



ADXA Minutes



The first quarter meeting of the ADXA was held at the home of N5ZM in Samples, Arkansas on March 15, 2014. Those attending were: of those in attendance: Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Pat Patterson, W5VY, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Ollie Gade, W5GO. Guest included Sharon Smith.

The meeting was presided over by N5ZM.

The meeting was called to order at 1:25PM.

K5DV motioned that the minutes as presented in the newsletter be accept. N5RN seconded and the motion carried.

N5RN gave treasurer's report. K5DV motioned that it be accepted, W5VY seconded. The motion carried.

Health and Welfare

Jean Gade is good but has chicken pox. W5GO has schingles. He's not experiencing pain but headaches have been a problem. W5BPT is doing ok but he has Crohn's and heart problems.

Old Business

It was mentioned that we need to elect a person to fill the Board of Directors to replace K9IW. No decision was made.

New Business

Motion was made to send flowers to host by K5DV and it was seconded. After some discussion. No vote was taken on the motion.

W5YV will take care of the June meeting and send the information to N5RN. It will likely be Corky's or Golden Corral.

Closing remarks

K5DV moved to adjourn, N5ZM seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Upcoming Dates

The next meeting for ADXA is:

June 21 2014 — Corky's BBQ.

All meetings begin at 1:00 but food and drinks

are served beginning around 12:00.

If you have cards that you would like to have checked, please contact Earl at n5zm at adxa dot org. You should

plan on arriving early around 11:00 to give Earl enough time to check cards and then grab a bite to eat.

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Special points of interest:

- Club Meeting June 21 2014—Corky's BBQ in North Little Rock

Words of Wisdom From the President

Frank Fahrlander—N7FF

Hi all,

It was good to once again travel to Dayton and join others at Hamvention. Perhaps at our meeting we can spend a little time sharing more of our experiences. This year, I missed the youth forum but I did attend the DX forum, the ARRL Birthday Party and the Antenna Forum. It was good to visit with old friends and meet some new ones. I enjoyed meeting a couple of California hams and their wives (also avid DXers). They happened to be involved in the DX convention at Visalia, which I dearly miss. It was with a heavy heart that I went to Marion's Pizza this year without Bill Harper, K9IW. I thought of Bill as I enjoyed my draft Amber Bock and pizza which I know he would have enjoyed.

After the convention I went on a combined geocaching and site seeing trip that involved 11 northeastern states. I found a geocache in each state and really enjoyed the beautiful country side. I made it to Kennebunkport, Maine as my furthestmost point.

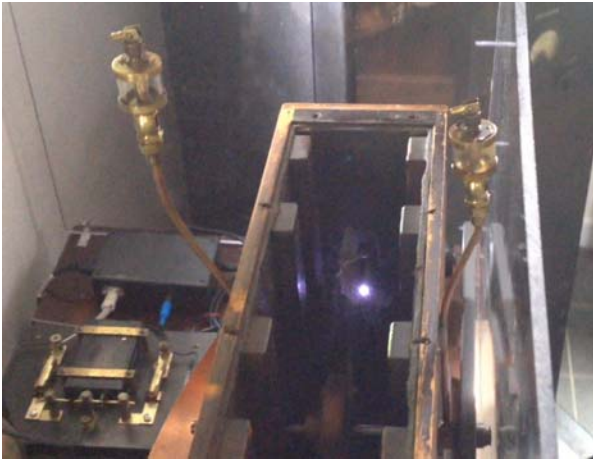
A major highlight of my trip was visiting ARRL. I pulled into their parking lot at the start of a major thunderstorm and sat in the car thinking all the while that I might not get a chance to operate W1AW. But, as luck would have it, the storm stopped after 45 minutes and the sky cleared. Let there be RF!

