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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 2006 4th quarter meeting of the ADXA was held

on 02 December 2006 at Rod's Pizza Cellar in Hot Springs Arkansas.

Those that signed the sign-in sheet included the following members: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Martin Hankins, W5HTY, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Libby Jacques, WB6AXD, Bill Harper, K9IW, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Myrtle Wynne, N500I, Pat Patterson, W5VY, Lenny Mendel, K50VC, Jimmy Ballew, N5ZIV, and Ollie Gade, W5G0. Guests included Sharon Smith, Patty Patterson, Jean Gade, Michelle Ballew, and Matti Ballew.

President N5ZM called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Earl thanked the Hot Springs group for the great job that they did in making the reservations and getting the screen for the presentation.

Health and Welfare

Nothing was reported.

Old Business

K5DV made a motion that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and accepted as printed in the newsletter. K9IW seconded and the motion carried.

N5RN give the Treasurer's report. AF5M made a motion to accept. K5DV seconded and the motion carried.

Meeting locations for the 2007 meetings were selected.

First Quarter: N5ZM's QTH

Second Quarter: AF5M's QTH

Third Quarter: Avery Pavilion

Fourth Quarter: AECC (with catering from Whole Hog?) Date is 01 December 2007.

NEW BUSINESS

ARRL Update: AF5M gave an ARRL report and he spoke about entities.

K50VC spoke about contesters in the DX window. AF5M suggested that he contact the Contest Advisory Committee. All were reminded of the "Don't feed the animals"

concept. It was pointed out that most Contesters are also DXers.

K5DV motioned that the 2007 ADXA officers be as follows

Earl, N5ZM President

Pat, W5YV, Vice President

Glenn, N5RN, Secretary/Treasurer

Board: Paul, AF5M, Dave, K5DV, and Bill, K9IW.

K50VC seconded and the motion carried.

There was discussion about how to get new members. It was suggested that if you see or hear someone from Arkansas working DX, invite them to our meeting.

Donations were discussed: A motion to support VU7 with a [REDACTED] donation. W5HTY made the motion with W5G0 seconding. The motion carried.

Web Page

At the time of the meeting little was done with the ADXA web page. However, since the meeting Glenn has done some work on the page and the page has current information on it. The URL is www.adxa.org

K5DV made a motion to adjourn. AF5M seconded and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:50 P.M. After the meeting adjourned there was a slide show on AI5P's

(ZK2PX) Niue trip. The show was presented by N5ZM, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Words of Wisdom from the President

N5ZM

Here it is 2007 and once again it is time for the 1st Quarter ADXA Meeting. It does creep up on you fast. I hope everyone has been able to work the ones they needed. I would like to thank everyone that attended the 4th Quarter meeting in Hot Springs. We enjoyed the company of everyone. If you didn't make it to the meeting you missed a great slide show of Niue Island courtesy of Rick ZK2PX. Be sure to thank the Hot Springs gang for all their hard work in preparing for the meeting. Please invite someone that has an interest in DXing or Contesting to one of our meetings. Bring them with you, we would enjoy meeting them.

It has been pretty busy the last couple of months with several DXpeditions. The two VU7 operations have come and gone, although the propagation wasn't the best here in Arkansas. Several other DXpeditions also hit the airwaves recently (1A, XT,

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S2, 1S, J2, ZK3). Of course I know everyone is looking forward to the top 2 Entities on the DXCC need List (KH8S and BS7) coming on the air in April. Good Luck to all.

As far as what has been going on here at N5ZM, I have added to my DXCC totals with confirmation of VU7LD on CW and RTTY. I now have just BS7 on Phone and 70, KP1 and P5 on CW yet to confirm. RTTY total is 325 with 12 left to confirm. N5ZM and crew (N5RN) once again entered the ARRL RTTY Round Up as Low Power Multi-Op. We bettered last years wining score significantly so we are hoping to win our class once again. In February I entered the CQ WPX RTTY Contest as Single Operator/Single Band 7 MHz. My goal was to beat my last years winning score which I did by a fairly large margin. I am also hoping to bring home another plaque for this effort. That's about it from here. (My arm's sore)..

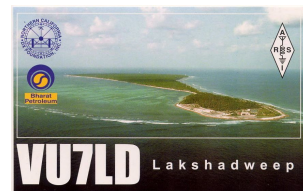
Sharon and I are looking forward to seeing everyone again for the 1st Quarter meeting here at our house. Hope all of you can make it and partake of the gourmet meal. The usual fare of course.

Earl N5ZM...

Mark Your Calendars

These are the dates for future ADXA meetings. Please note the year as well as the date:

- March—3rd Saturday—(17 March 2007) - Location N5ZM's QTH
- June—3rd Saturday—(16 June 2007). Location AF5M's QTH.
- September— 3rd Saturday (15 September 2007). Location: Avery Pavilion, Hot Springs
- December—1st Saturday (1 December 2007). Location: AECC, Little Rock.



Card Checking

Earl will be available to check cards as usual before the meeting. If you want have your cards checked cards please arrive at 11:00. Also, let Earl know that you are going to be bringing cards.

AI5P Continues His Pacific Sojourn

AI5P

After the disappointing visit to Rarotonga, I moved on to Auckland, New Zealand. Arriving on a Thursday, I had two days there before the flight to Niue. This gave me time to find some 300 ohm lead to repair the 30 meter bazooka - you might remember this part of the antenna was left 40 feet up in the palm tree pulley in Rarotonga. Then I spent some time in the beautiful Auckland weather and saw some of the local sights.

The flight for Niue leaves on a Friday night from Auckland at 10:30 pm for the 3 and one-half hour flight. It arrives, after crossing the International Date Line, on Friday morning at 1 a.m. So you get two "Fridays"..... of course, upon returning, you leave Niue at 2 a.m. on a Friday and arrive in Auckland on Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m.

Niue is one of the world's largest upraised coral atolls. There are few beaches but many caves, chasms, ravines and gullies around the coast. I stayed at the Namukulu Motel on the western coast which is owned by a New Zealand couple. They have hosted amateurs before and were very familiar with our "special requests." Joe Wright, the owner, immediately came up with a pipe mast about 25 feet high which we lashed to a cut-off small tree trunk. So I used this for the inverted V's for 17, 30, and 40 meters and as the center-point for my homemade 80 meter dipole. The 20 meter bazooka I put up in the dipole configuration be-

tween the porch of the bungalow and a large tree.

Conditions were much better here than in Rarotonga. I got my license in about 30 minutes from Niue Telecoms. I had been in e-mail contact with them beforehand. So ZK2PX was now ready for the air! The first contact was on 7 Oct on 40 meters.

Since there is only one flight a week to Niue from anywhere (Auckland), I had decided to stay two weeks in order for my sightseeing and spend time on the radio. Unfortunately, I soon found out that the radio was basically dead during the day, except for a short opening on 17 meters, and that the best time was about midnight to 3 a.m. locally!

So during the day I took my rental car around the island - the coastal "ring" road is about 30 miles around so it's not a small island. Hiking, sightseeing, and photography took up my daylight hours and the radio was my nighttime work!

Niue was hit by devastating Cyclone Heta in January, 2004, and a lot of the damage is still apparent. Less than 1800 Niueans currently live on the island. Most of the extended families live in New Zealand.

I had brought along some #22 speaker wire and built a 80 meter dipole. I was able to use it three nights. One night was great for SSB, another pretty good on CW, and the third night was a bust. I worked 112 on SSB one night and 56 on CW another night.

The total number of contacts was

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3742 with 3240 (87%) on CW and 502 (13%) on SSB.

The rig was my Icom IC-706MKIIG with double bazookas for 17, 20, 30, and 40 and the homemade dipole for 80.

Lots of DX was worked including: T77EB, BD4SQ, 4L8A, KH2/K2QGC, EW8AO, J28JA, TG9NX, DT8A, KH0AC, VK0JLX, 9M6XR0, 9H1SP, P29VCX, XU7ADX, HS0AC, BX2AF, JW7P, 5Z4DZ, ZL8R, T32Z, VR2DS, 4Z4DX, YB0DPO, EA8WH, AT6MYL, and VK6DXI/mm.

From Niue, I flew back to Auckland to find cold weather and rain! Several days were spent seeing more of Auckland's sights and trying to recover from a cold I had picked up in Niue. Then I flew to Nelson to spend a few days with my friend Harry, ZL2SQ ex-EP2BQ, and his wife Maureen. Casual operating was done with my rig and Harry's 2 element 40 meter two element beam up about 80 feet - which is also about 1/4 mile from the ocean. Talk about a pipeline into Europe! I also chased some DX during the CQ WW Phone Contest.

Interesting DX from New Zealand included: KH8/ON5AX, XU7AG0, W6ZH/mm, XF4DL, 8P2K, 9Y4NZ, J3A, R1ANC, 4L0ABC, HB0/HB9AON, 3G1K, XU7MDY, BD5RT, HS0ZEE, 9K2HN, PZ5RA, 4J4K, V31HK, JV800CJ, OH0X, 9M2T0, 3W9JR, BY1DX, XX9C, B7M, VU2DVP, SU9FL, LX/PA3DKC, FM/9NW, SP1NY/mm, VK9CGG, ZA/Z35M, and V63JQ.

Total contacts from ZL/AI5P were 1396 with 1002 (72%) on CW and 394 (28%) on SSB.

On November 2, I flew from Nelson - Auckland - Los Angeles - Phoenix - Albuquerque.... that was a long day!

My third DXpedition to the Pacific with less than favorable conditions a lot of the time still resulted in 6567 contacts - I'm happy with these results with my barefoot IC-706 and wires and look forward to better conditions coming soon! ADXA members were worked from all three locations and I appreciate the ADXA support and friendly competition!

