



## ADXA Minutes



The fourth quarter meeting of the ADXA was held at Old Chicago Pizza in North Little Rock on December 5, 2015. Those that signed the sign in sheet include Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Frank Kollatt, W5BPT, Rick Roderick, K5UR, Roger Gray, N5QS, Dawn Gray, N5QT, Landon McCord, AF5OD, David Norris, K5UZ, Joel Harrison, W5ZN, J. Ferguson, N5LKE, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Bruce Plantz, K9OZ, Robert

Love, KE5FNA, Ken Blevins, K5ALQ, Pat Patterson, W5VY, and Frank Fahrlander, N7FF. Guests included Paul Norvell, KG5LOF, Andy Schaefer, AA5DL, Madge Kollatt, W5EFA, Holly Roderick, John Paul Thessen, KF5IZW, Lee Parker, K5DQ, Sharon Smith, and Edwynne Love. The meeting was called to order by the President, N7FF at 1:37 PM.

N7FF thanked the waitress and Bruce

for setting up this meeting. Went around the room everyone introduced themselves.

### Health and Welfare

N1CL, Bill Moore, is in retirement home and still recovering from his accident. He enjoys getting funny get well cards. Jack Hampton had triple bypass surgery. He's had a mild stroke in the past but his speech is improving. Ollie and Jean

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## Upcoming Dates

The next meeting for ADXA is:

**March 19 2015** — Home of Earl and Sharon Smith.

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 let Earl know.

You should plan on arriving early around 11:00. Also, **please let Earl know if you will be attending the March 2016 ADXA meeting.**

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### Items of Interest

[Club Meeting March 19, 2016](#) — Earl and Sharon Smith. See Directions to next meeting on page 8

Gade are still having problems getting out and about.

### **New Business**

N7FF made a motion was made to accept the minutes as presented in the newsletter. W5RZ seconded. The motion passed.

N5RN presented the financial report. A motion was made to accept the financial report. N5ZM seconded. The motion passed.

### **DX Requests**

- No requests for support were received this quarter

### **Delta Division Director Dave Norris, K5UZ.**

- DXAC is looking at mobile DXCC.
- Remote control stations issues. One that comes up often is the receivers located around the world
- CEO—Sumner is retiring in May 2015. ARRL is looking for his replacement.
- On the legislative front, hams need to write senators and representatives on HR 1301. Email is the preferred way to contact your senator and representative.
- K5UR noted that the Arkansas delegation is not signing on. Hill and Crawford need to be contacted and encouraged to sign on and support this actions.

There was some discussion related to moving the 3rd quarter meeting to the LR Hamfest. CAREN thinks it would be a good move. Mark Burhart said that ADXA should consider it a done deal. Many of the members believe it will help ADXA if we participated in the LR hamfest.

### **Election of officers:**

An election was held to select the officers of ADXA. The following individuals were elected:

President: Joel Harrison

Vice President: Pat Patterson

Secretary/Treasurer: Glenn Wolf

Executive board: Frank Fahrlander, N7FF

Earl Smith, N5ZM

### **Webpage**

Pat Patterson has requested some input from the membership related to the history of the ADXA and some of our past members.

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### **Comments from Joel, W5ZN**

Joel thanked Frank for his service.

Three things Joel wants to focus on:

1. The webpage. Please work with W5VY to provide information for the webpage
2. Mentoring. We need to work with new hams and introduce them to DXing. Many of the new hams are interested in the DX because of the W1AW centennial.
3. Wants to grow ADXA.
  - Work with CAREN
  - Work with Russellville
  - Work with anyone that will let ADXA have a chance to introduce people to DXing and contesting.

### **Closing remarks**

Next meeting details well likely be at the home of Earl and Sharon Smith. N5ZM made the motion to adjourn. W5RZ seconded the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 PM.

Pat Patterson presented a video on his Antigua vacation.



