

March 31, 2014

## Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes



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

The March 31, 2014 meeting was called to order by President Jeff, AC0C, at 6:36 pm (0036 April 1, 2014 UTC).

### Agenda

Introductions

Announcements

Presentation by Drew, K3PA, The Evolution of DX Automation

Discussion

### Introductions

Visitor Richard, W0RPC was recognized

New member, Van, K0HCV was recognized.

As usual, all those present introduced themselves.

### Announcements

Upcoming contests and DXpeditions were noted by Jeff..

Tom, N0AG, presented the results of the 2013 N0SS contest. Eight contestants submitted logs. The high power winner had 22,489,130 points. The Low power winner had 22,011,831 points. The actual results will be published on the website and in the newsletter.

Tom also presented the medallions for the 2013 W0AR contest participants. These are donated by Mike, AB0X, and Steve, K0CS. Tom also complimented Mike and Steve on their fine article on QSLing in the March KCDX Club newsletter.

Per the rules, all participants in the 2014 W0AR contest should submit their quarterly results to Tom, N0AG, as soon as possible.

Russ, K0VXU, needs help transporting the CW contest computers to Dayton. He received a couple of volunteers to do this.

Lee, K0LW, is trying to sell the Log Periodic Dipole Array owned by SK Bill, AK0A. Contact Lee if you are interested.

Bob, W0AO asked who was interested in operating the WW1USA memorial station. Several hands were raised and Bob said he would contact those interested to determine their operating schedules.

## **Presentation**

### **Drew Vonada-Smith, K3PA, The Evolution of DX Automation**

Drew divided the time that hams have been seriously working DX into the following time periods:

- The Dark Ages
- When He Began DXing (apparently not a duplicate of the dark ages – secy)
- Age of the Transceiver
- The PC revolution
- The Packet Cluster Arrives
- The Age of Integration
- It's Not Just About the Radio Anymore (the internet, Windows logging programs)
- The Pieces are in Place (Ham Radio Deluxe)
- Who Ordered That? (CW skimmers, Club Log, cloud, DSP, Software Defined Radios)
- There's No Time Like the Present
- What is Next? (remote operation)

For each of the above, Drew talked about data acquisition, controls, data logging, integration and technology. He showed pictures of several examples of the progress of technology during the periods.

## **Other Announcements**

**Gary, W0MNA**, will present his homebrew activities next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

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