

October 27, 2014

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes



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The October 27, 2014 meeting of a rowdy bunch was called to order by President Jeff Blaine, AC0C, at 6:31 pm (2332 October 27, 2014 UTC).

Agenda

Introductions

Announcements

Chuck (Duke), W0QQ, will introduce his amateur radio career to us.

ARRL Centennial video presented by Rob, K0RU.

Introductions

Chuck Neeland, W0QQ, introduced his guest, Vicki, KB0ISP. Welcome Vicki.

As customary, we all introduced ourselves to the group.

Announcements

Jeff went through the following announcements:

- We talked briefly about the CQWW SSB contest the past weekend. Some impressive numbers of QSO's were reported.
- He updated us on HR4969 which is intended to make HOAs more friendly to the installation of amateur radio antennas. A webinar was held on August 13 by the ARRL. You might be interested in watching the rerun.
<http://www.arrl.org/news/webinar-helps-to-build-ham-community-cohesion-momentum-for-h-r-4969>.

This bill might actually pass. Keep working with your congress people.

- He gave an update on RM11708 which does away with digital symbol rate limits. This also might come to be which may or may not be a good thing.
- Upcoming contests and dxpeditions were noted. Two major dxpeditions looming are K1N Navassa, KP1, January 2015, and FT4TA, Tromelin October 30 – Nov 10, 2014.

Ham Introduction of the Month

Chuck (Duke) Neeland, W0QQ, introduced himself.

- Like many of us, Duke began his interest in radio by shortwave listening on his parents shortwave radio. In about 1952 he received a Remco Radiocraft Crystal Radio kit purchased at Sears. He still has this kit and showed it to us.
- He learned the Morse code in Boy Scouts. He spent 29 years in the Navy as a radio operator.
- His interest in ham radio increased when he lived in Olathe, KS. His receiver at that time was a very nice looking Realistic AX-190. At this time he received the callsign WB0KIG.
- Later he had SBE SB-36 and Kenwood TS-520 transceivers.
- He is a life member of the ARRL.
- He helped establish the Santa Fe Trail Amateur Radio Club in Olathe in the early 1980's.
- He ended the presentation with a nice photo of his current station in DeSoto, KS.

ARRL Centennial Promotion

Rob, K0RU, reminded us that Kansas will be one of the states providing W1AW/ 0 operation starting Nov. 5. He still needs operators. If you desire to operate, send him an email well in advance of that date. We briefly talked about what is expected and some do's and don'ts of operating.

Presentation

Rob Underwood, K0RU, video - ARRL at 100

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JerSTUDqI7s&feature=youtu.be>

- This was what I would call an ARRL infomercial. It showed the history of the ARRL and ham radio for the last 100 years. Radio shutdowns during WWI and WWII were mentioned. Sputnik, AMSAT, FM repeater network, challenges such as spectrum allocation and Broadband Over Power Line (BPL), emergency response by amateurs, W1AW station, and ARRL publications were some of the topics

Business

Jeff reported that the Christmas party be held at his home Dec. 13 at 5pm. He will be sending out details as to how to get to his place.

Speakers for presentations and articles for the newsletter are needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next meeting will be November 24 at 6:30pm CST.

Charles Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary