

April 29, 2013



Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

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

The April 29, 2013 meeting was called to order by President Tom, N0AG, at 6:35 pm.

Agenda

Announcements

Program by Rob K0RU Gorilla Amplifier Restoration and Dave W7FB QRP Tips and Techniques

Announcements

- Introductions
- Dues of \$20 are due and get them to Jeff Blaine, AC0C. This is the last reminder for this year. Dues must be paid by June 1.
- Mike, ABOX, was complimented on his newsletters. He also reported that rooms are all set for Dayton. However, prizes for the Pileup Contest are needed. Contact Tom, N0AG if you have any suggestions. They don't need to be expensive. Plaques to the winners was suggested. Steve, W0MW, might be a supplier.
- The ARRL Midwest Convention was discussed. Tom, N0AG, will provide information for who to send donations to and who checks should be made out to. The convention website is: <http://www.arrlmidwestconvention.com/index.html>.
- Preliminary W0AR contest scores were reported. Some good scores were listed and there seems to be more participants this year.
- The club will be asked to support the Amsterdam Island DXpedition coming up early next year.
- Steve, W0MW, is offering lighted callsigns for \$40. He also has nametags available for \$8 with the club logo on them. Contact Steve.
- NEXT MEETING: June 3 due to Memorial Day falling on May 27.
- Russ, K0VXU, reports that the CW pileup files are ready for Dayton and they will be difficult but that the middle of the pack participant will likely have good success also.

Program

Gorilla Amplifier Restoration

Rob, K0RU, showed some pictures of a large amplifier he is restoring. Let's hope he keeps his arm out of it.

QRP Tips and Techniques

Dave, W7FB, presented tips and techniques for better QRP performance but most of it was applicable to any operation.

Topics covered were:

- More bang for your buck
- Reduce your power
- Know your antennas
- Know your mode (his preference is CW)
- Know your radio and software if you are using it
- Know the ionosphere

He referenced an old DOS computer program that he still uses regularly for propagation predicting. It is called MINPROP2 and is available free at: <http://www.softpedia.com/progDownload/miniprop-Download-114553.html>

- Activities/contests/awards
- Know how to operate

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

Charlie Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary