

May 31, 2016

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Carmack Community Room, Central Resource Library - Overland Park, KS



The May 31, 2016 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by Vice President **Bill, KØVBU**, at 6:08 pm (2308 May 31, 2016 UTC).

Stephanie, **NØYL** (formerly KDØDSU), brought us cake and cookies to celebrate her new call and Extra Class license. Thank you, Stephanie, and congratulations on the new call and license class. With those credentials you should be quite popular on the bands.

Agenda -

- Introductions/Greeting
- Dayton download
- DX and Contesting News
- Feature Presentation - Video showing Dayton Contest University - Skimmers and Reverse Beacons

Introductions -

As customary, we all introduced ourselves to the group.

There were no guests at this meeting. A total of 30 people checked the attendance register.

News –

- Dayton – The KCDX Club CW contest hospitality suite was operated for the 37th consecutive year. Eighty-four participated in the contest. The first place winner was VE3DZ who successfully copied 56 of a possible 126 calls. The contest was very difficult this year which accounted for the lower numbers. A total of 47 calls were not copied by any one. Thanks to our sponsors Icom, Begali, Associated Radio, Yaesu and ARRL for sponsoring our prizes at this event. Everyone at Dayton this year seemed to have had a good time. Club Member Dave, K4SV, won the grand prize, a Yaesu transceiver at the DX Dinner.

- Upcoming DXpeditions and Contests were briefly discussed. The most notable contest is Field Day at the end of June.

Feature Presentation – Contest University video discussing Skimmers and Reverse Beacons by N6TV Robert Wilson from 2015

Here is the link to this video found at www.contestuniversity.com or You Tube.:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4k1cVHlo2to&list=PLRSwUN4qr1Lq50amRtsZm-y2nKPHHRz0v&index=2>

Some of the things described in this video include how to setup a skimmer and reverse beacon including equipment and software. Also discussed was what can be done with the reverse beacon such as improve your contest score, test front to back antenna ratio and determine real time propagation.

I will not go into further detail because there is a lot of information on this video. Watch it if you have further interest or were not able to attend this club meeting.

Closing Comments

Bill made the usual appeal for speakers and subjects, ham history and newsletter content.

The meeting was adjourned at about 7:15pm.

The June 2016 club meeting is **Monday** June 27 at 6::00pm at the Johnson County Central Library.

Charles Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary