

September 29, 2014

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes



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

The September 29, 2014 meeting was called to order by President Jeff Blaine, AC0C, at 6:32 pm (2332 September 29, 2014 UTC).

Agenda

Introductions

Announcements

George, K0GY, will introduce his amateur radio career to us.

Video provided by Bill, K0VBU, showing 9 dxpeditions.

Introductions

Mark Hopkins, K0KSM, was introduced. Welcome Mark.

As customary, we all introduced ourselves to the group.

Announcements

Jeff went through the following announcements:

- Showed that sunspot cycle 24 isn't dead by showing screen captures of spectrums of 20, 15 and 10 meters bands during the WW RTTY contest this weekend. The bands were busy.
- Updated us on HR4969 which is intended to make HOAs more friendly to the installation of amateur radio antennas. Kansas representative Kevin Yoder is now a sponsor of this bill.
- Upcoming contests and dxpeditions were noted. The KCDXC has given several hundred dollars to recent dxpeditions including the upcoming FT4TA Tromelin activity.

Ham Introduction of the Month

George Yantis, K0GY, introduced himself.

- George began his interest in radio by shortwave listening on his parents shortwave radio and gradually upgrading to better and better communications radios. He was a member of the Boys Life Radio Club and had an SWL call WPE0BKC via Popular Electronics Magazine in the early '60s. His first ham call was WN0GNQ granted in 1963, soon becoming WA0GNQ. George was an enthusiastic emergency

preparedness participant in those days. He had a First Class Radiotelephone license and was a radio station engineer.

- There was a lull in his radio activities in the 1980s until his employer, Honeywell Aerospace, formed a radio club where he became more active in DX and public service by means of presenting amateur related programs to local schools with other club members.
- He changed his callsign to KØGY in 1997 and started working DX in earnest with the goal of achieving DX honor roll which he did in less than eight years. He only needs Heard Island and Navassa to be at the top of DX honor roll.
- He showed several photos of his stations and activities over the years.

ARRL Centennial Promotion

Rob, KØRU, reminded us that Kansas will be one of the states providing W1AW/ Ø operation starting Nov. 5. He needs operators. If you desire to operate, send him an email well in advance of that date.

Presentation

Bill Henderson, KØVBU, video – Nine DXpeditions to DXCC Ten Most Wanted by Bob Allphin, K4UEE.

This was a video showing about five minutes of highlights of each of 9 DXpeditions. They showed the hardships, humor, friendships, and fine radio skills necessary for a successful dxpedition.

- AH1A, Howland Island 1993
- VKØIR, Heard Island 1997
- A52A, Bhutan 2000
- VP8THU, South Sandwich Island 2002
- VP8GEO, South Georgia Island 2002
- 3YØX Peter I 2006
- VU7RG, Lakshadweep 2007
- K5D, Desecheo 2009
- PJ6A, Saba/St. Eustatius 2010

Business

Jeff suggested that the Christmas party be held at his home Dec. 13. Moved, seconded, approved.

We were reminded to update our WØAR status for Tom, NØAG. We were also encouraged to get our operations uploaded to ClubLog.

It was noted with a round of applause that Mike, ABØX, has generated our newsletter for 37 years. Amazing!. Thanks Mike.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be October 27 at 6:30pm CDT.

Charles Hett, KØTHN, KCDX Club Secretary