

June 24, 2013



Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

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

The June 24, 2013 meeting was called to order by President Tom, N0AG, at 6:42 pm (2342 UTC).

Agenda

Announcements

Program by Mike, AB0X AB0I Antennas, Ops, Retro DX and Contesting

Announcements

- Introductions
- Treasurer Jeff, AC0C, reported that he will be sending our donation to the Midwest Convention/Hamfest in November by the end of this month and solicited any last minute personal donations for that event.
- Tom, N0AG, noted that W0AR contest interim scores are due to him at the end of this month.
- Various members reported their Field Day activities. Russ, K0VXU, mentioned that the Kansas City Contest club may have a winning entry with all operation being done QRP.

Program

AB0I Antennas, Ops, Retro DX and Contesting By Mike, AB0X

This was a talk showing the construction and operation of the great contesting and DX station built on the property of John Spencer, then AB0I – now K7KF near Holt, MO in the late 1970's. Many current club members including AB0X and Bill, K0VBU helped with that construction and participated in the operation.

Some of the action seemed dangerous, some humorous and was mostly very impressive antenna and mechanical engineering. Mike showed one slide which summarized the antennas. It was a BIG list.

Some of the antennas were:

- The 40M antenna was a 7 element quad, 70 foot boom, on a 200 foot tower. This was eventually replaced with a 4 element Yagi on a 100 foot boom.

- The 20 M Yagi was 150 feet tall and had an 88 foot boom.
- The 15 M Yagi was 7 elements at 140 feet on a 57 foot boom.
- The 80 M antenna was a 2 element quad.
- Mike showed pictures and told stories of Field day and other operations and a few near catastrophes.
- Perhaps most significantly, Mike challenged the club to do something like this again as a way to provide team building, skill development, friendship and leadership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.

Charlie Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary