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NEWSLETTER

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

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EDITOR'S MOMENT



Let it be known from *this* retired teacher of MANY, MANY years in the classroom....that there's no better feeling than driving to Friday morning Ham Radio breakfast at Clara's...as opposed to pulling up in the school parking lot anticipating the antics of the day. To all retired educators... especially those within our KLUB membership, Blessed are those of us who TAUGHT...and even moreso that now we're NOT! Hi Hi ! (de 'QCJ)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fellow SPARK Members,

As summer begins to wind down, it's hard to believe how quickly the season has gone by. The Missouri State Fair has come and gone here in Sedalia, and with the cooler days ahead, it's a great time to get back together and enjoy our shared interest

in amateur radio.

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer and had an opportunity to get on the air at least a few times! There is always something new to learn and someone new to meet in this hobby.

I'm especially looking forward to seeing everyone at our next club meeting on September 12. It will be a great opportunity to catch up, share our stories from the summer, talk about what's happening in the club, and enjoy some time together.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the club and contribute your time, knowledge, and enthusiasm. Our club is only as strong as the members who participate, and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the September meeting.

Until then, keep those radios on the air, and the push-to-talk down!

See you on September 12!

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)

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

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

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



September Birthdays!

Dwayne Lucas 1st – (KB9TQJ)

Darrell Kimball – 2nd (W1TXX)

Bret Kunz 5th (WØVK)

Bart Kunz 10th KEØZTG)

Lori Stuart 11th – (KFØIXH)

Brian Wood 14th (KEØNJB)

John Cannon 29th – (KFØPRU)

BTW...If you don't find your birthdate announced monthly, it is because I don't know when it is ... but would LOVE to! New members...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)

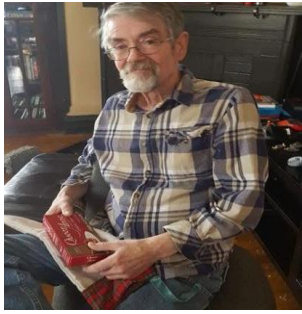
Marshall – Saline County ARES Club Events:

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

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Steven Wayne Goodwin, 75, of Sedalia, Missouri, passed away on April 19th, 2026 in Los Angeles, California.

Steven was born on April 11th, 1951 in Indiana to Donald and Evelyn Goodwin. He spent six years in the United States Navy and was an electronics technician. Due to him scoring the highest in an aptitude test, he was made a teacher to train the crew. He was also tasked in mapping the ocean's floor. While stationed in South Korea, he met his future wife, Sun Hon Ahn. They were married in Akron, Ohio and were married for 23 years until Sun Hon's passing. He worked at Digital Equipment Corporation for 20 years and Mustang Dyno for 7 years before retiring.

He was passionate about ham radio and would often volunteer to service events such as triathlons and field functions. His joys of watching television ranged greatly from Shrek to Alfred Hitchcock movies and series. He loved listening to classical music and reading a book or two. His favorite author was Agatha Christie. He was a family man through and through.

Steven is survived by his children, William, Elizabeth and Catherine; sisters, Judith and Susan; niece, Kate; grandchildren, Damien, Chloe, Natalia, Felix and Rayven.

Calling hours were held on May 13, 2026 from 11 to noon at Schlup-Pucak and Wilson Funeral Home, 788 Kenmore Boulevard, Akron, Ohio 44314. His funeral service was held after calling hours at Greenlawn Cemetery, 2580 Romig Rd, Akron, Ohio 44320.



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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SCAN FOR MORE INFO



Harry's Simple Computer Tuneup

de Harry (KØTV)

I made an interesting discovery the other day. Over time I've been changing my computer displays, tablet, even the phone to brighter settings and even larger type sizes thinking it was age-related eyesight changes, strain from too much screen time, or maybe the need for a trip to the eye doctor for an update to an eyeglass prescription. Things were just not clear on the computer anymore.

The solution was extremely simple and was in front of me all along. Over time the computer display had simply become dirty and needed cleaning. Many years ago, it was common for the high voltage inside CRT displays to attract airborne dust to the displays. The need for frequent cleaning was commonplace. The same is true for our modern computer displays. Static causes them to attract dust, it just doesn't accumulate as quickly. We don't notice it and since the degradation is so slow we tend to accommodate to the changes. Over time we might bump type sizes up a click or turn up the brightness a tad not realizing that it isn't the display getting dim, you are looking at things thru a layer of dust. The same can even be said for the TV screen which is across the room. You may not even realize just how much that TV picture has degraded over time just because of dust.

I cleaned the computer display, which really didn't look all that dirty, and was shocked when everything suddenly turned back to the sharp, crisp, bright images I remember when the computer was new. All the display settings got reset back to default and it was like I was seeing a new computer again. The tablet and anything with a touch display got the same display cleaning. Even to the ICom 7300 touch display which has also tended to lose its responsiveness over time. All restored by simply cleaning the display. It made a noticeable difference.

Now don't go grabbing the Windex, squeegee, and rag to start your own cleaning project just yet. That would probably work for an old glass CRT display but using the wrong cleaning product and technique on a modern plastic display, touch screen, or something that has an optical coating to reduce glare will likely ruin the surface. Do some research and find the recommended cleaning procedure for your own display. Many cleaning chemicals good for household cleaning won't be good on a display. And, like eyeglasses, trying to wipe off dust or dirt with a dry tissue or rag will result in dragging those particles across the display surface like sandpaper. This will make a dirty display even worse since there will now be permanent scratches in the surface. In my case I decided to use a cleaning spray, microfiber cloth, and technique that is recommended for use on eyeglasses with optical coatings. Do research for your own computer display to find out what the manufacturer recommends.

This activity of cleaning the display might just be the simple tuneup you need that will improve your computer experience!



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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Morse Code Key Troubles!

Have you ever had problems with your key or microphone, while in the middle of a QSO? This article is the first two paragraphs of a five-paragraph letter I received from Jim, K8LTG, back in the year 2012.

“Hi Phillip,

“Thank you for your QSL and letter. I did not know whether to laugh or cry as I read your letter concerning your key becoming parts and pieces! I was somewhat confused as it was happening. You had a very good fist and all of a sudden, I was having trouble making out what you were saying. I thought I had mis-copied your call and nothing was coming together!

“You always wonder what happens but not too often do you find out! Glad to know it was a minor problem and easily repaired. I have had straight keys and especially bugs change up on me from time to time over the years so don’t think you are the only HAM running under a dark cloud!

“... Well, better quit bending your ears, Phillip. I do hope we get another chance to CW QSO again.

73, Jim-K8LTG”

Jim is a Silent Key. His QTH was Alliance, Ohio and our contact was on 30 meters. His power was 100 watts and I sent him a 599-signal report. My power was 50 watts and received a 589-signal report.

In paragraphs 3 thru 5 of Jim’s letter, he gave me a description of the key he was using and home brewed from an article in CQ magazine.

Until next time, keep a clean fist.

73, Phillip Markmann KJ5ZW



Our Third Quarter 2-Meter Contest Continues!!!

Our Klub once again has the opportunity to participate in the fast-action, feeding frenzy, challenge that pits member against member! **THE RULES HAVE CHANGED! Awards will be presented to members who fill their 10-contact quota for each individual month! Awards will be presented to those who complete one month, two months or all three months! That leaves ALL members still in the running to score for this contest! Your mission is to make ten, 2-Meter contacts (no repeat contacts per month) remaining through the month of September. Go for it!**

WHO-ZIT?



The young me could be found hanging out with friends at the local roller rink.

You may also have found me hunting, fishing, camping, riding or working on bicycles, motorcycles, and 3 wheelers

In grade school I learned to play the violin, in Jr. high the saxophone, and in high school the drums

In high school I had two jobs, flipping burgers and stocking shelves at the local grocery store.

One time, when I was 14, my older brother and his friends went on a camping trip. One of his friends parked a 1000cc sport bike in our garage, with the key in it. I found myself at home alone with nothing to do. So, I fired it up and rode it around. I think it was the first time I had ever gone over 100 mph!

WHO AM I ?

Contact: (WAØQCJ) with your guess!

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SIGNING OFF WITH BROOKS - (KAØJWA)

Now that the State Fair is over, 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 basking in the glow of a couple of 3-500's working the band of your choice. When it's freezin' cold...Keep the bands HOT!!!



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