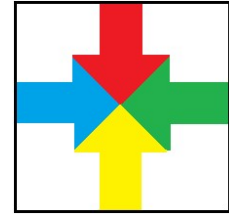


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Agenda, Fourth Quarter Meeting
2:00 PM, Saturday, October 10, 2026
***SPARK-CON*, The ARRL Midwest Division Convention,**
Missouri State Fairgrounds, 2503 West 16th Street
Sedalia, Missouri 65301

1. **Call to Order – Randy Schulze, W0ICQ**
2. **Welcome to the SPARK-CON!**
3. **Roll Call of Member Organizations with Representatives**
4. **Secretary's Report (Charles Van Way)**
 - a. Minutes from the July 18, 2026 Meeting
 - b. Any New Membership Applications to the Council
 - i. Clay County Amateur Radio Club
 - c. Status of ARRL Foundation Grant Application
5. **Treasurer's Report (Jerry Chamberlain)**
 - a. Regular Report
 - b. Approve Expenses
 - i. \$.26.84 Dinner for Chairman and Treasurer during Out of Town Business.
 - c. Update regarding our 501(c)(3) Status
6. **Regular Committee Reports**
 - a. Activities Committee – Bill Brinker, Chair
 - b. Recognition Committee – Kristl Thompson, Chair
 - i. We now have Five Silver Eagle Mics in our inventory.
 - c. Issues Committee, Bill Gery, Chair
7. **Regular Business:**
 - a. **2025 ARRL Division Convention: (Bret Kuhn)**
 1. Here We Are!!! <https://spark-con.org>

b. KCMesh Project and Mo-Kan Support. (Bill Gery)

- i. Report on the status of the KCMesh Project
 1. Attached
- ii. Proposed New KC Mesh Name and Logo



c. 2026 is the ARRL Year of the Club is Winding Up!



d. We are working with the Clay County ARC to Assist with the Formalization and update of their Organization.

- i. Randy Schulze and Jerry Chamberlin met with Club Leadership at Liberty, Missouri on September 12.
 1. Input from CCRC Leadership
 2. What's next.

e. Ongoing Project Status:

i. Ham 400 Training Events

- a. Ham 403 – Intro yo Mo-Kan will be presentat at Spark-Con

f. Mo-Kan Elmer's Table

- i. We're here at Spark-Con!!!

g. Upcoming ARRL Midwest Division Elections

Rules: *Each Candidate will have an opportunity to introduce themselves, and provide a statement why they should be elected. No other individuals will be allowed to introduce any candidate or endorse any candidate. After each candidate has spoken, members present may ask a single question per individual which may be answered by each candidate.*

i. Division Vice-Director

1. Candidate's Comments
 - a. Ron Ochu, KO0Z, St Peters, MO
2. Candidate's Comments
 - a. Todd LeMense, KK0DX, Omaha, NE
Unable to Attend

ii. Division Director

1. Challenger's Comments
 - a. Drew Vonda-Smith, K3PA, Tonganoxie, KS
2. Incumbent's Comments
 - a. Art Zygielbaum, K0AIZ, Lincoln, NE

iii. Q&A From the Membership Present

Old Business:

8. "Proud Mo-Kan Member Icon on your websites!"

- a. For Placement on *Your* Organizations Website:



9. New Business:

- a. See attached comments regarding Succession Planning

10. Any New Business from the Floor?

11. 1st Quarter / Annual Corporate Meeting:

- a. TBD

12. Adjourn

**Mo-Kan Regional Council
Treasurer's Report
Third Quarter 2026**

3rd Quarter 2026	MOKAN COUNCIL	
Commerce	opening	\$2,352.30
July	service charge	-\$5.00
	expenses approved	-\$291.95
	dues	
August	service charge	-\$5.00
	expenses approved	
	Dues	
September	service charge	-\$5.00
	deposits MESH	\$2,000.00
	deposits membership	\$20.00
Total for all Commerce		\$4,065.35
Mesh Dedicated opening	\$1,944.20	\$3,944.20
	mesh expensed	\$0.00
mesh total		\$3,944.20
PayPal		19.56
	dues	\$0.00
	in from bank	\$0.00
	out to mesh	\$0.00
	fees	\$0.00
paypal total		\$19.56
Mokan Total		\$4,084.91
Commerce Minus mesh Dedicated		\$140.71
Plus Paypal is Total		\$4,104.47

From: Hank Kudlacz <kf0kvo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2026 4:46 PM
To: randy@hamsinspace.com
Cc: w0zxh.manny@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Checking In...

Randy,

Ashley and I are close on a final draft. We conferred via phone last week and almost got through the entire document. Got hung up on a difference of opinion related to formatting and 'word-smithing'. She was supposed to have forwarded the issue to you for evaluation.

