

**August 29, 2017**

## **Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes**

Carmack Community Room, Central Resource Library

Overland Park, KS



The August 2017 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President **Jeff Blaine, AC0C** at 6:07 pm CDT (2307 August 29, 2017 UTC).

### **Agenda -**

- Introductions/Greeting
- Announcements
  - Club Elections are coming up
  - W0AR Update
- DXing and Contesting
- General discussions about KS QSO Party, solar eclipse 2017, shack projects

### **Introductions -**

As customary, we all introduced ourselves to the group. **KK0L** is the new call of **Tim Lucas, W0KAN**. Grant Doherty was introduced as a guest of **Tom, K0CIA**.

### **Announcements**

- Dues are due NOW. (\$20 to AB0X).
- **Upcoming meeting dates:**
  - September – Monday Sept. 25
- If you need or you know of someone who needs a ride to our meetings let Jeff know. We would like to make sure everyone who wishes to attend can do so.
- Club officer elections are coming up. Nominations will be in October with elections in November.

- Good progress scores in the W0AR DX Contest were reported, especially considering the poor band conditions. Russ, **K0VXU** and Drew **K3PA** are leading the pack in the unlimited category with around 230 entities logged.

## **DXing and Contesting**

DXing for August – discussion led by **Russ, K0VXU**

Based on NG3K website: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

RI1F Franz Joseph Land, VK9XI Christmas Island, E6AG Niue, H40CG Temotu might be good catches.

Contesting for August – discussion led by **Russ, K0VXU**

Based on WA7BNM website: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

State QSO Parties CO, TN, HI, IA, NH, NJ, ME, TX

FOC (First Class CW Operators Club), WAE SSB, All Africa, CQ DX RTTY might be good ones to try.

The CW Ops Open party was coming up the next weekend and the rules for this contest were explained and discussed. Too late for this year but you can get further information on this at <http://www.cwops.org/cwopen.html>.

## **Program**

The KS QSO party was discussed. Many participated to some degree with some reporting having made over 1800 QSO's. Wow! This has become a very popular QSO Party.

The 2017 Solar Eclipse was an event of some interest to us hams. **Dave, W7FB**, focused on 80 meters because he said that 160, 80 and to some degree 40 were the only bands that would be significantly affected by the darkness of the eclipse. He made several QRP continental USA CW QSO's during the eclipse. **Drew, K3PA**, focused on skimmer activity and promised more information after he analyzes the data.

**Martha, W0ERI**, reported that she and **Gary, W0MNA**, had traveled to Potosi, MO for some SOTA activity and to watch the eclipse.



## Shack Projects

**K3PA** reported on skimmer antennas and his SO2R (Single Operator Two Radio) shack. He also showed another photo of his Kenwood Twins.

A tower project of **Greg, K9GB**, was shown. A huge antenna.

**Jeff, AC0C**, showed more photos of his antenna replacement project.

**Russ, K0VXU**, discussed his Arduino computer to rotator control interface.

**Lee, K0LW**, had some opinions on Software Defined Radios, some good, some bad.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 25, at 6PM at the JoCo Central Resource Library.

The meeting was followed by the usual tall tale telling and pie eating at Perkins.

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