

September 28, 2016

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

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



The September, 2016 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President **Jeff Blaine, AC0C**, at 6:05 pm CDT (2305 September 28, 2016 UTC).

Agenda -

- Introductions/Greeting
- Special announcements
- DXing and Contesting
- Featured Ham Roy Neal, **K6DUE SK**, presented by Doug Rogerts **NE0A**
- Presentation by **Dave Fischer, W7FB**, Project NEBE (Nebraska Beverage)

Introductions -

As customary, we all introduced ourselves to the group.

No guests were present. A total of 27 people checked the attendance register.

Announcements

- The ARRL proposed Rule RM11708 having to do with HF bandwidth limitations is now assigned FCC Docket 16-239

Text of 16-239 can be found at:

http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2016/db0728/FCC-16-96A1.pdf

Comment on 16-239 at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings> until Oct. 11, 2016.

- **Drew, K3PA** will be participating in the upcoming World Radiosport Team Championship. Congratulations Drew.

W0AR Club Contest Status

Several members reported their status.

Category	Call	Status (zones/entities)
Unlimited	AC0C	38/161
Unlimited	N0RB	/~150
Unlimited	K3PA	40/253
Unlimited	K0VBU	40/237
Low Power	AB0X	39/176
QRP	AB0X	34/122
Low Power and Wires	K0THN	35/160

DXing and Contesting

- **DXing for October –**
H44GC
VK9NZ
S9YY
T31T fairly rare
- **Contesting for October**
Oceania Phone and CW
Many State QSO parties
Stew Perry Top Band Oct. 22
CQ WWDX SSB Oct. 29-30

Featured Ham

Roy Neal, K6DUE presented by Doug Rogerts, NE0A

Roy Neal, K6DUE, was an NBC television reporter who did much of the reporting during the early days of the US space program. The ARRL produced a video narrated by Roy Neal about W5LFL, Owen Garriott, US space shuttle astronaut and his mission on STS-9. Doug presented this video. One source for the video online is at <https://amsat-uk.org/tag/k8due/>. (yes I know it says k8due but that is the way it is – sec.)

Feature Presentation

Dave Fischer, W7FB, NEBE Project Revisited (again) 2016

Dave was a professor at the University of Nebraska in the 1970's. He wished to do a study on the propagation of signals using a Beverage antenna in the AM broadcast band. (Search the internet for Harold H. Beverage for more information on this influential radio engineer of the past.) Dave built an antenna over three thousand feet long to do this study and did a presentation on it to the Radio Club of America twenty years ago.

During the presentation today, Dave described the layers and regions of the ionosphere and related that information in terms of angle of incidence of signals received on the Beverage antenna. Dave played several audio clips of stations received at long distances and varying incidence angles with the antenna. Some very impressive long distance reception was logged.

As usual Jeff solicited for speakers and ideas for future meetings. Also newsletter content and suggestions are wanted. Send to **Mike, AB0X**.

The October 2016 club meeting is **Tuesday November 1 at 6:00pm** at the Johnson County Central Library (**Note special date due to room availability**).

Charles Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary