

March 27, 2017

## Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Carmack Community Room, Central Resource Library

Overland Park, KS



The March 2017 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President **Jeff Blaine, AC0C**, at 6:08 pm CDT (2308 March 27, 2017 UTC).

### Agenda -

- Special door prize presentation by **Jeff, AC0C**
- Introductions/Greeting
- Special announcements
- DXing and Contesting
- Ham introduction presentation by **Dragan, K0AP**
- Shack of the Month

### Door Prize presentation

President Jeff Blaine was going through a bunch of junk he received from a ham in Manhattan, KS. He found some items he thought would entertain us for a few minutes.

- A tube type 6 meter converter for **Drew, K3PA**
- A Universal Dummy Load for **Mike, AB0X** (a 2x4 with four different light bulb sockets mounted.)
- A Battery tester for **Mike, W0MB**
- A tube type 100 kHz crystal calibrator for **Charlie, K0THN**
- A screwdriver antenna Swan control head for **Don, K0IFO**
- A Civil Defense transceiver and a second transceiver which secretary failed to determine for **Bob, W0AO**.

All were received in good humor.

## Introductions -

As customary, we all introduced ourselves to the group.

No guests were noted or signed the attendance register.

## Announcements

- Dues are due. (\$20 to ABØX).
- 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.

## DXing and Contesting

- DXing for April – discussion led by **Russ, KØVXU**

Items of note:

9N1MD difficult from here

XW4XR difficult from here

A25UK fairly rare

and others

- Contesting for April -

Lots of QSO Parties states – MO, MS, NM, GA, MI, ONT, ND, NE, FL

Worked all provinces China

ARRL Rookie

## Ham Introduction Dragan Davkovski, KØAP/Z32XX

Dragan began by talking about becoming interested in radio in the seventh grade in 1985 in his hometown of Stip, Macedonia. After five months of practice he passed the 5 wpm Morse code test. His first QSO was with a YU station. There are about 500 hams in Macedonia with only ten-fifteen active. Very few have individual



stations so club operations are very prevalent. For the first two or three years he was only allowed to use a straight key.

When Macedonia finally became independent in 1991 the pileups were huge.

He talked a lot about his club, Z37M including reporting that they won CQ WW RTTY in 1994. This is the 70<sup>th</sup> year of that club.

He received permission to seek a green card to come to the US in 2003 and after a one-one-half year process, immigrated to the US in 2004. His sponsor was **AA0MZ** who he had met on the air. He had a choice of coming to Chicago or Kansas. He took a chance and came here finally arriving in Johnson County in 2008.

He is now “a ham radio aholic” with interests in IOTA (862) and County chasing (about 2000).

His antenna is a Hex Beam with which he as worked 331 countries.

He has activated several IOTA locations.

Dragan thanked club members and his family for helping him with the hobby.

He showed a slide showing the club members he had in his log as Z32XX. There were quite a few of us.

**There was no feature presentation this month**

**Shack of the Month W7MBR**

**Jeff** showed photos of W7MBR shack which includes a lot boat anchors.

As usual Jeff solicited for speakers and ideas for future meetings. Also newsletter content and suggestions are wanted. Send to **Mike, AB0X**.

The April 2017 club meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Monday April 24 at 6:00pm** at the Johnson County Central Library. Check later information to confirm.

Meeting adjourned 7:52 pm.

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