th - 8:30

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 2026 **de – Brooks (KAØJWA)**

08/09/2026 - "Never Enough Radios" - O' Fallon, Mo.

08/ 22 & 23/2026 – Joplin Hamfest – Joplin, Mo.

10/ 09 & 10 – SPARK-CON – Sedalia, Mo.

10/31/2026 - 33rd Halloween Hamfest - Kirkwood, Mo.

11/14/2026 - Nixa ARC Hamfest - Nixa, Mo.



August Birthdays!

JOHN MULLIS - 1ST (NØEE)

PHILLIP MARKMANN – 2ND – (KJ5ZW)



BTW...If you don't find your Birthdate announced monthly, it is because I don't know when it is ... but would LOVE to! Please inform me of your birthdate by sharing to: connies1.newsletters@gmail.com or enlighten me at Klub meeting . BIG THANKS!!! 'QCJ

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUBS NEWS UPDATE

de – Ryan Anderson (KFØHYP)

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

WHEN SENDING E-MAIL MESSAGES, ARTICLES, OR OTHER CORRESPONDENCE, USE THE FOLLOWING E-ADDRESS FOR CONNIE (WAØQCJ). TEXTING IS STILL AN OPEN OPTION.

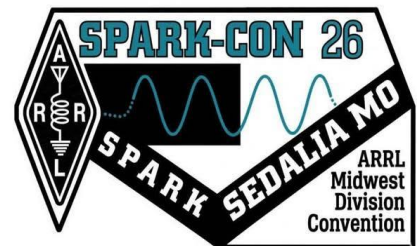
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ARRL MIDWEST DIVISION 2026 CONVENTION

SEDALIA PETTIS AMATEUR RADIO KLUB

SPARK-CON



Event Highlights:

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

- Swap Meet – Buy, sell, and trade equipment.
- Full Seminar Schedule – Learn from expert speakers.
- License Testing – Get your amateur radio license or upgrade.
- Get On The Air Special Event Station
- Air Mobile Contacts Saturday – Get a Certificate!
- Thousands worth 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.
- Hamfest Dinner – Friday Night from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
- Grand Prize Drawing – Saturday at close of show(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: 10/9/2026 & 10/10/2026

HAMFEST / Seminars / Convention

All Run Through Times Below:

12:00PM to 5:00PM Friday

8:00AM to 3:00PM Saturday

Admission Fee: \$10

Talk-in: 147.030 –OFFSET, PL 179.9

SPARK-CON.ORG

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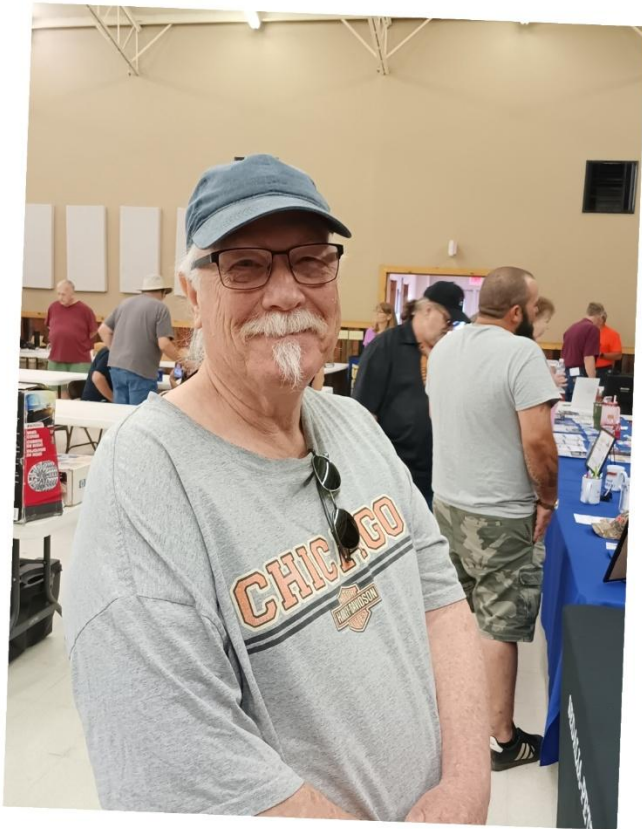
WARRENSBURG HAMFEST July 18, 2026



SPARK supported our neighbors to the west in great numbers! A great time was had by all. Breakfast was delicious with kudos to Melissa (KFØMEE) and David (W1ØTW) who consistently lay out a feast fit for hungry Hams! Thanks to all for a great event!









GUEST EDITORIAL – PHILLIP MARKMANN (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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FIELD DAY 2026, Friendships and OLD FRIENDS

Field Day with “Old” Friends, SPARK Library and “Old School” Beckons.

I thoroughly enjoyed Field Day so very much with WA0SDO members; folks not yet licensed as HAMs, new HAMs and those that are studying to become HAMs.

When leaving Texas headed north, I felt that if I was asked to make a couple of Field Day contacts, I was thinking, “Phillip, you can use your cell phone and contact one of your buddies in Wood County and find out what frequency WC5TX is on and ask for them to contact Sedalia, MO with WA0SDO de WC5TX.” After contact was made, I would again use my cell phone and find out what frequency Upshur County K5UAR is on and ask them to contact Sedalia, MO with WA0SDO de K5UAR. That would give Sedalia 2 NTX contacts. Here in Texas; Wood County AND Upshur County would each have a Missouri contact from my Home Town Klub!

