

April 28, 2014

## Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes



Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate - Kansas City - Overland Park, KS

The April 28, 2014 meeting was called to order by President Jeff Blaine, AC0C, at 6:37 pm (0037 April 29, 2014 UTC).

### Agenda

Introductions

Announcements

Presentation by Gary Auchard, W0MNA, Homebrew or How It All Started For Me

Discussion

### Introductions

Visitor Joel Stanley, WU8Y was recognized

### Announcements

Upcoming contests and DXpeditions were noted by Jeff.

Russ, K0VXU, reported that the hard drive in one CW pileup PC was being replaced by Brian, KC0BS but all else is ready for the Dayton hamfest.

About fourteen of the attendees at the meeting reported that they are planning to attend the Dayton hamfest.

### Ham Introduction of the Month

President Jeff Blaine introduced a new monthly meeting feature called Ham Introduction of the Month. He plans to have two members each month talk briefly about themselves, how they became involved in amateur radio, and their current interests.

The first presenter was Eddy Paul, KY0F. Eddy talked about his early interest in radio, his career in the military as a signal corps man and his current interest in DXing and satellite communications.

A second presenter was scheduled but he was unable to attend the meeting.

## Presentation

### Gary Auchard, W0MNA Homebrew or How It All Started For Me

Gary stated that his mentor was W0EBB. His first experience in electronics was in the form of an electronics kit that he received as a gift as a boy which he still has and showed it to us. His interest continued in high school and spent two years in electronics school. Then he did a tour in the army signal corps in Vietnam. That was followed as a manager of a Kentucky Fried Chicken store and 32 years with Xerox and retirement in 2004. He received his novice license in 1973 and extra class in 1990. He showed pictures of many of his homebrew projects both scratch built and kit built. He showed us examples of his beautiful work.

Gary presented several hints for build techniques, tools, how to obtain parts and favorite test equipment. Elecraft makes an excellent signal generator. The AADE capacitance/inductance meter is another favorite. Gabotronics offers a handy combination voltmeter/oscilloscope. Harbor Freight sells a very small table saw that works well for cutting pc boards. The Peak Atlas DCAPRO DCA75 transistor/diode analyzer looks like a very handy device for characterizing unknown devices or testing known ones.

Congratulations to Gary for winning the 2013 and 2014 Ozarkcon kit building contests.

Gary's future building plans include a (gasp) 100w power amplifier.

### Other Announcements

Because Monday, May 26 is Memorial Day, the **next meeting of the KCDX Club will be on Monday, June 2** at 6:30pm in the Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate office building on College Boulevard (same time and place as usual).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27pm.

**Charles Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary**