

July 28, 2014

## Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes



Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate - Kansas City - Overland Park, KS

The July 28, 2014 meeting was called to order by President Jeff Blaine, AC0C, at 6:32 pm (2339 July 28, 2014 UTC).

### Agenda

Introductions

Announcements

Rob, K0RU, will introduce his amateur radio career to us.

Presentation by Jeff, AC0C, will describe several recent shack projects he has been working on.

### Introductions

No guests were present.

As customary, we all introduced ourselves to the group.

### Announcements

The Joplin Amateur Radio Club has asked if anyone in our club would be interested in doing a presentation on DX. Contact Jeff, AC0C, if interested.

Upcoming contests and DXpeditions were noted by Jeff.

WW1USA special event station at the Liberty Memorial in KC MO will be held the weekend of August 2 and 3.

### Ham Introduction of the Month

Rob, K0RU, introduced himself. He started off showing a picture of his nice QSL card. He told us about his early introduction to radio via his father being a CB operator. He was first licensed in 1970 as WN8YRB. He climbed antenna towers earlier in his professional career.

Rob showed us pictures of several activities:

- Mobile installations
- W1AW visit
- A video of him operating the radio station on the ship Queen Mary
- A WPX contest certificate he earned

- He used to sell amateur radio equipment and had some fantastic stations
- His first radio was a Collins KWM2A in a car

## **Presentation**

### **Jeff Blaine, AC0C Shack Projects**

Some of the projects creative Jeff has going are:

- Stacking a 20 meter beam
- Antenna switch cleanup
- Clean the garage
- Built a storage rack using baby food containers
- 6 meter 1kw amplifier
- Use of an inexpensive voltage/current monitor
- Harmonic filter
- SWR problem with 6 meter beam
- Alpha 76A amplifier modifications
- Built aid for pulling heavy equipment off the shelf
- Improved shack air conditioning
- Showed several preamps
- Local skimmer work
- Control wires for antennas using 1 mile of 4 conductor 23 gauge wire obtained for \$200
- New SSB filter for FT dx5000mp

That's more than many hams do in a lifetime.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm. The next meeting will be August 25, 2014 at 6:30pm CDT.

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