

September 30, 2013



Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

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The September, 2013 meeting was called to order by President Tom, NØAG, at 6:37 pm (2337 UTC).

Agenda

Announcements

Program by Ron KØBR0 - 2013 Boy Scout Jamboree and K2BSA station

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- Introductions
- Tom, NØAG, plugged the ARRL Midwest Division Convention coming November 8 and 9, 2013 in Lebanon, MO. Jeff, ACØC, announced that he will do a forum presentation on stealth antennas.
- Nominations for officers will open at the October meeting. Nominations will close after the November 25th meeting. Online voting will then be open until December 31. KØVBU, KØVXU, ACØA are the ballot counting committee.
- WØAR contest status reports are due. Please send to Tom, NØAG in the next two or three weeks. Tom stated that he is considering asking the contest committee to change the reporting requirements to twice a year rather than four to simplify things. There didn't seem to be any strong objection.
- Tom reported that the California QSO party is this upcoming weekend.
- Jim, ACØKN, reported that the Santa Fe Trail Radio Club Hamfest went well.
- The FT5ZM Amsterdam Islands and K9W Wake DXpeditions are on track. K9W is expected to begin operations October 7.
- Jeff, ACØC, made about 2500 QSO's in 37 hours during the recent CQWW RTTY contest. Congratulations Jeff.
- The October meeting will be Monday, October 28. The November meeting is November 25. The December meeting will consist of the Christmas party at the home of Jeff, ACØC on December 15 with dinner expected to start about 6pm. There will be no meeting at the end of December.

Program

Ron, KØBRO, showed two videos and some slides of the Boy Scout National Jamboree held this July at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. There were approximately 35,000 scouts and leaders in attendance at this two week event. Three hundred thirty-nine radio merit badges were awarded and several scouts passed the test for their technician amateur radio licenses.

The first video was narrated and showed the amateur radio station, K2BSA in operation. The second video showed a reasonably successful amateur radio contact with the International Space Station.

Ron's slides covered many aspects of the jamboree including antennas, tents, general area, ARRL information tables, K2BSA operation positions, merit badge classrooms, weather, shooting ranges, rock climbing walls and teardown.

Ron stated that the scouts were very enthusiastic and interested in amateur radio.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Charlie Hett, KØTHN, KCDX Club Secretary

