

The DX Hog!

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Mark Your Calendar

- **CQ 160-Meter Contest CW** Announced Operations, January 29-31, 2010
- **ARRL DX CW** Announced Operations, February 20-21, 2010

MVDX/CC Officers for 2010

President - Eric, WØTT
Vice President - John, K2VV
Secretary - John, WØNZG
Treasurer - George, ABØRX

Congrats! & Good Luck

2010 Meeting Schedule Set

Due to changes in the county library booking procedure we have only been able to confirm our meeting locations for the first 6 months of 2010. Meetings will be held, as in the past, at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters Branch located at 1640 South Lindbergh (near Clayton and Lindbergh across from Frontenac Plaza) starting at 7:00 PM. Below is a listing of the meeting dates and times for the first half of the year:

- January 14, 2010 - East Room
- February 11, 2010 - East Room
- March 11, 2010 - East Room
- April 8, 2010 - East Room
- May 6, 2010 (first Thursday due to Dayton weekend) - East Room
- June 10, 2010 - East Room
- July 8, 2010 (informal lunch meeting)
- August 12, 2010 (informal lunch meeting)

Please remember that the club does not have a formal meeting in the summer months of July and August but members generally meet informally for dinner and conversation. If you have any questions about the meeting times and locations please Email info@mvdxcc.org.

Nairobi Model IRC



According to The Daily DX editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, many QSL managers are now only accepting the new Nairobi Model IRC, so he advises that it is now time to start getting rid of the old IRCs and not get stuck with any!

The new IRC, available in the US since September 10 and elsewhere since July, costs \$2.10 each in the US. For those in the US who will be exchanging the old version of IRCs for new ones,

[USPS Bulletin #22267](#) advises postal workers to tell customers “to exchange IRCs that expire on December 31, 2009 for the new IRC version (Item 330800) or for other postage stamps. Retail associates (RAs) can exchange unused US-issued IRCs for \$0.01 less than the value of the IRC. (The amount to exchange is the printed price of the IRC along with any additional postage affixed minus one penny.)”

The Nairobi Model was designed by Rob Van Goor, a graphic artist from the Luxembourg Post. It was selected from among 10 designs presented by Universal Postal Union member countries. Van Goor interpreted the theme of the contest -- “The Postage Stamp: A Vehicle for Exchange” -- by depicting the world being cradled by a hand and the perforated outline of a postage stamp.

Information provided via the ARRL website.

MVDX/CC Meeting Minutes for December, 2009

The December 2009 meeting was called to order by club President Jim, WØFF at 19:21 CST when the Library technician finally finished setting up a projector for viewing presentations from a laptop computer. The library has informed us that they made an exception allowing us to use their equipment but that will not be the case in the future.

The meeting was kicked off with a 70 minute presentation by John, K2VV. His presentation was about the production of Magnet Wire which is known as winding wire outside of the USA. John said that about 80% of magnet wire is made from copper and 20% is made from aluminum. The copper is the high end product and the aluminum is used where weight is a major factor. We learned that it takes 6000 pounds of mined rock to produce 7 pounds of 99.9% pure copper. The presentation included slides depicting all of the manufacturing steps required to take mined rock to the finished product. John had many samples of wire of various types and dimensions that were passed around for the members in attendance to examine. Thanks to John for a very interesting and informative presentation.

There was a discussion about the status of the club repeater link to 147.6. The issues that were outlined in an email to club members are being worked. We do not know at this time if all of the issues can be resolved.

Members then made nominations for the election of MVDX/CC officers for 2010. Nominated and elected were the following HOG's:

- **President, Eric, WØTT**
- **Vice President, John, K2VV**
- **Secretary, John, WØNZG**
- **Treasurer, George, ABØRX**

Steve, WØSJS has volunteered to publish the club newsletter on the club web site located at <http://www.mvdx-cc.org/> - please send newsletter information (stories, pictures, news, etc.) to Steve for inclusion in the monthly newsletter.

We had 29 HOGS present including WØFF, WØTT, WØNZG, KØSBH, KØJPL, KBØVE, K2VV, AAØFT, ABØRX, KØKL, WØRJS, WØRL, KØARY, WØKE, KØFM, KØAYF, NOØL, KØHNB, WØEWM, NVØR, KCØPP, KØJFI, WØNFS, ACØN, WBØSND, NØJYU, KCØSTQ, NIØC and NØKMA. We also had one new member this month, Bill, WAØJCO. Welcome Bill!

We had two visitors, Linda, KCØYWF (xyl of Bruce, KØARY) and Carlos, XF4RA (Revillagigedo Islands!).

Our club will have a table at the Winterfest and members are invited to bring their "For Sale" items. Supplies and QSL cards were available for sorters on tables located at the rear of the meeting room. The 50-50 drawing was won by Dave, K2DP.

