

April 27, 2015

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes



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The April 27, 2015 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President Jeff Blaine, AC0C, at 6:35 pm (2335 April 27, 2015 UTC).

Stephanie, KD0DSU, brought us cake in celebration of her passing her Extra Class license exam. Congratulations Stephanie.

Agenda

- Introductions/Greeting
- Dues
- Announcements
- Club member introduction – Tom Laux, N0AG
- Presentation – Jim Cessna, AC0KN, Ensor Museum Photo Tour

Introductions

As customary, we all introduced ourselves to the group. Visitors were:

- John Morse (I like the name), N0EI
- Jerry Dixon, KC0KW

Welcome all.

Announcements

- Jeff announced upcoming contests and DXpeditions. There are many good ones.
- Dayton plans were discussed. Eddy, K0YF, has space available in his truck to take items to or from Dayton. Everyone is ready with rooms. Russ asked for a laptop for the horse race display. Dayton prizes are lined up with the grand prize being an ICOM 7100, Pileup Contest first place Yaesu 450D and Contest second place a Begali Key. A big thank you to these sponsors.
- Band plan response. Jeff reported that 32 members signed our comment protesting many elements of the ARRL proposed band plan.
- Jeff, AC0C, moved that the quarterly W0AR status reporting rule be dropped and replaced by an informal verbal reporting of status at the first meeting after each quarter. Tom, N0AG, seconded. Motion carried.

Member Introduction Nom Laux, NØAG

- Like many of us he got his start listening to shortwave radio on his parents Zenith Model 12.
- His dad had many electronics related catalogs laying around that he became fascinated with.
- He also liked listening to the big clear channel AM broadcast stations from around the country.
- In August 1969 he was drafted into the US Army, became a combat infantryman and was sent to Vietnam in January 1970. He told a humorous story about becoming a Radio Teletype Operator.
- He was home by 1972 and got married.
- Tom became licensed in 1980 as KAØDEG and had a Ten Tec Century 21 and a Hy Gain 18AVT vertical antenna.
- In 1987 his family bought 16 acres of land in Miami County and built a home on the property in 1992-1993.
- He got re-involved in ham radio in 1995 with the help of the Santa Fe Trail ARC members and acquired the new callsign KBØMZG. He had a Kenwood TS870 and a G5RV antenna at this time.
- By 2007 – 2008 he had built quite an antenna farm.
- Since he feels that the higher frequency bands will have poor propagation in the coming years he plans to concentrate on the lower 20 meters and below.

Presentation Jim Cessna, ACØKN, Photo Tour of Marshall Ensor Museum Olathe, KS

<http://www.ensorparkandmuseum.org/>

- Marshall Ensor, originally 9BSP, then W9BSP and later WØBSP, and his sister Loretta, W9UA, later WØUA, lived on this farm place in south-central Johnson County in the first part of the twentieth century.
- Marshall Ensor was an industrial arts teacher at Olathe High School.
- He taught amateur radio by radio for many years.
- Their farm has been restored and is an active museum and is open to the public.
- The amateur radios have been restored to working condition and supplemented by more modern radios.
- Many amateur radio events are held there annually.

Additional Business

Lee, KØLW, moved that upon approval of the presenter, presentation material be placed on the club web page if possible. Jim, ACØKN seconded. Motion carried. Bill, KØVBU, stated that the web page will be revised in the coming weeks and that this will be included if possible.

Additional presenters and program ideas are needed. Contact Jeff.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Due to Memorial Day, the May club meeting will be **June 1, 2015 at 6:30 pm CDT**.

Charles Hett, KØTHN, KCDX Club Secretary