I went into the headquarters building and was graciously met by the receptionist. Later, in the break room, I spoke with Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, who reported that he had just worked Rick, K5UR, on 6 meters. I met Harold Kramer, WJ1B, who welcomed me and the one another visitor, Joe, WJ1M. Joe is a Connecticut resident who, even though he has been a ham for many years, was on his first visit to ARRL Headquarters. Our volunteer tour guide (I am sorry to say that I don't remember his call) then joined us and the tour began.

Our visit started at the W1AW building which was built in 1938. It replaced the original station, W1MK, in Hartford which was destroyed in the 1936 flood. Hiram P Maxim died in February of that same year so he never actually got a chance to use the new "shack."

Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, W1AW Station Manager, met us and showed us the small museum located in the building. It contains the original Wouff Hong and "Old Betsy", Hiram's rotary spark transmitter that he used up until the early 20's. What was particularly fun, and unexpected, was to see "Old Betsy" in operation. One picture shows the spark happening inside the wooden box with the spinning electrodes. The second picture shows the tank circuit and the antenna coupling coil side by side. The RF generated at the antenna terminal was lighting the lamp shown in the picture.

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Right after the tour of the museum, an offer to operate was given and I snapped it up! This is really what I had come for, after all. Joe set me up on 15 meter CW with the monobander pointing to Europe. For a couple of hours I worked a solid pileup of EU stations, all wanting a QSO with W100AW, the 100th anniversary call for W1AW. What a kick.



During my 15 meter operation, they fired up “Old Betsy” once and there was a bit of QRN or QRM. I’m

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not sure which Q-code to use.

For those of you who haven't been to the ARRL and W1AW, I recommend it. Also, here are two videos that are worth seeing:

<http://www.arrl.org/w1aw>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JerSTUDqI7s&feature=youtu.be>

Remember my mentioning how I used the ARRL DX Phone contest as an “open house” event at my shack to encourage new hams to operate HF and see what DXing is like? Well, guess what? I received this certificate in the mail:



What a surprise. How about more members of the ADXA doing this next year? We can have a little contest within a contest.

See you at the meeting. 73,

Frank, N7FF

2014 International DX Convention in Visalia, California

AI5P—Rick Harris

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In April, two ADXA members - Pat, W5VY, and Rick, AI5P - joined about 700 others at the 65th annual Visalia convention. This was Pat's first visit and my second - my first being about 30 years ago. It is a great opportunity to meet DXer's from all over - finding old friends and meeting new ones. Of course, most of the attendees are from the West Coast area but there were folks there from around the States as well as Canada, Hawaii, Japan, New Zealand, England, Sweden, Norway, Germany, the Philippines, South Africa and perhaps a couple more.

There were a number of amateur radio manufacturers and amateur related companies as exhibitors. Of course, Elecraft was well represented and showcased their new PX3 Panadaptor for the KX3 transceiver.

I only spent a few minutes at the DX forum - one of the hot topics seemed to be the rules concerning remote station operation.

My interest was attending the DX shows: Navassa: Past, Pre-

sent and Future (N0TG); T33A: Banaba (W2IJ); VU7AG: Lakshadweep (W4VKU); XZ1J: Myanmar (N6PSE); and 3DA0ET: Swaziland (W5UQ). All were quite interesting and well worth seeing.

One of the unusual technical aspects I had not heard of was the use of a high power band pass filter allowing three stations to use a single 3 band yagi simultaneously. This was done on the XZ1J DXpedition.

One station on 10, one on 15, one on 20 meters at the same time using the same beam - amazing technology!

Other presentations offered were: DXpedition IT, or How to Stay Connected (NX1P); How to Blow up your Balun (N6BV); WRTC 2014: An Overview and How It's Done (K1DG); and Software Defined Radio 101 (K5GJ).

The DX Convention Banquet featured as keynote speaker Bob Allphin, K4UEE, on the FT5ZM Amsterdam Island DXpedition. Fascinating story and presentation!