The December meeting ended at 21:00 CST. The January, February, March, April, May and June MVDX/CC meetings will be held in the East room at the Saint Louis County Library Headquarters Building located just South of Highway 40 on the East side of Lindbergh Boulevard. Next months meeting will be on January 14th.

Best Regards, John – WØNZG

Happy Birthday to the following Hogs

- **WB5MFI**, Steven - 1st.
- **W9KTO**, Bob - 5th.
- **K9KE**, Bill - 6th.
- **NOØL**, Larry - 6th.
- **NØDIA**, Mike - 7th.
- **ACØN**, Norm - 24th.
- **NVØR**, Doug - 25th.
- **KCØPP**, Keith - 27th.
- **KØARY**, Bruce - 28th.
- **WAØIDS**, Rich - 29th.

*Just like fine wine!?! Well you get the
idea. Happy Birthday*



- Ameritron AL-811H Amplifier
- Complete Icom HF Station (IC-751A and all the fixin's)

Need It? Want It?

See what's in the Hog's Trough. Visit the club website and click on the Swap, Sell, Buy link. Find it all at www.mvdxcc.org

Currently you will find:

- Ameritron AL-80B Amplifier
- Butternut HF-2V
- New BIRD Wattmeter
- Estate Gear (mostly vintage gear)

Thank's Joe!

MVDX/CC Officers and members would like to say "thanks" to Joe, KØBX, for the time and efforts he has donated over the years on the clubs behalf producing the monthly newsletter.

Communications is what defines us as Amateurs and also connects us and Joe made that happen.

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What's Coming Up - DX on the air!

- **EA8/ON6AK** - QRV from the Canary Islands (AF-004) now through February 10th.
- **KC4USV** - QRV from Antarctica now through February 20th. Look for him Sunday's at 0000Z on 14,243kHz.
- **YJØMM** - QRV from Efate Island (OC-035) January 21-28. Info at <http://vanuatu.rkp.hr>
- **6W/HAØNAR** QRV from Senegal (AF-078) January 27-February 10; then **J5NAR** QRV from Guinea Bissau (AF-093) from February 11-21.
- **E51WWA** QRV from South Cook Is. (OC-013) January 12-Feb 1. Info at <http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/fedxm.htm>
- **HSØZJF** QRV from Thailand January 12-March 8. QSL via ON4AFU or Bureau.
- **V26VP** QRV from Antigua January 15-February 15. QSL via VE3LFW or Bureau.
- **YJØMM** QRV from Vanuatu January 21-28 (OC-035). QSL via YJØMM or via web request.
- **VP8DMN** QRV from Falkland Is. January 21-29 (SA-002). QSL via V7VJR or Bureau.
- **H44MS** QRV Solomon Is. January 21-April20 (xx-000). QSL via DL2GAC.
- **ST26ASC** QRV from The Sudan January 22-28. QSL via ST2M (26th Arab Scouts Conference, Khartoum)

WØ QSL BUREAU

SERVING ZERO LAND HAMS - INCOMING QSL BUREAU

The Tenth District QSL Bureau would like to express its appreciation to MVDX/CC for sponsoring it since 2005. Over the past four and one-half years the Bureau has serviced thousands of Zero land hams managing hundreds of thousands of incoming QSLs. All this is through the volunteer efforts of YOU.

The Bureau manager, Norm, ACØN, would like to express his appreciation and thanks to the club and to the individual efforts of the sorters and bureau managers - Paul, KØJPL, assistant bureau manager, and Rich, KØGSV, through who's vision the bureau moved here. Additional THANKS to the Sorters: Rob, KØIYA; Frank, KØBLT; Frank, KØFM; Bill, KØDEQ; Tom, KCØSTQ; Jim, WØFF; Rich, KØGSV; Don, KMØR; Paul, KØJPL; Mike, WBØSND; Oral, KBØECF; John, K2FF; John, WØNZG; Steve, WØSJS; Max, KØAZV; George, AAØFT; Roland, WØRL; Fred, KBØWIL; Earl, WØES; Eric, NØYET; Cliff, KØCA; and Myron, WØZH.

The Bureau functions ONLY through the efforts of individuals and the support of MVDX/CC.

Norm also passes along the need for 1 or 2 more Sorters and 1 more pre-Sorter. If you can help by donating some of your time please contact Norm, ACØN.

DX Resources On-Line:

- To look up a QSL manager, other Bureaus & Services, QSL Designers & providers, and Tips on effective QSLing, visit - <http://www.qrz.com/i/qls.html>
- Solar Cycle Progression from NOAA, visit - <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/SolarCycle/>
- Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin on-line, visit - <http://www.papays.com/opdx917.html>
- DX Operations Calendar from NG3K, visit - <http://www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html>



The DX Hogs

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