

July 24, 2016

## Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Carmack Community Room, Central Resource Library - Overland Park, KS



The June 24, 2016 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by Vice President **Bill, K0VBU**, at 6:05 pm (2305 June 27, 2016 UTC).

### Agenda -

- Introductions/Greeting
- Special announcements
- DXing and Contesting
- Field Day reports
- Presentation by **Glenn Johnson, W0GJ**, about the K5P Palmyra 2016 DXPedition.

### Introductions -

As customary, we all introduced ourselves to the group.

Guests **Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, Chuck Kraly, K0XM, and Scott Olitsky, AC3A**, were introduced.

A total of 38 people checked the attendance register.

### DXing and Contesting

- **DXing for August** - special note was made of operations on CY9C, St. Paul Island, Vanuatu, and XX9TYT Macao.
- **Contesting for August** NA QSO Party CW, WAE DX CW, NA QSO Party SSB, KS QSO Party. **Charlie, K0THN** reported that **Jim, K0NK** and he will be operating from the Pony Express Station at Hanover, Washington Co., KS on Sunday, August 28 from about 9AM to 3:30PM. Look for us on 40 CW, 20 CW and SSB and 17 CW.

**Bill, K0VXU**, reported that **Fred, N0XA**, became a SK recently. He is fondly remembered by many KCDX Club members.

**Presentation by Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, Telling the Story of Palmyra 2016,  
K5P 11-January to 26 January**



K5P Team: Dick W3OA, Glenn W0GJ, Jerry WB9Z, Craig K9CT, Hal W8HC, Lou N2TU, John K6MM, Mike K9NW & Tom ND2T

Glenn began by saying "Welcome to Paradise". He said this is the most beautiful place on earth he has ever been.

He showed a picture of the atoll from Google Earth, described the history of the island and showed several photos of the wonderful wildlife there. At one time the place was overrun with rats at greater than 80 rats per 100 sq ft. They have been eradicated since 2006.

In 2015 the team was notified that they would have to use a smaller aircraft to get to the island because of the deteriorating condition of the 5000' runway on the island. This forced them to reduce the size of the team from twelve to nine.

The operating position was in what was called the "Dry Lab" because it is air conditioned.

Glenn described the antennas, several of which needed extra maintenance during the operation. He mentioned sponsors Elecraft and FlexRadio. Glenn had very high praises for the Flex gear.

He showed some short videos of operators in action and the flight onto the island and the aircraft arriving to take them home.

Power for the island is provided by 100kw of solar cells and a 5kw wind turbine.

There was an interesting animation of a world map showing the effect of the gray line on QSOs in a given area as the line moves from east to west across the earth.

As is Glenn's custom he showed several humorous slides including one featuring a "fork in the road" which was a large vertical fork in the branch of the road ahead.

He showed several slides describing the Flex Radio equipment and suggested a website that contains a more complete presentation about the 6700 specifically.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0326OOZrPk>

Glenn also forwarded me this interesting link about the "overload myth".

<https://www.tapr.org/pdf/DCC2015-SDR-Stuff-N5AC.pdf>

At the conclusion of his talk he passed out cards asking us to take a survey by the ARRL called *Youth in Amateur Radiosport*. ARRL is working to get more youth involved. This survey doesn't take long to do and can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/youthamradio>.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

The August 2016 club meeting is **Monday August 29 at 6:00pm** at the Johnson County Central Library.

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