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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: NOV.28th

The next Kansas City DX Club meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 24th, in Suite 100 of the Prudential Kansas City Realty Office Building, 8101 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS. Someone will wait at the door until 6:30, so if you are late, call KØVBU's cell phone: 913.908.6906.

PROGRAM: KØVBU will continue Basic Contesting 101-Part 2, ABØX will give a presentation on Low Band Receiving Antennas for City Lots.

KCDXC DAYTON HOTEL ROOMS: The KCDXC rooms for the Hamvention at the Crowne are full. If you are seeking a room at the CP, contact KØVBU, who still has one of his two rooms available.

NOMINATIONS FOR KCDXC OFFICERS: At our Oct. meeting, the present slate of officers was nominated for a second term. KØTHN was added to slate for the open position at Secretary. Additional nominations can be accepted at the Nov. meeting.

PROGRAMS FOR CLUB MEETINGS: If you have an interesting idea for a program at a KCDXC meeting, contact KØRU. Our club is full of highly qualified and talented people and we need members to step up and share their expertise with the group.

KC DX CLUB DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	RTTY	IOTA	160	DX Challenge
W0NS	357						
K0CS	356	314	349			232	2197
N0XA	356	353	355	276		314	2993
AB0X	356	352	335			218	
W0JLC	353	351	331			102	
AK0A	353	343	346	308			
N0RB	351	338	347				
N0CWR	349	347	349			130	2623
K0CA	349	343	342	313		75	2575
W0JM	345	337	343			100	
NX0I	348	342	343	112		196	1463
K3PA	346	338	337	241			2278
K0RWL	341	337					
KS0DX	344	250	344				
AC0A	343	245	342		516		1690
K0GY	340	334	340	204			1905
K4SV	333						
KB0X	336		322				
K0THN	313	297	256	128			1586
KR0I	332	302	265				1037
AA0MZ	295	268	282	154	471	44	1669
KG0UA	283	277	116			4	
K0VXU	247	218	194	45			914
K0RU	195	190	88	88		12	612
K0OU	171	145	140			27	
WD0BWM	108						
W0DR	83						
KU0G	70	68	14			4	146
WD0SRI	69	23	57			2	

NEW MEMBER INTERVIEWS

Interview: Clay Conard, W0FS

By Jim Cessna (AC0KN)

Q: *When did your interest in Amateur Radio begin?*

A: My interest in ham radio began when I was in grade school. My father was renovating a radio cabinet for an elderly neighbor and she gave me the short wave radio that was in it, a Grunow. I was hooked before long.

Q: *Who was your mentor in Amateur Radio?*

A: My "Elmer" was K0EVC (SK) in Storm Lake, Iowa. He helped many of us get started.

Q: *Did you build or buy your first rig? What was it?*

A: my first rig was a borrowed Lafayette receiver and a homebrew 6V6 transmitter. Later I built a Heath-kit HR-10 receiver then a DX-60 transmitter.

Q: *Any RFI stories you'd like to share?*

A: My receiving a license was put in the local small town newspaper. My first RFI (BCI) complaint came in before I had built the transmitter! Lady claimed she could hear me talking.

Q: *How did you resolve the RFI problem?*

A: My mother told her I was not on the air yet and was not allowed voice transmission anyway.

Q: *What was your most exciting DX contact?*

A: Working FR5DX on 75 Meters in the waning hours of a contest. Nobody else calling.

Q: *What advice would you give to someone thinking of entering Amateur Radio today?*

A: Explore all the facets of ham radio, there are many ways to be active and involved. Don't overlook public service. Dxing has a way of staying an exciting past-time over the years.

Q: *Any final words?*

A: I was mostly inactive from 1975 to around 1990. Ham radio has been very enjoyable to me and I am looking forward to becoming more active now that I am (semi) retired.

Interview: Scott B Hedberg, AD7MI

By Jim Cessna (AC0KN)

Q: *When did your interest in Amateur Radio begin?*

A: 2001

Q: *Who was your mentor in Amateur Radio?*

A: My Dad, KD6EUG... formerly KN6ILU

Q: *Did you build or buy your first rig? What was it?*

A: IC-706MKIIG

Q: *Any RFI stories you'd like to share?*

A:

Q: *How did you resolve the RFI problem?*

A:

Q: *What was your most exciting DX contact?*

A: *Being the DX as YI9MI, operating an amateur radio station while deployed in Iraq*

Q: *What advice would you give to someone thinking of entering Amateur Radio today?*

A: Read, read, read - ARRL books, online blogs, etc.... and when on the air: listen, listen, listen.

Q: *Any final words?*

A: Through my Army career, I've had the opportunity to operate from interesting

locations: Korea, Germany, Finland, and Hungary. In 2010 I had the opportunity to write the definitive history of the Army Amateur Radio System:

<http://www.k4af.org/MARS/History of Army Amateur Radio System.pdf>

Interview: Bob Wilson, NT0A

By Jim Cessna (AC0KN)

Q: *When did your interest in Amateur Radio begin?*

A: I was interested in ham radio in the eighth grade. The eighth grade met in the high school building, and I went to the ham radio club meeting one time and one time only. There was no program to introduce ham radio to non-hams other than to ridicule them for their lack of knowledge. My first club meeting was spent watching the ticketed hams light up a 100w light bulb with a Heathkit crystal controlled, 75w transmitter. The club advisor, the physics teacher, never made an appearance. I never went back, and it was not until 23 more years passed that I got my first ham license.

Q: *Who was your mentor in Amateur Radio?*

A: I really didn't have a mentor as such, but my next door neighbor got his license and that prompted me to get mine.

Q: *Did you build or buy your first rig? What was it?*

A: My first rig was a Swan 500. It worked, but only after a fashion. It was clumsy to use and did not have very good selectivity, but it only cost a couple hundred bucks. My first acceptable radio was a Kenwood TS-830S that I bought at a ham fest in Colorado Springs in 1982. Purchasing a 500Hz filter from HRO in Denver and installing it in the radio made copying a weak CW signal so much easier! At the time, I lusted after an iCom 761 because it was a full QSK rig with all the bells and whistles, but I could not afford it. Today, I lust after a fully equipped Elecraft K3, but I can't justify the cost. Until I win the Powerball Lottery, I'll keep using the TS-830s

Q: *Any RFI stories you'd like to share?*

A: (See Next Month's newsletter for NT0A's comments in a RFI article-Editor)

Q: *How did you resolve the RFI problem?*

A: See above

Q: *What was your most exciting DX contact?*

A: We were living in the mountains of Colorado at an elevation of 8,700 feet, and one night I tuned up on 15m, a band that I thought was dead, and I sent out a CQ. The antenna I had is the one that I still use, an 80m dipole. I really never expected to get any response, but an S-9 signal from the South Pacific came booming in. A 14-year old boy on the island of Kwajalein came back at me and said that I was 20 over S-9. We had nice rag chew for about 30 minutes, and when I signed with him, the whole world descended on this young man. There were so many stations calling him that all I heard in Colorado was a howl.

I've often wondered how this teenager handled that instant pileup, and I've never ceased to be amazed at the self-control exhibited by those hams in the pileup. They waited patiently for us to sign. I have no doubt that some were grinding their teeth hoping that the Colorado ham would shut the hell up, but their patience was an example of the best in ham radio.

Q: *What advice would you give to someone thinking of entering Amateur Radio today?*

A: Take the test, get an inexpensive rig and get on the air! If you need some help, give one of us a call!

Q: *Any final words?*

A: **GO NAVY ! ! !**

Interview Randy Schulze - KDØHKD

By Jim Cessna (ACØKN)

Q: *When did your interest in Amateur Radio begin?*

A: Although not licensed until 2009, I was first interested in the early 1970's about the time I was in 6th or 7th Grade. I must have been 11 or 12 years old.

Q: *Who was your mentor in Amateur Radio?*

A: There were several, but I'd have to give credit as my first mentor to one of my High School Teachers, Mel Wattles - WBØVLK.

Q: *Did you build or buy your first rig? What was it?*

A: Like many, my first radio was an HT, a Yaesu FT-60R, but my first HF Rig was and still is a Yaesu FT-897D.

Q: *Any RFI stories you'd like to share?*

A: That infernal Touch Lap next to my wife's side of the bed!

Q: *How did you resolve the RFI problem?*

A: Resolve? Did you say Resolve? I just have to stay off 40m and below if my wife is in bed. Although it used light up on any band, it's now only a problem on 40m and below. Better grounding of my equipment seems to be the main helper.

Q: *What was your most exciting DX contact?*

A: My very first contact outside the Western Hemisphere to Japan was pretty exciting.

Q: *What advice would you give to someone thinking of entering Amateur Radio today?*

A: Although I've been involved in Professional Communications most of my adult life, I did not really get involved in Amateur Radio until quite recently. Based on that, my advice would be: If you're interested in Amateur Radio any way at all, ACT NOW! My only regret is that I did not get involved sooner than I did. *I'm having a blast!*

Q: *Any final words?*

A: There are so much and so many different aspects of Amateur Radio. There's truly something for everyone!

Interview: Bruce Cassida, AAØX

By Jim Cessna (ACØKN)

Q: *When did your interest in Amateur Radio begin?*

A: 1976

Q: *Who was your mentor in Amateur Radio?*

A: Don Weaver KØJPW; Marshall Bonham WØROV

Q: *Did you build or buy your first rig? What was it?*

A: Built HW-16 when studying for novice in 1976

Q: *Any RFI stories you'd like to share?*

A: Used to have a lot of RFI that would go and come. This was very hard to trace. There was a commercial sewing factory within 100 yds. Finally discovered when they drew maximum power their sewing machines were emitting RFI.

Q: *How did you resolve the RFI problem?*

A: Buried my coax from my tower to house and installed extra ground rods connected in series throughout yard.

Q: *What was your most exciting DX contact?*

A: All my contacts are exciting. I have been a Ham for 35+ years but DXing only a couple years.

Q: *What advice would you give to someone thinking of entering Amateur Radio today?*

A: If you do not have a mentor you can spend time with get involved in a good club where you can get answers to questions. IF you are into HF find a club like KCDX. If into, the other modes, as Club Pres. Tom calls it, get into an active club. The main point is get involved with someone who is active.

Q: *Any final words?*

A: Have fun, this is one of the very few hobbies with unlimited possibilities.

Interview: John van Eijndt, KC0DEB

By Jim Cessna (AC0KN)

Q: *When did your interest in Amateur Radio begin?*

A: Somewhere in the mid 1980's, after I experienced a weird thing called "Dxing".. Obtaining my Amateur Radio license was always pushed of the #1 spot on the "to do" list by other things, and I did not obtain an Amateur Radio license until 1998, when I moved from Holland to the USA

Q: *Who was your mentor in Amateur Radio?*

A: I took an Amateur Radio class at Longview College at the beginning of 1998, and really enjoyed the way this course was taught. Even though I had a head start on most fellow students; due to some past exposure to radio; this class was an eye opener and smoothed out the rough edges. Unfortunately my memory is failing me, and I can not recall the call sign of this very inspiring person, who conducted the classes (N0*** , sorry Kurt). As he got me really interested in Amateur Radio beyond the Tech license, I think Kurt was my Mentor.



Q: *Did you build or buy your first rig? What was it?*

A: My first rig was bought, and was a used Yaesu FT-757GXII . It has been the only Yaesu I have owned so far. All other rigs after that have been of the Icom stable.

Q: *Any RFI stories you'd like to share?*

A: Just let me knock on wood before I answer this question.... I really have had no serious RFI problems. Even though I run low power only, I have had some occasional RFI on the land line phone in the past, and it always appeared to be when the XYL had to make a call??

Q: *How did you resolve the RFI problem?*

A: A couple of ferrite cores took care of that... or maybe the XYL just gave up complaining?

Q: *What was your most exciting DX contact?*

A: While testing some new digimode software (JT65hf), I turned the power to minimum. With no movement on the power meter, I tested my "CQ" macro and was VERY surprised to see a JA come back with my call sign...No exotic or rare DX , but nevertheless exciting!

: What advice would you give to someone thinking of entering Amateur Radio today?

A: Visit a local club, and ask questions...ask many questions! The knowledge of experienced HAM's is priceless, and will get you well on your way in Amateur Radio. (When I entered Amateur Radio as a Tech, I learned the most from asking questions. Reading books can only get you so far....)

Q: Any final words?

A: Thank you for the interview. Besides Dxing, I enjoy contesting...a lot. Hopefully I will be able to add some points to the KCDXC scores in future contests! 73 de John KC0DEB

YOU MIGHT BE A REDNECK DXER! 2011 Edition BY AB0X

Jeff Foxworthy has made a career defining what a Redneck is. So many of his examples really hit home and it is common for people to say to themselves after listening to Jeff, that they are a Redneck! Of course, the same premise can be applied to Redneck DXers! See if you qualify:

Remember to say the following phrase before each statement.

“You might be a Redneck DXer” if. . .

..You call your ex-wives “deletions.”

..AA0MZ ever dated your one of your ex-wives(deletins).

..You have used a piece of rope thru your belt loops as a climbing belt.

..You pack for the Dayton trip in Wal-Mart sacks.

..Your DX Club holds meetings down at the Waffle House.

..K0RWL lives just down the road from you!

..If Going on a DXpedition means to your family going on a trip to Arkansas.

..You have ever operated 20 Meters from your Bass boat.

..You kill a Copperhead every time you cut grass/weeds around the tower.

..You have taken down a broken antenna with a shotgun.

..KB0X was a high school classmate.

..You didn't operate Field Day because you were building a fireworks stand.

..You have ever shot at a deer out of the window in your radio shack.

..You have ever participated in the KCDXC Carp Tournament.

..Your DX club has Carp fishing, noodling or coon hunting on the agenda for Field Day activities.

..You can tune your 80 Meter vertical by spraying RoundUp around its base!

..Your radio club has “club overalls” instead of club shirts.

..You have 3 HF transceivers duck taped on top of each other, and only the top one works.

..Your DX club's constitution has the term “Ifyaontto” in the BY-Laws.

(Ex.-President can form committees Ifyaontto.)

..Your radio club had an article in its newsletter on “Grounding Double Wides.”

..A club member killed a real fox on your club's last transmitter Fox hunt.

*..You have had WDØSRI service your septic tank.
..You have ever sent your XYL out in the dark to check an antenna for you.
..Your Radio club had a fist fight in the parking lot after the last club election.
..You figure up the cost of bills in terms of the cost of Schlitz Tall Boys.(Ex.-“Damn, that costs almost two suitcases of TallBoys!”)
..You have visited Iconium, Missouri.
..Your DX Club had a quorum of members present at the last NASCAR Race at Kansas Speedway.
..You can chew tobacco and work Phone Sweepstakes at the same time.
..Your DX club motto is “Git’R Done!”
..You tell people that the empty 807 cans in the back of your pick up help the groundplane on your 2 Meter antenna.
..You shot at a Bugcatcher of a W1 mobile who passed you on I-40!(Damn, East Coast!)
..You have never been too drunk to climb a tower.
..You solicited donations from Budweiser and Skoal for a club DXpedition.
..Your DX club voted Taylor Swift the person they would most like to do a multi-op with.
..Your DX club Treasurer has accepted bullets instead of money for dues.
..Your DX/Contest club has 3 contest teams: The Fords, Chevys and Dodges.
..You took an hour off from the DX Contest to watch Country Family Reunion on the RFD channel.
..Your DX club President was late for the last meeting, because he had to stop and pull some guy out of the ditch on the way.
..Your DX Club petitioned the ARRL DX Advisory Committee for separate country status for the Ozarks.
..You can fish, drink beer and talk on the club repeater all at the same time.
..You have bird dogs named Tromelin and Glorioso.
..You live near WØDR.*

If you or your radio club has done any of the above things, then you might be a Redneck DXer!

With Apologies to Jeff Foxworthy-ABØX

AAØLV FEATURED IN NOV. CQ MAGAZINE- The Nov. issue of CQ Magazine had a familiar face in it. KCDXC member AAØLV, Chuck, was featured in the Awards Column for his achievement of Working All USA Counties. All 3079 were confirmed by AAØLV recently and a very nice bio of his achievement was included. Chuck even plugged the KCDXC in the story! Chuck should have included the fine work he did in the WØDXCC Conveticion, also.

Congratulations, Chuck!

ARRL DX BULLETIN

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From ARRL Headquarters

Newington CT November 10, 2011

To all radio amateurs

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by CO2WF, KB8NW, NC1L, Z21BB, QRZ DX, the OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, DXNL, The Weekly DX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

MADAGASCAR, 5R. Eric, F6ICX plans to be QRV as 5R8IC from November 15 to December 17. QSL via home call.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Yuki, JH1NBN will be QRV as 8Q7ZB from November 15 to 29 while on business here. Activity is on a few HF bands in his spare time. QSL to home call.

NEPAL, 9N. Members of the MDXC will be QRV as 9N7MD from November 14 to 24. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY with four stations active simultaneously and around the clock. QSL via IK2VUC.

CUBA, CO. Look for CO2FRC, CO9JAB and CO90BB, in addition to other amateurs using CL9, CM9 and CO9 prefixes, to be QRV November 12 and 13 during a local contest. Activity will be on 160, 80 and 40 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via operators' instructions.

CAPE VERDE, D4. Luca, IK2NCJ is QRV as D44TAL from Mindelo, Sao Vicente Island, IOTA AF-086. Activity is on the HF bands. QSL via IZ4DPV.

DOMINICA, J7. Walter, HB9MFM is QRV as J79WTA until December 7. Activity is on 160 to 30 meters using SSB and various digital modes. QSL to home call.

GUAM, KH2. Akira, JR1VAY is QRV as AH2J until November 14. This includes entries in the Japan International DX and Worked All Europe RTTY contests. QSL to home call.

ANTARCTICA. Karel, ON5TN will be QRV as OR4TN from Princess Elisabeth Station from November 16 to the end of February 2012. QSL to home call.

SABA, ST. EUSTATIUS, PJ5. Gerd, DL7VOG will be QRV as PJ5/DL7VOG from St. Eustatius, IOTA NA-145, from November 13 to December 5. Activity will be on 160 to 10 meters and 6 meters if it is open. He will be active as PJ5G in the upcoming CQ World Wide DX CW contest. QSL both calls to home call.

EGYPT, SU. Vlad is QRV as SU9VB and has been active on 160 meters around 0300z. QSL via UA4WHX.

TUVALU, T2. Members of Pacific DXers are QRV as T2T until December 5. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. QSL via VK4FW.

MICRONESIA, V6. Kazu, JA0VSH and his wife Miyuki are QRV as V63KZ and V63MP,

respectively, from Pohnpei Island, IOTA OC-010, until November 13. QSL both calls via JA0VSH.

CAMBODIA, XU. Mal, VK6LC is QRV as XU7AEO until November 21. Activity is holiday style mainly on 20 meters using mostly CW with some SSB. QSL direct to home call.

VIET NAM, XV. Kurt, DL5CO will be QRV as XV2CO from November 12 to December 5. Activity is holiday style on all HF bands using mostly CW and possibly some SSB. QSL to home call.

INDONESIA, YB. Members of the YB Land DX club are QRV using special event call sign YB26SEAG until November 17 in recognition of the 26th South East Asia Games. Activity is on all bands and modes. QSL via YB2DX.

ZIMBABWE, Z2. Antonio, DL4EA will be QRV as Z24EA from November 12 to 22 from the QTH of Z21BB. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters using all modes. QSL to home call.

COUNTRY NAME CORRECTION. As reported in DX bulletin ARLD045, Manihiki, IOTA OC-014, is located in the North Cook Islands, not South Cook Islands.

BEST WAY TO END THE NEWSLETTER!

What could be better than a picture from the top of a club member's new 80' tower??? Below you will see a shot from the top of W0DR's new tower. Clinton. MO never looked better!

