

MVDX/CC Meeting Minutes for December 10, 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.mvdxcc.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, KØHHB, 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