73, Rick AI5P



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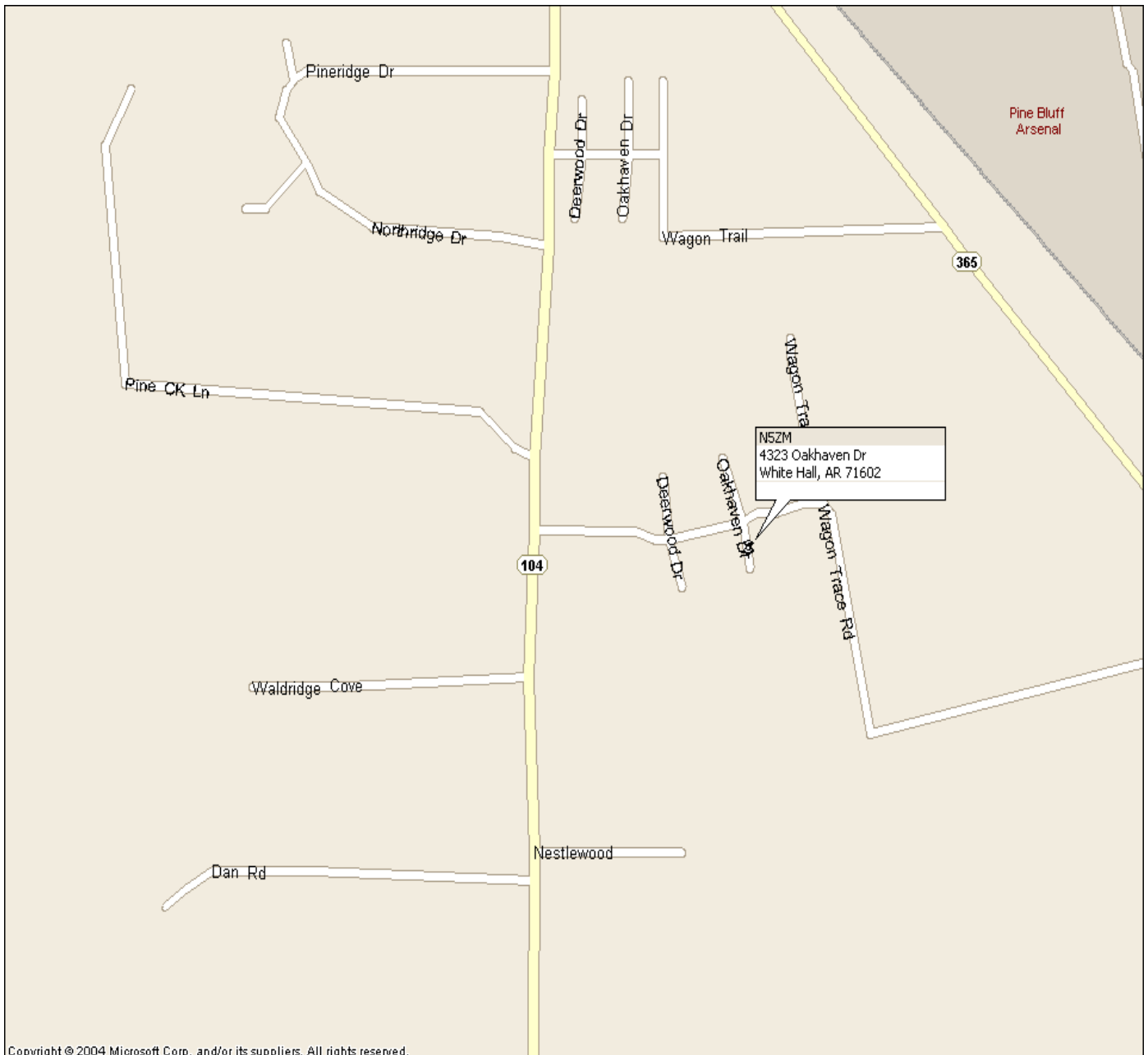
MAP TO N5ZM's

North is up

When on I530 look for the Exit 30 (Highway 104). If you are coming from the north you will go under the overpass and be heading North. Look for Wagon Trace road (approximately 2 miles) on the right side of 104. Oak Haven isn't far down Wagon Trace. See next page for finer detail on finding Wagon Trace and Earl's house.



Map to N5ZM's 4323 Oakhaven White Hall, Arkansas





ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

CALL: _____

LICENSE CLASS: _____

APPLICATION: NEW RENEWAL

NAME: _____

PHONE: () _____.

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

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DXCC MEMBER? _____

ARRL MEMBERSHIP EXPIRES: _____.

SPONSOR'S CALL: _____

ARRL MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

(ADXA IS A 100% ARRL AFFILIATED CLUB)

VOTING MEMBERS MUST HOLD DXCC

VALID INTEREST IN DX REQUIRED FOR ASSOCIATE (NON-VOTING) MEMBERSHIP

YEARLY DUES **\$25.00**, Family membership **\$35.00**

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