

January 29, 2018

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Carmack Community Room, Central Resource Library

Overland Park, KS



The January meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President **Russ Woirhaye, K0VXU** at 6:00 pm CST (0000 January 30, 2018 UTC).

Russ is the newly elected President and Rob Maberry, **KE5BR**, is the new Vice President of the club. Mike Crabtree, **AB0X**, and Charlie Hett, **K0THN** continue as Treasurer and Secretary. Thanks were expressed to the outgoing President Jeff Blaine, **AC0C**, and Vice President, Bill Henderson, **K0VBU** for their service.

Agenda -

- Greeting Introduction of Guests
- Business
- W0AR and N0SS 2017 KC DX Club Contest Winners
- DXing and Contesting
- Bouvet Propagation discussion **Dave Fischer, W7FB**
- CW Ops **Bill Henderson, K0VBU**.

Introductions -

We introduced ourselves and the following guests were announced and welcomed.

Bob Schaumeyer KC0TZX

Del Sawyer K0DDS

Mike Barelli W0MAF

Business

Club dues of \$20 for 2018 are now being accepted by AB0X. You can also pay using Pay Pal at the club website.

AB0X has eight hotel rooms available for the Dayton Hamvention. Contact Mike if you are interested. Mike would like to hand the room coordination task off to someone else. Contact Russ or Mike if interested. He has performed this task for a long time.

W0AR DX Contest Results

High Power Russ K0VXU and Drew K3PA tied. Russ happily presented the traveling high power trophy to Drew.

Low Power Ron K0BRO took first place with Mike AB0X coming in second.

Mike AB0X took first place in the QRP category.

Charlie K0THN won the wires category.

N0SS Contest Results

This is a contest of contests with participation in contests being totaled into the results for this one.

Russ K0VXU won the high power category, Bill, K0VBU, won the low power category with a very impressive score of 112,456,925.

Dave, W7FB, won the QRP category.

Full results will be published in the newsletter.

DXing and Contesting

DXing for February

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

Highlights reported were 3Y0Z, Bouvet, (now cancelled), Kosovo activity, C5DX, Gambia, TY1TT, Benin, XV9HL, and 3D2EU, Rotuma. Check your usual sources for DX activity.

Contesting for February

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

Important contests noted were ARRL DX CW, CQ 160 meter SSB, North America RTTY QSP Party, and several state QSO Parties are on of course.

Program

Dave Fisher, W7FB Bouvet Propagation

Dave showed several maps and charts showing where the various signal hops occur with some in the oceans and some on land (some in the South American jungle). This varies according to take-off angles and frequencies. The more hops that strike land the more signal absorption occurs. Bouvet will be difficult (when/if it happens).'

Bill Henderson, K0VBU, CW Ops

CW Ops is an international amateur radio organization whose goal is to encourage communication by the use of Morse Code.

Bills' talk featured:

- The Purpose
- Sponsorship of various DXpeditions
- On the air activities
 - CWT – frequent hour long contests
 - The annual CW Open - 3 four hour sessions
 - QTX which promotes CW ragchewing with 20 minute QSOs
- The CW Academy which mentors those learning the code
- Membership info – must be nominated to be a member
- See <http://cwops.org/index.html>

Announcements

- **Upcoming meeting date:**
 - February 19, 2018. NOTE: this is a week earlier than usual because of meeting room availability at the library.
- 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Charles Hett KCDX Club Secretary