For your review, see below.

Regards,

Hank

As a HAM Radio Operator, I've always found it easy to find someone that could help out with setting up equipment and answering technical questions. However, as a newly elected president of a revitalized club, I found myself with a plethora of questions; How formal do we want this organization to be, how much help do/will I need, what documents are required for this type of club, and what in the world does any of this have to do with 501(c)3? If you have no one to turn to in order to get accurate information related to these, and so many other questions, good luck.

There are many variations of this statement, but suffice to say, "surround yourself with good people, and good things will happen." Enter my vice-president. She was the one that suggested going to the Mo-Kan Council with the many questions we had. And I'm glad she did.

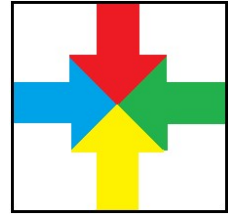
After explaining where we were in the club's evolutionary process, Mo-Kan representatives, Randy and Jerry suggested they meet with the board members from my club so they could explain all Mo-Kan has to offer and to discuss the creation of the club's new bylaws. Accordingly, a meeting was set.

Now, I could talk about how pleased I was with the outcome of this meeting, how nice it was to get guidance and counsel, and all the little nuances that went on, but these guys are the pros. That is what we anticipated. What impressed me beyond their knowledge of amateur radio club structure, was how approachable these representatives are, how willing they are to drive and give up an evening of their time to come and educate a fledgling board on what direction to point their sail, how to avoid pitfalls so many others have not, and ultimately, how to grow a club into an organization that has the technical and financial means to adapt to this ever changing hobby in the future.

I look forward to working with the Mo-Kan Council as our club continues to evolve.

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Date: October 10, 2026

To: The Board of Directors and Membership

Refer: Thoughts on Succession Planning

Hello Everyone!

I hope you are enjoying Spark-Con 2026!

First of all, let me state that I have no plans of going anywhere! I'm in reasonably good health and as far as I can tell, I still possess most of my marbles. Thank You! None the less, not very long ago, we suffered the unexpected loss of two of our good friends and very talented Board Members. While we mourned their passing, as an organization we had to scramble to fill the voids left by their passing, not only procedurally, but in finding capable individuals to fill their big shoes. This has been gnawing at the back of my mind ever since...

While having a cup of coffee at a grocery store with W0AIB-SK Larry Staples of (Larry's List Fame,) during the Spring of 2012, he and I came up with an idea of uniting all of the many amateur radio clubs and organizations from the Kansas City Metro. It took us about a year and a half of brain storming, obtaining buy in and consensus of the many organizations, and organizing the what's and what nots on paper. We navigated through challenges and successes until eleven charter organizations launched the Mo-Kan Regional Council during 2015.

While I had dreams and aspirations during 2012 as to what the council might become, I had no idea of the success and influence which the Mo-Kan Regional Council has achieved as we are now heading into our thirteenth year! The council now includes 29 Member Organizations (and growing,) and manages five major projects under our umbrella, as well as several other projects on the horizon. Not only have we become the "go to" point of contact for individuals wanting to learn more about Amateur Radio, *national organizations* are coming to the Mo-Kan Regional Council to seek our input and opinions.
Thank you to all of you who have contributed to this success!

Taking all of this into consideration, several old adages come to mind. "No one lives forever," "You can't take it with you," and a Latin phrase, "*Fimus Eventis*," which translates into "*Shit Happens!*" As we have learned from our recent past, all of this is true. On one hand, all of us as individuals can be replaced. On

the other hand, my fear is if a key individual got hit by a bus, or as one of my co-workers once said, "Won the Lottery," what would happen to the Council? Would that momentum still be there after such a set back?

Here's my point; We need to put some thought to *succession planning*. We need to come up with a high-level, long-range plan in case *Fimus Eventis* actually occurs. We need to identify individuals who not necessarily need to challenge anyone to take their role, but to at the least express an interest to aspire to taking a leadership role with the Council. Such an individual might already possess the leadership traits, but would be willing to be trained or groomed to fill the role of a Board Member or Officer in managing and leading the council in the future. This is not something confined to the present leadership. This is something which might be considered coming from all of our membership organizations. Our membership consists of many successful clubs and special service organizations, so we know the talent is out there.

I apologize if this message comes across as somewhat of a downer but in actuality, this is a positive message. The message acknowledges our success while still recognizing the inevitable, and understanding that we can do something about it.

Please let me know your thoughts. I'm always open to ideas and suggestions!

Thank you again for all of your work and contributions to making the Mo-Kan Regional Council of Amateur Radio Organizations so successful!

73



Randy Schulze – WØICQ
Chairman,
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