

August 24, 2015

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes



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The August 24, 2015 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President Jeff Blaine, AC0C, at 6:32 pm (2332 August 24, 2015 UTC).

Agenda

- Introductions/Greeting
- Announcements
- Presentation – Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, K1N Navassa DXpedition Feb. 1 to Feb. 15 2015 and “Is 3dB Worth a Divorce?”

Introductions

As customary, we all introduced ourselves to the group. Visitor and our speaker Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, was introduced. Club member Rick Barnett, N0RB, was visiting from Texas. Returning visitor Larry, KD0RIU, introduced himself. Forty five people signed the attendance sheet.

Presentation – Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, K1N Navassa 2015

Glenn gave a very interesting talk about the history of Navassa, the many difficulties of preparing for the DXpedition, the operating hardships and the fun they had during this spectacular DXpedition. Those that missed this fine program can read Glenn’s written version at the Navassa Website <http://navassadx.com/>, select the NEWS tab, then click the reference to Glenn’s paper.



After an 8 minute break at 7:30pm, Glenn began his presentation titled “Is 3dB Worth a Divorce?”

The purpose of this very humorous presentation was to put 3dB into perspective. Whether you are talking about transmitter power or antenna gain, increasing either comes at a progressively higher cost per dB increase.

He showed several photos of his station, family, and other hobbies.



Some generalizations:

- A 2 element Yagi gives the biggest bang for the buck.
- Full size dipoles at the right height are great.
- Propagation is a major factor (of course)
- Families come FIRST

Jeff presented a certificate of appreciation to Glenn.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

The September club meeting will be **September 28, 2015 at 6:30 pm CDT.**

Charles Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary