#### **The ADXA Quarterly**

December 2016



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# **ADXA Minutes**

The third quarter meeting of the ADXA was held at Caren Hamfest in Little Rock on September 17, 2016. Those that signed the sign in sheet included Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Jonathan Sector, N5QJ, Robert Love, KE5FNA, Dawn Gray, N5QT, Roger Gray, N5QS, Pat Patterson, W5VY, J Ferguson, N5LKE, Lee Parker, K5PQ, Frank Fahrlander, N7FF, David Norris, K5UZ, Ken Blevins, K5ALQ. Landon

# McCord, AF5OD and Joel Harrison, W5ZN.

Guests included: Kenneth Leo, W5HXK, John Evans, WB5BHS, Ford Ferguson, Matt Davis, AF5ST, Ray Brown, KG5LWR and Michael Vaughn, KG5FUE.

The meeting was called to order by the President, W5ZN at 12:36 PM.

W5ZN asked N5RN to read the minutes. N5QS made a motion to dispense with the reading of the



minutes and to accept them as printed in the newsletter. N5LKE seconded. The motion carried.

N5RN gave a Treasurer's update. N7FF made motion to accept. N5QS seconded and the motion carried.

### **Old Business**

ADXA website—. The site will be hosted by QTH.com. We should see new site within days with KE9FOX, Scott, devel-(Continued on page 2)

# Card Checking

If you have cards that need to be checked, please contact Earl, N5ZM. He will generally be available about an hour before the start of the meeting. Please allow Earl some time to grab a bite

to eat before he starts checking cards.

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#### **Items of Interest**

<u>Club Meeting December 3, 2016</u> <u>12:00</u> — US Pizza Company, 4001 McCain Park, North Little Rock.

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oping the site. On line dues payment is one addition that we should see.

W5ZN thanked K5ALQ for all the work he did coordinating this meeting. W5ZN thanked N7FF for the program of DXpeditions.

K5UZ—Bill Priakos is very interested in getting involved in ADXA. He should be back in Arkansas by Thanksgiving.

There are a lot of DXers in northwest Arkansas that we need to get into the club.

## New Business

Discussion about what to do for Russellville. K5UZ liked the exposure ADXA gets at hamfests. K5UZ said that ADXA needs to consider the Fort Smith Hamfest as well.

W5RZ is our liaison for Russellville hamfest.

N5QS suggested that we consider Conway, AR for future December meetings because it is more centrally located.

## Health and Welfare

N5KG is doing well. K5OVC is doing well. N5RN is doing well after his bout with pneumonia and having mitral valve repair late November 2016.

## **Other items**

K5UZ mentioned that SEDCO is next weekend at Pidgeon Forge, TN. Ward Silver among others will be there. K5UZ also reported that HR1301 passed House. Going to Senate. Everyone should contact their Senators (Boozman and Cotton).

N5QS gave update on W5GO equipment and will let ADXA know the progress on getting that equipment setup at Harding and when the dedication ceremony will be. W5HXK suggested a plague for the station.

## ADXA 2017 with Reflections of 2016

2016 was a year of reflection for ADXA in reviewing our rich history and charting a direction for the future. This year we held DX seminars, our first in many years, at Arkansas hamfests beginning with the ARVARF hamfest in Russellville in March and again in September in Little Rock with a much expanded program. We even met some DX'ers who we did not know and who were unware of ADXA. Considerable work has been completed on the new website and we expect it to go live by the start of 2017. While this all may seem trivial on a quick read it was no small task. The work of Ken K5ALQ, Frank N7FF, Pat W5VY, Glenn, N5RN, Dennis W5RZ and Jon N5QJ deserve mention. They have all provided amazing support to make 2016 a great success.

So what does this mean for 2017?

A solid foundation has been laid for reviving ADXA although we have more work to do. At some point we lost contact and association with ALL DX'ers in Arkansas. While you may have a personal opinion as to why this happened, just to be blunt it doesn't matter! The main point is it DID happened and we must correct it. Early this year I obtained a list of radio amateurs in Arkansas who hold DXCC. There are a good number of DXCC holders in parts of Arkansas where we no longer have a meeting presence. For 2017 I will propose, at our meeting December 3, to hold an ADXA meeting in northwest Arkansas. It may (or may not) come as a surprise to everyone that the largest number of DXCC holders reside in northwest Arkansas so it simply makes sense that we ensure this group is included in ADXA activities. In fact, there are a number of past ADXA members residing in west and northwest Arkansas including a past President and an Honorary Member.

We want to ensure we have at least one technical presentation at our meetings. With today's technology we could actually arrange for a webinar from a prominent DX'er or subject matter expert. It really makes no sense for us to travel to some location four times a year, have a nice meal, visit, swap stories (lies!), have a quick business meeting and go home. To once again be blunt that does not provide much appeal for folks to travel to a meeting. I have mentioned my personal experience and observation is that radio amateurs want to learn something and they want to be Elmer'ed.....even some of us "old dogs"! Learning something from a person who has actually been successful with a task is in high demand and we must tap in to that resource.

I look forward to a spirited discussion on these topics and many more at the December 3 meeting in North Little Rock.

The 2016/2017 winter DX season is in full swing. Days are shorter, weather is colder and most outside activities have moved inside. If you have been swayed by the cry of declining sunspot numbers and poor conditions I submit that DX activity on the bands is high. Exactly what is currently active and what will be active is beyond the scope of this writing but I encourage you to keep up with DX activity with the many DX resources available today.

I very much look forward to seeing each of you December 3.

73, GL es DX Joel W5ZN

# ADXA Meeting Agenda (subject to change)

Our annual ADXA meeting will be held Saturday, December 3 at US Pizza Company, 4001 McCain Park, North Little Rock. This is located just off the service road of US 67/167 at McCain Mall. Our meeting room will be available at 11:30 until 3:00 PM. You may order from the menu for lunch and our business meeting will begin around 12:30. Business items known at this time will be election of officers and board members for 2017, discussion and approval of meeting venues and dates for 2017 and introduction of the ADXA "DX Hog" Award.

From 1:00 until 3:00 we have a program scheduled as follows:

1:00 - 1:30 "The New ADXA Website!" Pat Patterson, W5VY 1:30 - 2:00 "Short Verticals for Low Band Receiving Options" Joel Harrison, W5ZN 2:00 - 2:30 "DX'ing Via EME with a Single Yagi and Low Power" Dennis Schaeffer, W5RZ 2:30 - 3:00 "TBD"

As an added treat, there is a "rumor" that we may have some long time previous ADXA members and a past ADXA President from several years ago in attendance from northwest Arkansas!

# Europe 2016 Rick Harris—AI5P

#### Europe 2016

This trip was the first time I had been back to Europe since 2007. Four new countries were visited - Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia - along with England. I'll skip the travel notes - too many interesting places - and just pass along some photos of some of the amateurs and their stations that I had the opportunity to visit.



To the right-Simonas, LY2EN, President of the Lithuanian Amateur Radio Society, at the Society Headquarters and QSL Bureau



Antenna system and operating QTH of the Vilnius University ARC Station LY1BWB



QTH of LY5A

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Jonas, LY5A

Part of Antenna system -LY5A



Bronius, LY50

LY5O shack

Europe 2016



Vlad, YL2GC

Antenna system - YL2GC



Andris, YL2FD



Alex, SWL YL-RS-01

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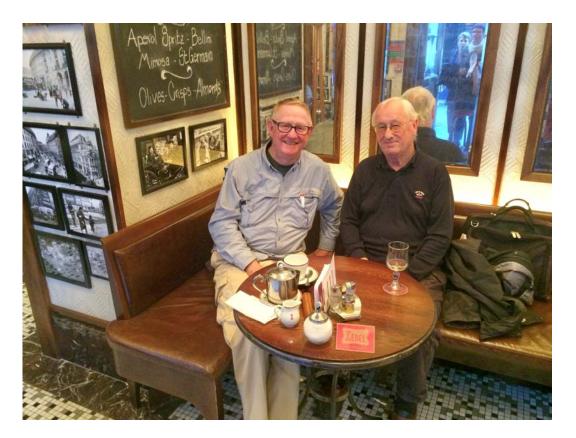
Jaan, ES1NI, Manager of the Tallinn Polytechnic School ARC Station ES1XQ



Antenna system - ES1XQ



Dave, G4ETG



With Roger, G3SXW



Bob, MD0CCE, at RSGB Convention



Trophies for presentation at the RSGB Convention



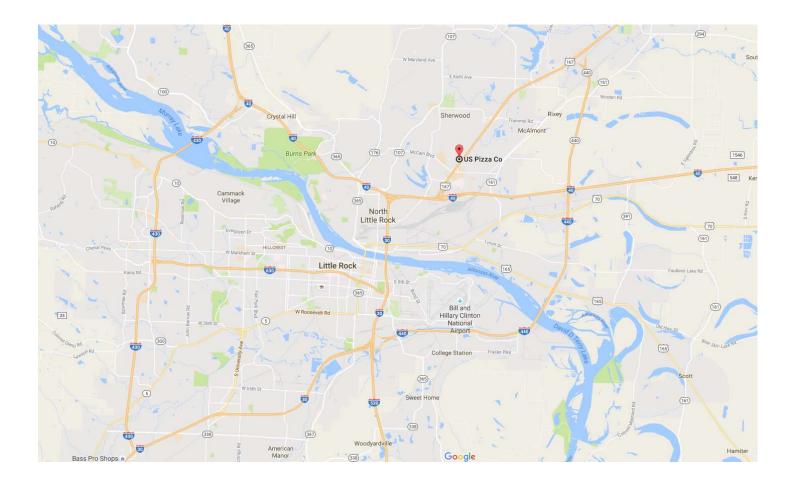
Nice Amp! (Undisclosed location hi!)

# Directions To Next ADXA Club Meeting—December 3, 2016

US Pizza Company 4001 McCain Park North Little Rock. Talkin: 146.94-GPS: 34.7636405,-92.221573

## Meeting Start time is 12:30 PM

## Google map link





#### **BUSINESS NAME**

President: Joel Harrison, W5ZN Vice President: Pat Patterson, W5VY Secretary/Treasurer: Glenn Wolf, N5RN

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