## Words of Wisdom From the President Joel Harrison—W5ZN

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Led by some of the most prominent DX'ers in the country that lived in Arkansas, the Arkansas DX Association was officially chartered on February 2, 1973. Those DX'ers were:

Dick Freeling, W5TIZ (K5FJ)  
Larry Woolsey W5HJZ (NY5F, W5LW)  
Bud Daunhauer, W5WZN  
Paul Wynne, WA5YMW (AF5M)  
Robert Rose, WB5BID  
J.M. Jolly W5ZXS  
John Aubrey, WA5WMD  
Bill Priakos, W5SJ, 1st President

Throughout the following years ADXA became known as one of the premier DX clubs in the country, and frankly most of the world. I remember many of those earlier days and attending some of the meetings. I would bum a ride with my close friend from Searcy Jim Crosby, K5GK, and had an opportunity to visit some of the big gun stations in Arkansas and also attend the annual meeting where we were fortunate to hear and see in person some of the DX legends of the time including Dave Bell, W6AQ, Vince Thompson, K5VT and many others. ADXA member San Hutson, K5YY, also traveled to many exotic DX locations and provided a new one for many of us. One of my prized possessions for many years was a W9IOP Second Op that I won at an ADXA banquet back in the early 70's for being the youngest DX'er and DXCC member present. For you "Rookies" and newer hams the W9IOP Second Op was a round "slide rule" equivalent of today's computerized DX Atlas.

The ARRL's DX Advisory Committee (ADXA) has been Chaired by two ADXA members, K5YY and K5UR. Rick was directly involved in and instrumental in the development of the DXCC 2000 Project, implementation of DXCC Challenge/De Soto Cup Award, and creation of Logbook of the World.

Many current ADXA members are at the Top of the Honor Roll, having worked all 340 DXCC entities and, of course, there have been two ADXA members serve as ARRL President.

So, why do I mention this? Simply because when I talked about the rich history of ADXA, especially to new members or prospective members, it is important to know there is solid justification for being involved in an organization that is internationally respected, is honorable and focused on mentoring the future top radio amateurs in the DX community.

It is indeed an honor for me to have been elected President of ADXA. I believe our future is as bright and honorable as our past! As a result of my making that statement several times since December I have been asked "So where do you see ADXA heading in the next few years?" GOOD QUESTION!!!

Interest in DX has never waned. Even if a ham is only on 2 meter FM they spend their time improving their station to see how distant of a repeater they can hit. During the ARRL Centennial operating event many of these hams who thought their world evolved around 2 meter FM experienced HF operation and are now setting their sights on how far they can make an HF contact. As a result we need to reach out and mentor this group of new pro-

spects just like ADXA did for that 14 year old kid that won a W9IOP Second Op at an ADXA banquet forty some odd years ago.

That begins by having a presence in Arkansas at a few select hamfests and conducting a DX forum. We recently conducted our first at the Russellville Hamfest on March 5. I had no idea what to expect as far as attendance and I was a bit unsure as to exactly what to present. After discussing this with Dennis, W5RZ, I prepared a Power Point presentation covering some general, basic DX info on the DXCC award, antennas, propagation and basic operating techniques. It was great to have 9 ADXA members attending but the surprise was an additional 35 hams present at the standing room only forum, all with an interest in DX!

In January I contacted ARRL HQ and asked for a list of DXCC members in Arkansas. When it arrived I segregated the list into four sections based on address, NE, SE, SW and NW to see where the bulk of DXCC interest is. By far the northwest quadrant has the largest number of DXCC members in Arkansas. At our upcoming meeting I want to discuss an approach to reach out to all of the DXCC members in Arkansas that are not ADXA members. Obviously, there is a large pool of hams interested in DX that we are not tapping in to!

DX is on the air! So far in 2016 we have seen DXpeditions to some very rare places, with a couple more to come. On our email reflector I have stressed the importance of working these stations on at least one band and mode if you don't have them as these entities won't be back on the air for at least 10 to 15 years, if ever.

We have a lot of exciting things to discuss at our upcoming meeting March 19. Please make every effort to attend and an added treat is you will get to see one of the premier BIG GUN stations in Arkansas at Earl, N5ZM's QTH. I want to thank Earl and Sharon for their gracious offer to host our meeting.

Many years ago, and I honestly don't remember exactly when, I met this guy with a "9" land callsign at an ADXA meeting. K9GPN lived in Hot Springs and my first thought was "Who's this Yankee guy?" I quickly discovered Ollie was a perfect fit in ADXA given his A1 operator style and one you could depend on to give you honest input on various amateur radio matters even outside DX, something I trusted and relied on frequently during my tenure on the ARRL Board. Ollie was Top of the Honor Roll with outstanding numbers on many bands as reflected in his stats on the ADXA web site.

Ollie was one of the top DX'ers and respected radio amateurs in the country and still is in our memories. His wit, humor and advice will be missed. 73 to Ollie, W5GO, SK.

As a final thought, I again won't to encourage you to attend our meeting on March 19. There are many items to discuss and a draft agenda will be presented on the email reflector in the next day or two.

73 es Gud DX  
Joel W5ZN

## Vacation in the ABC Islands

Rick Harris—AI5P

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### Part II - Curacao

I departed Bonaire for the short flight to Curacao (20 minutes) on the morning of August 24th. I had a nervous and, eventually, ok discussion with the customs agent. He apparently knew about ham radio equipment (although I don't think he was a ham) and decided to get the "ok" for me to bring in the equipment. This took a few phone calls, apparently, by his boss. Finally all was settled and I took off to look for my rental sponsor who was to pick me up at the airport.

Curacao is the largest of the ABC islands ( 171 square miles). I had rented a one-room apartment in a private house over the internet - these arrangements can be good or bad or indifferent hi! It was a basic one room apartment in a nice house in one of the better neighborhoods called Jan Sofat. I was lucky (you never know about antennas) as I could put up my dipoles from above the room - maybe 20 ft - and extend them out to the pier. The house abutted the Spanish Water lake which extends into the Caribbean. I had enough room for 30m and higher frequency dipoles. The end of the 30m antenna was about 6 ft from the pier and 3 ft above the water. Seemed to work pretty good.

Conditions weren't as good as the previous week and, of course, the antenna system was pretty basic. But I managed to work 1343 Q's on 30, 20, and 17 meters. 1281 were on CW (95%) and 62 (5%) on SSB. 686 of the contacts were on 30 meters: 51%. Interesting stations worked included: 9K2NO, A45XR, SV8BHN, ZL3PAH, T77C, 7X2GK, 4K6FO, SV2/RW3AL, DM750FOR, 9V1XX, TK5AE, AH6DY, KH2L, PY0F/PP1CZ, GD6IA, and YB1UUN.

Curacao is about 40 miles north of Venezuela and a population of 150,000. Originally inhabited by the Arawak Islands from South America, at various times it has been occupied by the Spanish, Dutch, British and French. Dutch rule returned in 1815 at the end of the Napoleonic wars. In 1914, when oil was discovered in the Maracaibo Basin of Venezuela, the fortunes of the island were dramatically altered. Curacao was an ideal site for the refinery, as it was away from the social and civil unrest of the South American mainland, but near enough to the oil fields. It has an excellent natural harbor that accommodates large oil tankers. In 2010, Curacao became a country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Its economy is based on tourism, international trade, shipping services, refining, oil storage and international financial services.

The Royal Dutch Shell Company built the refinery, the largest in the world at the time, which became operational in 1918 and operated until 1985. Since then, the Venezuelan state oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela, has operated it. It has a daily output capacity of 340,000 barrels.

Willemstad, Curacao's capital, is well known for its pastel colored buildings around the natural harbor. Local lore has it that in the 1800's the governor claimed he suffered from migraines and blamed the glare from the sun's reflection off the then-white structures. To alleviate the problem, he ordered the facades painted in colors.

I had agreed earlier to rent the apartment owner's second vehicle - a 1997 Jeep Grand Cherokee. Several times I wondered about its mechanical condition! No A/C didn't make it a winner and the tires looked like they had been around awhile! One flat, fortunately for me, right in front of the house was taken care of by the owner. My driving around the island was nerve-racking at times!

I did manage to visit some interesting places: Postal Museum, Fort Amsterdam, Fort Beekenburg, Fort Nassau, Kura Hulanda Museum (the slave trade), Maritime Museum, Mikve Israel-Emanuel Synagogue, Jewish Cultural Museum, Old Market, Floating Market and the Curacao Sea Aquarium. A trip around the northern part of the island revealed a number of beautiful beaches.

Vacation in the ABC Islands  
Rick Harris—AI5P (continued)

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On August 31st I departed Curacao for Aruba. Curacao was another unusual island to visit!



Pastel buildings in Willemstad



Kura Hulanda Museum



Refinery



Queen Juliana Bridge with Cruise ship in port



PJ2/AI5P antenna set-up



Dolphin Academy at the Sea Aquarium

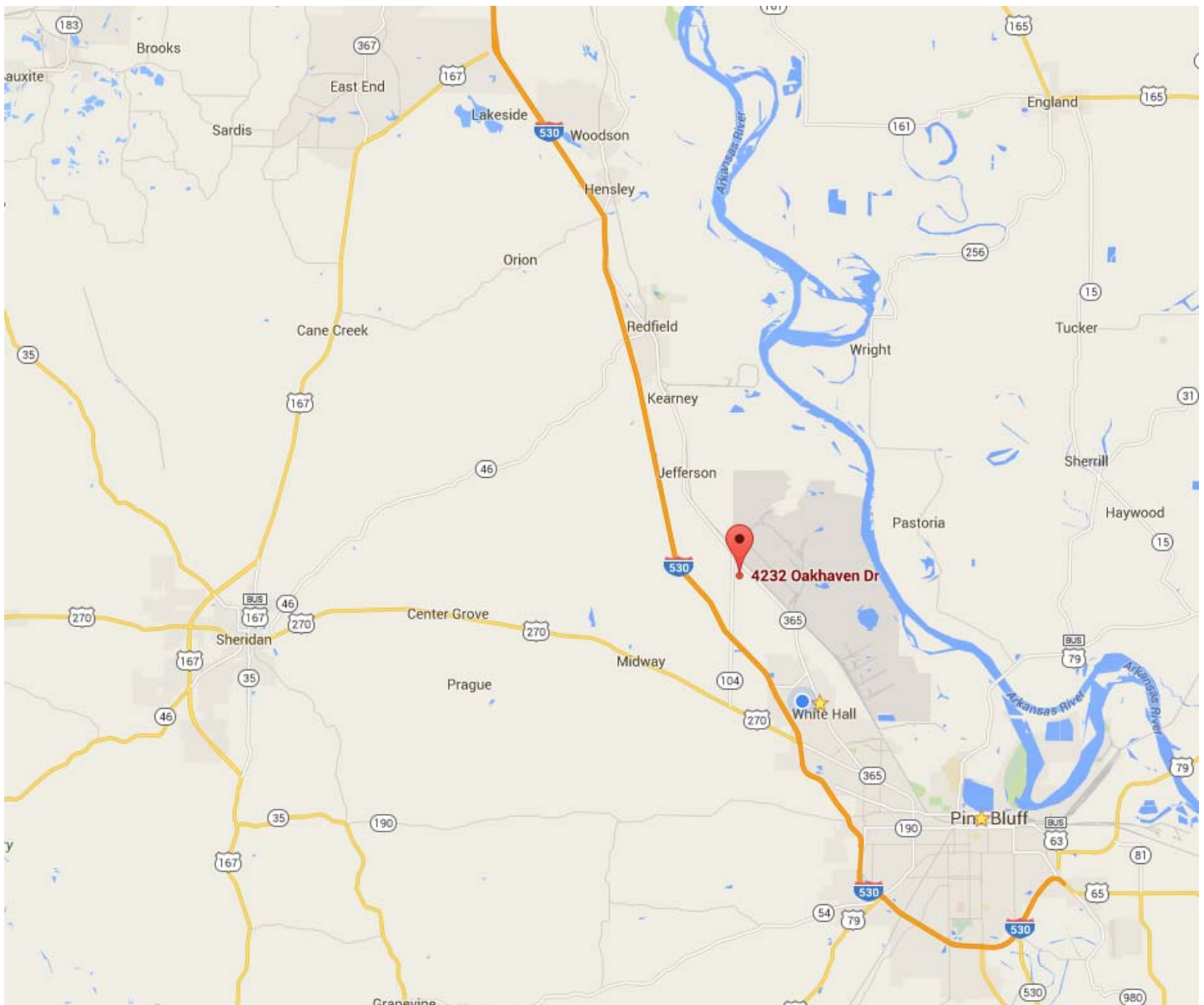
# Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—March 19, 2016

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Earl and Sharon Smith  
4323 Oakhaven  
White Hall, AR 71602  
Phone: 870.247.3113  
GPS: 34.336203, -92.135862

**PLEASE CONTACT EARL LETTING HIM KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING  
THE MEETING**

**[Google map link](#)**





  
**Organization**

## ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION

### MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

**BUSINESS NAME**

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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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