

July 27, 2015

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes



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The July 27, 2015 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President Jeff Blaine, AC0C, at 6:30 pm (2330 July 27, 2015 UTC).

Agenda

- Introductions/Greeting
- Announcements
- Member introduction – Rob Maberry, KE5BR
- Presentation – Dave Anderson, K4SV, 3Y0X Peter I DXpedition, February 8 to 19, 2006

Introductions

As customary, we all introduced ourselves to the group. Visitors Dave Anderson (also a member), K4SV, Ron Cowan, KB0DTI ARRL KS Section Manager, and Jerry Gorrell, W0CLR. Thirty nine people signed the guest register.

Announcements

- **Important Announcement – the AUGUST** KCDX Club meeting will be held on **August 24** instead of August 31. Glenn Johnson, W0GJ will be here to present the K1N DXpedition story and his talk “Is 3dB Worth a Divorce?”. Several members expressed interest in the second presentation. They didn’t say why.
- Jeff announced upcoming contests and DXpeditions.
- Jeff asked Reed White, KD0QKP to come to the front of the room for a special presentation. It seems that Reed had qualified as the official Pie Eating Contest champion. Jeff presented him a certificate for this victory and explained that it wasn’t suitable for framing because it already was framed in a very cheap plastic frame. Reed accepted it graciously.



Member Introduction – Rob Maberry, KE5BR

- When Rob was 13 yrs old living in Crystal Springs, MS he learned the Morse code in boy scouts. His next door neighbor who was a ham helped him obtain his novice license but he let it lapse after a year and didn't continue in ham radio until several years later when he was working for the Dallas, TX police department. A friend in his church was a big gun ham operator who helped him. Once he was on the air another local ham and they established a good friendship. They helped each other advance through the ranks of ham radio. He then got a job at Consolidated Freightways trucking. After a few years he moved his family to the Kansas City area and got a job at Yellow Freight.. Here he began paying back for the people who had helped him along the way by teaching ham radio to others with Jim, K0NK, in the Santa Fe Trail ARC.



Rob said he has a degree in behavioral psychology and he related the story of how he helped a ham who had test fright successfully take a Morse code test and pass with no problems.

He related visiting G5PSH in England and making friends with his family.

Rob recently taught a seven year old boy about ham radio. He heard him on the air on VHF and told him about IRLP. Through this, the boy made contact with a YL in Hawaii and they have established a long distance friendship.

Rob believes that the big benefit of ham radio is meeting others, making friends and helping. Experiences are what make ham radio what it is all about.

Presentation – Dave, K4SV who lives in Tryon, NC presented a slide show and some video of the 3Y0X Peter I DXpedition in 2006

- The team spent three years attempting to do the DXpedition, traveling to South America twice before succeeding the third time. The delays were due to difficulties getting reliable sea transportation to/from the island.
- He showed photos of loading the ship in the South Shetland Islands, setting up on Peter I, operating, living, sleeping, eating (poorly apparently), and departing.
- He commented that the 160 meter antenna was a Yagi consisting of wires laid out on the ice which is a glacier about 1000' thick so the effective height of this beam was very good enabling fantastic signals on that band. Dave, W7FB, commented that he helped with the design of that antenna.
- It took them two days to transfer to the island from the ship, twelve operating on the island, and three more to depart.
- He then showed some videos showing arrival, landing, setting up, operating, and departing.
- Dave urged us to contribute to these Antarctic operations to the extent we can because these operations are extremely expensive, not to mention somewhat dangerous.
- He closed with a few operating tips.
- He also shamelessly promoted the W4DXCC DX and Contesting convention coming up on September 25-26 in Pigeon Forge, TN.



The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

The August club meeting will be **August 24, 2015 at 6:30 pm CDT**. (SPECIAL DATE!!)

Charles Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary