

June 1, 2015

## Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes



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

The June 1, 2015 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President Jeff Blaine, AC0C, at 6:35 pm (2335 June 1, 2015 UTC). This meeting served as the May meeting because of conflicts with Dayton and Memorial Day.

### Agenda

- Introductions/Greeting
- Announcements
- Presentation – round table discussion about Dayton and other recent events

### Introductions

As customary, we all introduced ourselves to the group. No visitors were present. Thirty people signed the register.

### Announcements

- Jeff announced upcoming contests and DXpeditions.
- Jeff had those who haven't been to Dayton recently stand. A drawing was held and Geroge, K0GY, received an ARRL gift certificate.

### Presentation Roundtable discussion

- Mike, AB0X, showed a picture of a good looking 43 (might be 48) foot tower that he is helping a lady who wants the tower removed. The price is negotiable but mainly she wants it removed from her property. Contact Mike if interested.
- Russ, K0VXU, presented the highlights of the 36<sup>th</sup> annual KC DX Club CW Pileup contest at Dayton. There were 81 participants. JE1JKL took first place winning an ICOM 7100. W9WI took second winning a Begali Stealth key. W2UP took third winning an Associated Radio 80 Meter antenna. Several hourly prizes were drawn sponsored by the ARRL. The grand prize was won by VE3DX which was a certificate for a Yaesu 450 transceiver. Thanks to all the sponsors for these prizes. Russ stated that he thinks that all visitors to the suite should be eligible for the door prizes, especially if they contribute. This year the winners had to have participated in the contest. Some participants were said to have claimed that this contest was their main reason for attending Dayton. Our suite, normally located on the fifth floor of the hotel, was moved to the ninth floor because of a guest conflict. The hotel handled it well.
- Eddy, KY0F, reported a good parking find at Dayton. It is the Basehor Grace Brethren Church which offered parking for \$7, a great breakfast for about \$3 cooked to order, a good

lunch for about \$10 cooked to order with shuttle service to/from HARA and above all, clean restrooms. Sounds like a deal.

- The Heard Island DXpedition is coming up and the club is sending a donation.
- Charlie, K0THN reported that Dave, K4SV, invited us to attend the W4DXCC convention in Pigeon Forge, TN September 24, 25. (I incorrectly stated August at the meeting. Sec.)
- Mike, AB0X, has 15 rooms available for the Crowne Plaza in Dayton next year. He would like someone else to step up and be the new room coordinator.
- Dave, W7FB, demonstrated his slick method of splicing ropes together. It involves hooking the two ends and wrapping the loopbacks tightly with a fairly stiff wire. This way it provides a smooth "knot" (actually no knot at all) for sliding smoothly among tree branches.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

The June club meeting will be **June 29, 2015 at 6:30 pm CDT.**

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