The DXCC countdown was

amazing - the winner was, I believe, a W7 - not sure of his call, with 391 confirmed! The second place guy had either 389 or 387. They also did a DX Challenge countdown with the winner being K5NA with 3095.

The next morning at the DX Breakfast featured John Miller, K6MM, as the keynote speaker on the K9W Wake Island DXpedition. A very interesting historical World War II story was the basis for the DXpedition.

A fun-filled and very social weekend in California's central valley!

If you have the chance to go, it's certainly worth the effort.

Thanks to Pat, W5VY, and Arnie, N6HC, for their assistance in writing this article.

73 Rick AI5P

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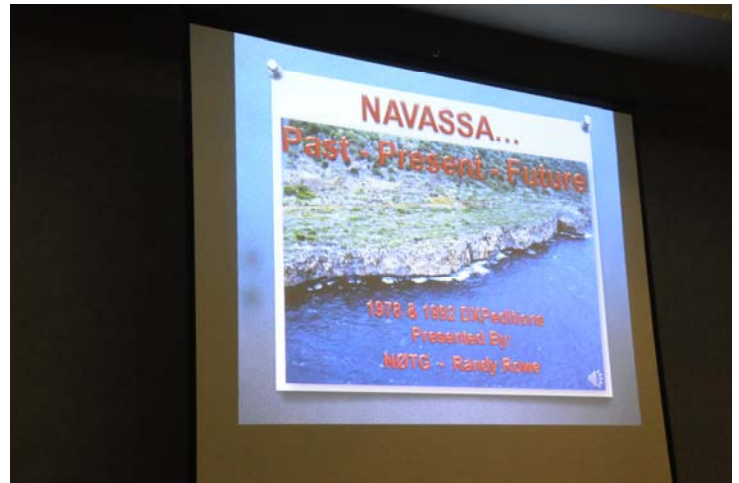


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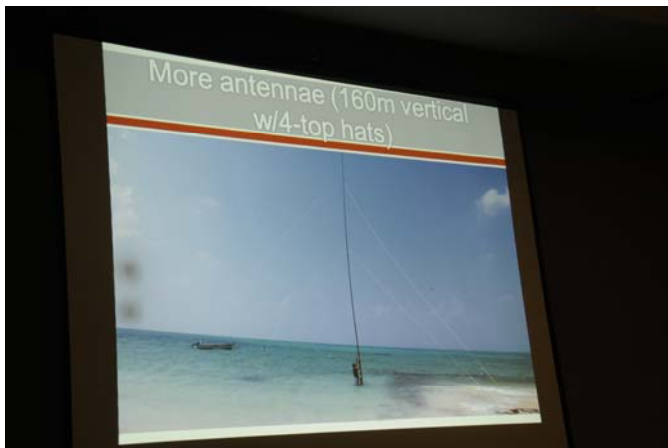
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W5VY and AI5P



Navassa Island presentation



Lakshadweep presentation



Wake Island presentation



Left—Amsterdam presentation

Dues are Due

As a reminder, your 2014 ADXA dues are due. I will be collecting them at the meeting.

Yearly Individual Dues: **\$25.00**

Family membership: **\$35.00**

Dues can also be accepted via PayPal:

Using your PayPal account send your dues payment to:

n5rn@adx.org

Make sure you select the personal tab and identify this payment as a gift or

there will be a surcharge.

News from ADXA Members

From K5OVC/3, Lenny

6/8/2014—

Hello from Glen Mills, PA -

Now up to 147 countries. 100 watts & multiband dipole up 60 ft in attic. can not work 17 meters, antenna will not load.

have a great summer.
Good DX

73es

Lenny K5OVC/3



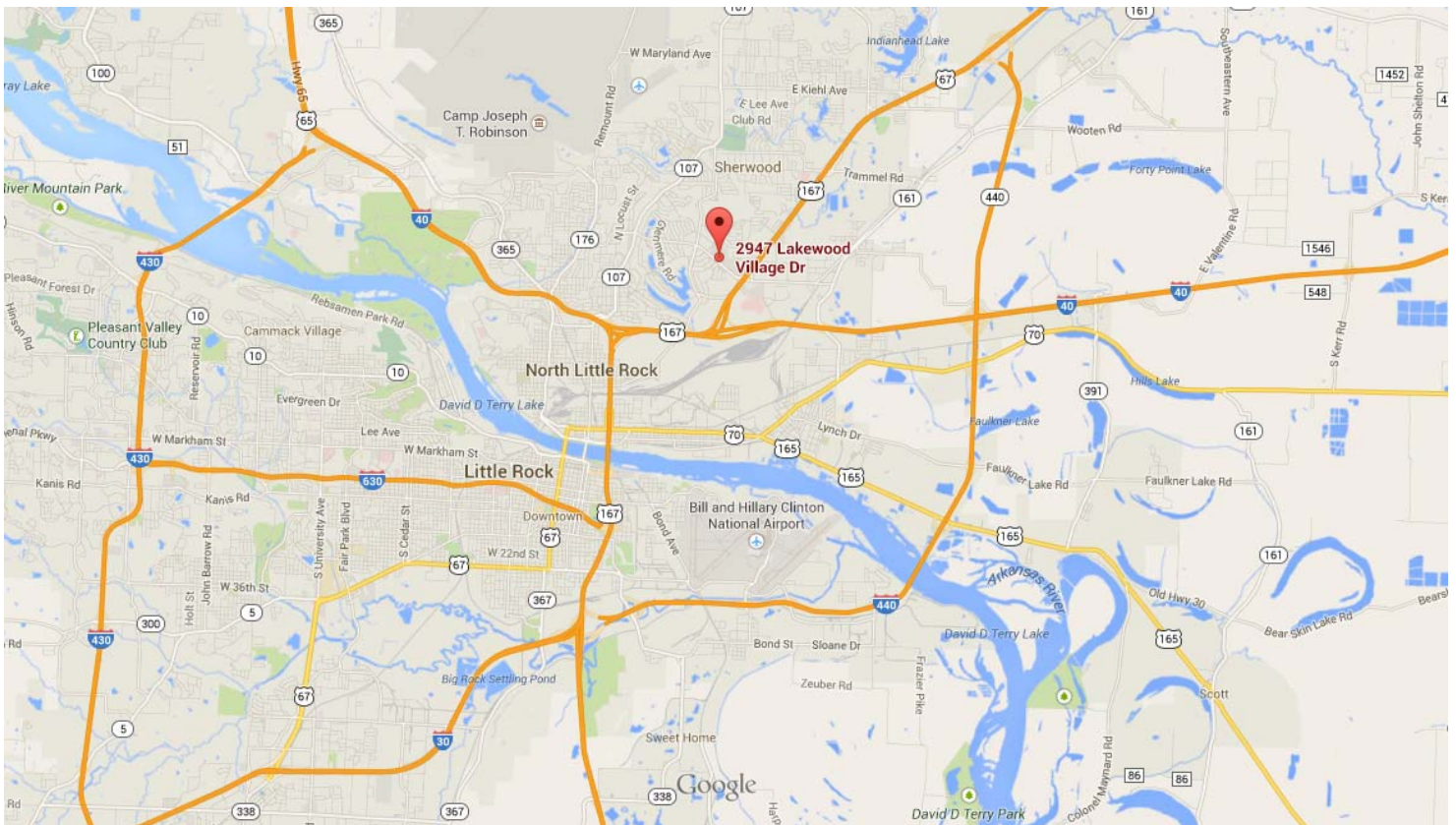
Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—June 21, 2014

Corky's BBQ

2947 Lakewood Village Dr.
North Little Rock, AR 72116

GPS Coordinates

34.793416 -92.231355
34° 47' 32.2976" 92° 13' 52.8078"



Directions

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ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

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DXCC MEMBER? _____

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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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