SPARK Club Library

I was thinking, SPARK could make use of a Club Library of electronic books for HAM radio stations. When I talked with Bret WØVK, about a Club library, he thought that was a good idea. I may have shown him a snapshot of books I was willing to donate as a starter for the SPARK Club Library. That being said, I have a few more books I am willing to donate if I am ask.

Old School Beacons

Today, I use the same Beacons I have used since 1993. I tune to each and look for the strongest frequency which lets me know which band to check out first of the bands, 80 through 10 meters. I use 80, 40, 30, and 20 meters most.

“Old School” Beacons:

Call Sign, with Location, and Frequencies in MHz,

CHU Ottawa, Canada 3.330, 7.850 14, 670

WWV USA, FT Collins, CO in MHz 2.5, 5.0, 10, 15, 20 and 25

WWVH USA, Hawaii in MHz 2.5, 5, 10, 15

Friendship is considered Priceless by me.

QRT for now, (KJ5ZW) Phillip Markmann



SPARK IS EXPANDING OUR EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES!

Following up on last months' visit from Phillip Markman, (KJ5ZW) we were gifted an opportunity that will be long appreciated by our membership! Phillip has given us the start of a Klub library! For those seeking technical information, several ARRL publications on antennas are available. An HF Digital Handbook, ARRL Annual Handbooks, and licensing guides for aspiring and upgrading HAMS. These books will be cataloged and prepared for checkout. If you have books you would care to donate to our SPARK library, they will be welcomed. Contact Connie, (WAØQCJ) for check-out.

CURRENT TITLES

The ARRL Antenna Book

ARRL's Wire Antenna Classics Vol. 1

ARRL's More Wire Antenna Classics Vol. 2

ARRL's Even More Wire Antenna Classics Vol. 3

ARRL Handbook 2005

Extra Class Amateur Radio License Preparation (2020)

**ARRL's Tech Q & A – Path To Your First Ham Radio License
(2026)**

ARRL's HF Digital Handbook

**Lights On – Jeffrey Yago – (Battery Power When the Grid
Goes Down)**



Our Second Quarter 2-Meter Contest Award Recipients

Our Klub once again had the opportunity to participate in the fast-action, feeding frenzy, challenge that pitted member against member! Goal was to make ten, 2-Meter contacts (no repeat contacts per month) through April, May, and June (total of 30). We did it!





de Tyler Heibult (KFØVQQ)

Who else among us could be found pedaling around Ohio Street participating in the Sedalia 4th of July Parade? Tyler Heibult (KFØVQQ) captured these youngsters on their high-wheelers out there showing the rest of us how it's done! Thanks, Tyler and thanks to Bret (WØVK) and Bart (KEØZTG) for showing us your cool moves on two wheels!



Bret Kuhns (WØVK)



Bart Huhns (KEØZTG)



Bret (WØVK)

THE DAY THE 'BIG BOY No. 4014' CAME TO TOWN!



Engineer Ed Dickins visiting with crowd



Engineer Dickins and crew

On July 21st an icon pulled through Sedalia! The 'Big Boy' No. 4014 Steam Locomotive showed up to show off! An excited number of SPARK Hams positioned themselves along the track route east and west of town, pulled out their 2-Meter radios and tracked the train as it passed through. It was a prime opportunity to educate awaiting spectators of our HAM radio capabilities tracking the 'Big Boy' in real time. Thankyou, Harry (KØTV) for anchoring our communication net! A grand way to celebrate '250 Years of America'!



WHO-ZIT?

I was born and raised in Sedalia. I was an active kid playing baseball and soccer. My very 1st job was when I was in grade school. After school I swept and mopped the floors at Papa Jake's. Not bad for a 5th grader. In high school I lettered in the marching band and wrestling. During my high school years, I was a cook at Sambo's. That was most definitely an eye-opening experience.

After high school it took me a couple of years before I decided to go to college. After going to Plywood U, my degree took me away from the State Fair City. During that time, I was able to meet some interesting people because of my boss being politically active. Kit Bond, GW Bush, Dan Quayle, Lamar Hunt, and John Ashcroft...just to name a few.

I moved back to Sedalia in the spring of 2000. Going from the big city to relocating in Sedalia was a big change. I wish I would have done it sooner.

A family member talked to me about ham radio and tried to convince me to get my license. My exact words while looking at my phone was, "Why should I when I can talk around the world on this?" Those words have haunted me to this day with a big grin on my face.

WHO AM I ?

Contact: (WAØQCJ) with your guess!
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SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS - (KAØJWA)

If you missed the Warrensburg Hamfest, too bad so sad. You missed a good one. There was a lot of equipment to check out and a lot of old and new friends to see. Kudos to the W.A.A.R.C.I. for all their time and effort in making the few hours spent there, enjoyable and trouble free. Hope to see you there next year.



QRT FOR NOW de KAØJWA es WAØQCJ

