

October 26, 2015

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes



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The October 26, 2015 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President Jeff Blaine, AC0C, at 6:32 pm (2332 September 28, 2015 UTC).

Agenda -

- Introductions/Greeting
- DX and Contesting News
- Christmas Party
- Member Bio - Bill Freeland, AC0A
- Presentation . Shack Automation Jeff Blaine, AC0C. AC0B isn't a member and was not present.

Introductions -

As customary, we all introduced ourselves to the group.

Guests introduced were Patti (Sp?) and Henry, parents of Jeff, John Brown W0MPM, and Tom Brown, N0FY.

News -

DXpeditions - Many great DXpeditions are coming. Keep informed in the usual places about these.

Contests of note were the ARRL Sweepstakes CW, November 7-9, and SSB November 21-23. The CQWWDX CW November 28-29.

Christmas party - The Christmas party is scheduled for December 12 at Jeff's place beginning at 5pm and expect to eat dinner about 6:30. At your option, bring a favorite snack or side dish and BYOB.

Member Bio - Bill Freeland AC0A

Bill thanked the club officers and congratulated them for the good job they do. He also thanked Mike, AB0X, for his newsletter and encouraged members to send Mike articles to publish.

Bill got his radio spark in a seventh grade science class where the teacher had the students building motors, magnets and a classic crystal radio set with the galena crystal, big tuning coil and earphones.

His next step was to build a one tube regenerative receiver while in high school. With this he heard VOA, BBC, radio Moscow. He went on to an Hallicrafters S-85. His first SWL QSL card was from

radio Australia which can still be heard on 9.580MHz 60 years later. they broadcast in English with 100kw in our morning so you should be able to hear them.

Bill gives credit to K0EM as his elmer. He bought a kenwood TS520 from him and his first beam antenna. He went from novice to extra class in 1974-1978 and received his license while living in Pasadena, CA. In 1979 he moved to Salina, KS, where he became active in the Kansas DX Association club. He moved to Lenexa in 1986 but ham radio took a back seat until 2008.

In 1977 made his first DX QSO. One of his most interesting QSO's was with one of the victims of the People's Temple prior to the mass suicide at Jonestown, Guyana in 1978.

Bill now is very active in the IOTA and SOTA operations.

Presentation – Jeff Blaine, AC0C Shack Automation

Jeff started off with showing his triplexer/filters used for connecting two radios one tri-band antenna simultaneously without switching. Very impressive performance.

He showed the topology and features of this device and described his construction methods.

He gets 30-55dB isolation band to band using 100-200 watt transmitters. Alignment is very critical he says. The triplexer filters are elliptical designs. The bandpass filters are Butterworth.

Other -

- Martha, W0ERI, stated that at the November meeting, she would have a holiday card for the Denny's waitress and plans to ask those who wish to make a small donation as an extra gratuity for her service to the group.
- Jeff appealed for presenters and newsletter material
- Mike, AB0X, said that he has one room left at the hotel for the 2016 Dayton Hamvention.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Thirty-six members and guests signed the attendance sheet.

The November club meeting will be **November 30, 2015 at 6:30 pm CST.**

Charles Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary