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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: August 29- NEW LOCATION!

The next Kansas City DX Club meeting will be held at **6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 29**, in **Suite 100 of the Prudential Kansas City Realty Office Building, 8101 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS**. The building is easy to spot, on the south side of College Blvd at Hardy St., about a block east of Antioch. The parking lot and main entrance are on the south side of the building. Please try to arrive between 6:15 and 6:30. The main entrance is open until 7:00 p.m., but the Prudential Kansas City Realty office on the first floor, is locked after 5:00. Someone will wait at the door until 6:30, so if you are late, call me on my cell phone: **913.908.6906**. Meetings run from **6:30 - 8:30 PM**, with a gathering after the meeting for pie and coffee. We look forward to seeing you there! -DE KØVBU



RECORD CROWD ATTENDS WØDXCC! HUGE SUCCESS! INCREDIBLE!

The KCDXC hosted on July 23, 2011, the largest turn out of any WØDXCC Convention in history. There were 219 paid tickets and with vendors, guest speakers and their wives the attendance reached the 300 mark before the end of the day!

The hard work and careful planning paid off for the KCDXC crew as the entire event operated smoothly like a well oiled machine. Despite the worries of the Convention Committee over the Missouri River lapping at the doorway of the Leavenworth Community Center several times thru the Summer, Mother Nature allowed the water to fall the week prior to the event and the Community Center was re-opened again just a few days before the Convention. Even though the Convention Committee had a solid Plan B in place, the venue would not have been as nice or as comfortable as the historic Leavenworth Community Center.



The W0DXCC activities kicked off the night before the Convention with a Hospitality Suite at the designed convention hotel, The Country Inn Suite in Kansas City, KS. AB0X donated the cost of the Hospitality Suite to the event and N0RB, Rick Barnett, covered the expenses for drinks and hosted the suite for the KCDXC with the same expertise he uses in the KCDXC Suite in Dayton at the Crowne Plaza. The large turn out prior to the convention surprised everyone. Visitors and speakers enjoyed some cool drinks while the outside temp was over 100 degrees. The crowd can be seen on the left. Also below, is K5BLU, Frosty, and on the left with Suite Host, N0RB, on the right. Suite photos by AC0KN.



Great team work made the opening sessions of the W0DXCC go very smoothly. AC0KN had worked for months in preparation to have all the prepaid attendees with a uniquely printed name badge with a plastic case ready to clip on when they walked in the door. Jim can be seen in the photo below arranging the badges in alphabetical order.



The number of walk-ins surprised everyone as over 50 showed up to purchase tickets at the door. AB0X, W0DXCC Treasurer, can be seen in the photo above selling a ticket to a walk-in.

The carefully laid out speaker schedule of the "World Class" experts on DX and Contesting began right on time at 8:45 AM, as the building was packed with DXers ready to learn. W8JI started off the sessions with a discussion on Directional Antennas in

the larger forum room. Tom can be seen below on the left. W5ZN, Joel Harrison, VHF contester and former ARRL President, kicked off the morning in the second forum room and can be seen in the photo on the right. He spoke on 6M DXing techniques.



W8JI made 4 forum presentations thru the day on antennas and power amps. He did an outstanding job and many listeners were seen making notes on his suggestions. K9LA, Carl, made presentations on various aspects of propagation and can be seen in the photo below on the left. K5UR, Rick, presented a program for "Low Band DXing for Little Pistols." Rick also shared in the ARRL Forum and gave remarks from the ARRL at the DX Dinner in the evening. Rick can be seen in the photo on the right.



K4SV, Dave, made two forum presentations. The first one was on his activation of a new country PJ7. Dave later spoke on another recent DXpedition as part of the TJ9PF crew. He is shown on the left in the photo below. AC0C is shown in the photo below on the right. Both Dave and Jeff are KCDXC members and we were especially proud of them sharing their adventures and expertise with the convention crowd. AC0C is well known around the world for his research on the FT-2000 and the sale of the famous NS Roofing Filter for the FT2K. K0RU aided Jeff in his forum presentations.



KØIR, Ralph, gave an interesting talk at two forums on his recent VP8ORK DXpedition. He is shown on the left below. Rev. Paul, WØAIH, shown below on the right may have won the most animated speaker of day award. Paul was excited to be there and put that enthusiasm into his talks. He discussed building his huge contesting station.



K5GO, Stan and son N5DX, Kevin spoke at two forums on Contesting. The Stockton Family owns one of the elite contest stations in the Midwest and was especially in touch with the challenges of contesting from W5/WØ land. Stan is shown below on the left. KØDAS, Rod, gave a special presentation during the lunch break on his research on Amelia Earhart. This is a topic that is very popular in NE KS and the forum room was packed to maximum capacity! Rod is shown below on the right.



The ARRL Forum was a very popular topic for the crowd of DXers/Contesters at W0DXCC. NN1N, Dave, came from Newington as one of the League Officials. Dave is shown below in the photo on the left. Everyone seemed to have an interest in the things Dave addressed. He had good support in the discussion from K0BJ, Bruce, local Kansan and ARRL Official, and K5UR. Our Midwest Director, Cliff, K0CA, was also involved in the forum. Cliff should be recognized for his support and help to the W0DXCC Convention Committee thru out the 2 years of planning for the event. In the photo below on the right, the ARRL Booth in the vendor area finds K0DAS, K0BJ, K0CA talking with K0THN.



Using the Community Center Dining Room for the vendors worked out very well for everyone. Tables were set up so people could stop by for coffee or a cold drink thru the day and sit down to talk with friends and look at the latest radios available for sale. The pictures below show clearly how convenient this was for all concerned.



Thru out the day a Special KCDXC Pile Up Contest was held for CW jocks to test their skills. It was an abbreviated version of the annual Pile Up Test we give in Dayton at our Hospitality Suite. K0VXU and K0VBU gave the test for all interested hams. In the photo below on the left K4UEE, K9LA, NN1N and NB0Z are seen taking the test. NN1N was the winner of the Test, with K0AP and N5DX finishing second and third, respectively. In the photo on the right below, K0VXU and K0VBU are seen with the Pile Up Contest winners. Nice prizes were given all the winners from donations from our vendors.



At the end of the Convention excited attendees crowded into one of our forum rooms for the door prize drawing. In the picture on the left below is shown the packed room. Many were left out in the hallway in back, but they could easily hear the ticket stub numbers as they were drawn. AC0C moderated for the KCDXC. Several nice prizes were given away but everyone was hoping to walk away with one of the transceivers donated graciously by Icom and Yaesu. In the photo on the right below was the winner of the Icom IC-7200, KC0ZNI.



The Grand Prize winner of the FT-2000 was K0FUZ. He is shown below on the left with Yaesu Rep, K7BV, Dennis, holding his new toy! All thru out the day there were MFJ plastic bags available Free for attendees with a schedule, a note pad, pen, laminated DXCC List and a copy of the classic book, *DX Was*, by AB0X, donated by Lance Johnson Publishing. The photo below on the right shows various people picking up the bag of goodies.



The W0DXCC DX Dinner followed the Convention forums at 6:30 PM. A BBQ buffet was served to 184 guests and friends. The food was good and plentiful but the conversation and program was even better! KCDXC President kicked off the Dinner by recognizing the Convention Chairman, WD0BWM for his tireless work and planning. N0AG is shown below on left presenting Don, WB0BWM, a special plaque for his service to the W0DXCC and the KCDXC. Each speaker received a similar beautiful, laser engraved award made by our own W0MW. AB0X presented these awards for our forum speakers. N0AG, then turned the program over to K4SX, Ron, our MC for the evening DX Program. Ron, who served a key role in the planning of W0DXCC Convention Committee is shown below on the right.



The DX Dinner program featured a short address from K5UR, First VP of the ARRL, where he brought greetings on behalf of the ARRL. Our keynote speaker was introduced next, K4UEE. Bob's program, his Top Ten DXpeditions, was excellent and included some outstanding photos of operations from each of the rare spots. When considering K4UEE has made over 30 DXpeditions, some clear insight into the mind of a world class Dxpeditoner was gleaned from his presentation. K4UEE is shown below on the left. A shot of the crowd enjoying the program is in the photo on the right.



It took an incredible amount of team work and cooperation from the guys on the Convention Committee and various members of the KCDXC to make this happen. A Special Thanks, goes to those who gave above and beyond the call of duty: K0VBU, K4SX, K0VXU, AC0C, K0RU, W0AO, N0TU, W0MNA, AA0LV, N0AG, K0LW, K0THN, KC0ZNI, AC0A, KS0DX, N0RB, AC0KN, AB0X and WD0BWM! The KCDXC proved we can work together for a common goal! *Thanks to Dale, W0HSK, for the excellent photos used in this article- AB0X*

MORE WØDXCC TIDBITS

Below is a photo showing the sandbags around the Leavenworth Community Center. The actual level of the river never reached the sandbags, but to the south a mile or so water in a creek backed up and affected the Water Treatment Plant. Also, the water table reached a point that the sewers backed up and this is what caused the Community Center to close for about 3 weeks in the last part of June and early July. Luckily, the Missouri River went down about 3 feet and allowed the Community Center to reopen just in time for the WØDXCC. The river can be seen in the background of the photo and is only about 50' from the back door of the Community Center.

**A SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO OUR
CO-SPONSORS OF THE WØDXCC:**
*The Missouri DX/Contest Club & the
Lebanon, Mo. ARC*
**Their financial support was an
important asset in the planning
and operation of the WØDXCC!**



**The KCDXC would like to recognize those who supported
the WØDXCC with prize donations: YASEU, ICOM, Radio
Wavz, Force 12, K8RA Key, DX Engineering, ARRL, Balun
Designs, Lance Johnson Engineering, and Win-EQF.**

NEW DXCC COUNTRY ON THE AIR: SOUTHERN SUDAN, STØ

On July 22, a new country for DXCC came on the air. Operations began immediately with a multi-national group of DXers with the call of STØR. S. Sudan became a new country with a new government and boundaries that separated it from Sudan to the north. Southern Sudan was recognized by the UN, and the US Government, many European governments and the IARU.

STØR stayed on the air non-stop from July 22 to Aug. 10. Over 100,000 contacts were made by the teams of ops who shuffled in and out of the new country to put it on the air for DXers. Obviously, the pile ups were pretty tough for stateside stations, especially the Midwest and west coast. The east coast seemed to work them at will. W5's clearly had better propagation than most zeroes and spots from 5 land flooded the clusters for STØR that WØ's just couldn't hear. After a few days of poor propagation STØR signals improved in the area and local KCDXC guys worked them pretty easily on 20M and 40M. NØXA wins the prize in the KCDXC for STØR contacts with prized 80 and 160 contacts and over 20 band-mode contacts!

The photos on STØR's web site show why they weren't real strong. In the shot on the left the spider antenna is seen to be only about 15' high. In the second and third shots it can be seen clearly they had good stations on the air.



The Good News is the STØR operation has been approved by the ARRL for DXCC credit!

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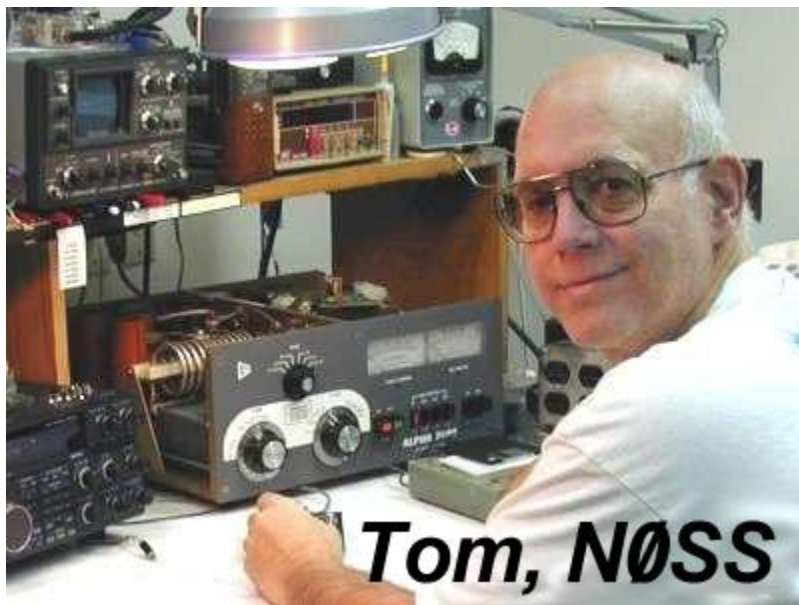
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MORE PHOTOS OF WØDXCC DE WØHSK

Dale, WØHSK, our official photographer for WØDXCC has posted over a 150 photos of the event. Check out his web page: <http://fotobooth.smugmug.com/>
<http://cinematreaasures.org/members/dalemonaghen/photos>

Tom Hammond, NØSS - Silent Key

It is with deep regret that I must report the death of Tom Hammond, NØSS. Tom passed away Thursday evening, August 4, 2011, after a valiant 15-year struggle with several



types of cancer. Tom, the first and only Life Member of the Kansas City DX Club, was a good friend and a wonderful human being. He played an invaluable role in our club for more than three decades, creating his world famous CW pileup files each year for our annual CW Pileup Competition at the Dayton Hamvention. His illnesses never deterred him from this labor of love, and he even had the selfless foresight to invite Russ, KØVXU, and me to his home last year so that he could pass that skill on to us "just in case anything happened."

Tom was a dedicated all-around amateur radio operator, mentoring both those new to the hobby as well as many of us old-timers. He was a vast storehouse of

practical electronic knowledge, perhaps most recently exhibited in his passion as a beta tester for Elecraft. But as his website demonstrates, his interest and expertise covered many, many facets of our hobby.

He was also a great family man and an all-around good guy. He always bore his health issues with dignity, grace, optimism and with his great sense of humor - a fine example for all of us.

These few words don't begin to do justice to you, Tom. 73 and Rest In Peace, old friend.

Bill, KØVBU