

March 26, 2018

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Shawnee Branch of Johnson County Library

Shawnee, KS



The March meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President **Russ Woirhaye, K0VXU** at 6:01 pm CDT (March 26, 2018 - 2301UTC). The meeting was held at this location because the Central Resource Library was not available.

Agenda -

- Greeting Introduction of Guests
- Business
- DXing and Contesting
- Ham History **Martha Auchard W0ERI**.

Introductions -

We introduced ourselves. One guest, **Becky Davis, KD0EWC** was recognized.

Business

Club dues of \$20 for 2018 are now being accepted by AB0X. You can also pay using Pay Pal at the club website.

AB0X now has a few hotel rooms available for the Dayton Hamvention. Contact Mike if you are interested. By the time these notes are published they will probably no longer be available. Mike would like to hand the room coordination task off to someone else. Contact Russ or Mike if interested. He has performed this task for a long time. So far it looks like about ten of us are planning to go this year.

DXing and Contesting

DXing for April

Based on NG3K website: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Highlights reported were XW1IC Laos, KH9/N7NVK Wake Is., T2AR Tuvalu, VK9/VK5MAV Australia (IOTA OC-265), T32AZ E. Kiribati, YJ0AG Vanuatu, H44R Solomon Is., OJ0W Market Reef, H40D Temotu, and A5Z Bhutan (Club Member Kay **WA0WOF** will be participating as A52YLE). Check your usual sources for DX activity.

Contesting for April

Based on WA7BNM website: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

Important contests noted were Run for the Bacon (QRP), CQMM and several state QSO Parties MO, NM, ND, GA, NE are on of course.

Program

Ham History - **Martha Auchard WN0ERI, WB0ERI, W0ERI.**

Martha described how she first became interested in ham radio by working with her brother to learn the Morse Code and radio theory and regulations. Her brother received his license early but Martha went on to college receiving a degree in music education and did not get her license until 1971. She talked about her early station equipment and first QSO. She took and passed the general license test in 1972 at the Kansas City FCC office and went on to the Advanced class in 1973.



Martha Auchard, W0ERI in Gondola With Husband Gary,

She described one of her most unusual QSOs which was with WS0SUB which was the USS Marlin submarine being transported on a barge on the Missouri River.

In 1978 Martha had the opportunity to operate at the Smithsonian Institution radio station NN3SI.

In 1973 she went back to college at William Jewell where she took a lab course in semiconductors where she learned things that would serve her well later in her ham radio and industry career.

She first landed a job at Comm Systems (I think) where she demonstrated their products to customers. In 1977 she had the opportunity to work for Xerox where she worked for 32 years.

She received her Extra class license in 1990.

Thanks for your wonderful story, Martha.

W0AR and N0SS Club Contest Rules Changes

Russ discussed the following club contest rules changes that are being considered by the contest committee:

N0SS - Change the method of calculating multipliers for CWTs (frequent CW ops contests)

W0AR – Add FT8 category

If these changes are adopted, they would become effective next year.

Announcements

Russ talked about helping to get the CW Pileup Contest software to the Orlando HamCation.

The next meeting will be back at the usual location at the Johnson County Central Resource Library on 87th street at 6PM.

Looking ahead the meeting for May will be held on JUNE 4.

If you need or you know of someone who needs a ride to our meetings let Jeff know. We would like to make sure everyone who wishes to attend can do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm.

Charles Hett KCDX Club Secretary