

January 28, 2019

## Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Carmack Community Room, Central Resource Library

Overland Park, KS



No meeting was held in November, 2018 due to weather.

The December, 2018 meeting consisted of a dinner party at RC's Restaurant in Martin City, Kansas on December 15, 2018.

The January 28, 2019 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President **Russ Woirhaye, K0VXU** at 6:00 pm CST (January 29, 2019 0000 UTC).

### Agenda -

- Greeting and Introduction of Guests
- DXing and Contesting
- Business
- Feature Presentation by Jeff Blaine, AC0C
- Closing

### Introductions -

We introduced ourselves. No guests were announced.

### DXing and Contesting

#### DXing for February

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

Highlights were P29VC Papua New Guinea, XV9 Vietnam, V845AA, 9U4RI Burundi would be a good catch

#### Contesting for November

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

Highlights reported were several state QSO parties, CQWW RTTY WPX, ARRL DX CW, CQ 160 SSB, and North American QSO Party.

## Business

1. Dues are due - \$20 - deliver your payment to Mike Crabtree AB0X.
2. W0AR preliminary standings were reported and will be officially reported next month.
3. N0SS preliminary standings were reported and will be officially reported next month. A rules change for this year is being considered. It is felt that the way multipliers are counted is unfair to N0SS participants because of the way some organizations count them. The calculation method may be changed or the use of multipliers may be eliminated altogether.
4. Dayton Hamvention. Several meeting attendees indicated that they intend to attend the Hamvention. Contact Rick Parent W0ZAP if you would like a room at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Bill, K0VBU, mentioned that this will be the 40<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that the KCDX Club has conducted the CW pileup contest event. A plaque is being prepared having the names of past winners as best as can be determined. Bill was asked by Russ to get the contest prizes lined up.
5. Looking ahead at the calendar we will have the May meeting in early June and the June meeting in late June.
6. Lee Ward, K0LW, suggested that the club move its reflector to groups.io. This suggestion was accepted and has already been done by Lee and Rick Parent as this is being written.

## Program

### Jeff Blaine, AC0C

Jeff titled his presentation as Antenna Pictures and Other Stuff. Much of the information he presented this night can be found on his great website at AC0C.com.

Jeff began by thanking the many men who helped him build his antenna farm.

After receiving substantial wind damage in March of 2017, he rebuilt his system to be more robust in high wind.

He showed the site overview and then the antennas band by band, explaining the safety, cost, strength and reliability, and rf performance

factors he considered in building these. He has four towers - for 160 meters, 40 meters, 20 meters, and house. These towers have other bands as well as some stacked antennas on them. There are several ground level antennas in the area as well.

He showed the extensive grounding and bonding he has done to protect the radios and the house.

There is an extensive command and control system to do the antenna switching and rotation.

Again, please go to his website to admire his work.

### **Announcements**

**Drew, K3PA**, is scheduled to talk at the February 25th meeting. The subject will be locating and eliminating power line noise. This presentation has been held over from last year.

March and April meetings will be probably done by Lee and Jeff again. Order of presentation is to be determined.

Rob, KE5BR, stated that if you want Jeff to cover any of his many topics in greater detail to send your interest to Rob and he will pass the collection to Jeff.

If you need a ride or you know of someone who needs a ride to our meetings let Russ know. We would like to make sure everyone who wishes to attend can do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Charles Hett **K0THN** KCDX Club Secretary