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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The Arkansas DX Association held its fourth quarterly meeting on December 6, 1997, at the Hampton Inn North, in North Little Rock.

Members attending were Earl (KD5ZM), Stewart

has not arrived, the time and place of the first quarter, 1998, meeting will have to be determined at a later date. As soon as we know when and where it will be, all club members will be notified. Check the newsletter when you get it.

Earl (KD5ZM) pointed out that the ADXA web page is by far, one of if not, the best web page on the net and that Wayne (K5MB) deserved all the kudos he can get for the work he has put in on it. Earl also received an email from Wayne asking him to make the following announcement:

"I need Photos and Bios from everyone who hasn't sent me anything. They know who they are. Charles (W5NX) just sent me a big envelope with a bunch of photos of his shack and antennas and a nice typed Biography. There is no reason why each member can't do that. I am going to do a lot of work with this Web Site (Which is one of the TOP DX Sites) and it would be a lot easier if I had material on hand to use for future features. Also would be nice to have every members photo in the Book of Mug Shots."

(KE5PO), Glenn (AB5RQ), Dave (K5DV), Lenny (K5OVC), Ollie (W5GO), Dennis (W5RZ), Dick (W5TIZ), Paul (AF5M), Myrtle (N5OOI), Ken (K5ALQ), Martin (W5HTY), Rick (AI5P), Dora Anna (NI5D), Rick (K5UR), J. Michael (N0CQL), David (N5RLJ), and Sunny (KJ5LL).

Guests attending were Sharon Smith, Melissa Schaefer (K15QJ), Patricia Blevins, Bill Fill (KD5IC), and Larry Woosley (W5LW).

Earl (KD5ZM) called the meeting to order and welcomed all of our guests.

Under Health and Welfare it was noted that Lester (W5EIJ) is doing better.

Old Business:

A motion was made and seconded that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be waived. The motion carried and the minutes were accepted as published in the ADXA newsletter.

Dave (K5DV) gave the Treasurers report. We started the fourth quarter with a balance of \$1,449.61 and ended it with \$1,398.80 for a net loss of \$50.81. We took in \$203.00 and spent \$253.81. There are no outstanding debts for this quarter. For the year, we started with \$1002.65 and ended with \$1398.80 for a net gain of \$396.15. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurers report as stated.

Martin (W5HTY) asked if the necessary paperwork from the ARRL had been received and returned to get credit as a 100% ARRL club. Dave (K5DV) explained that the paperwork had been sent in and an email version was sent in again in November. We should not have a problem this year.

Earl (KD5ZM) pointed out that since the new president

Dave (K5DV) reported on the progress of getting the club newsletter by email. As of today we have 20 members set up to receive the newsletter in the Adobe format via email. This could easily be doubled resulting in a substantial saving to the club. Dave also pointed out that the newsletter really needs input from the members. There is no per se reporter, therefore, all of the articles must come from the members themselves. If anybody has an item of interest, just email (or send) it to Dave (K5DV) or Glenn (AB5RQ) and we'll get it into the newsletter.

Earl (KD5ZM) reminded us about the ADXA list server that was set up by Glenn (AB5RQ). To send email to all of the people on the list, just address your email to adxa@spplist.spp.org and type in your message.

Paul (AF5M) reported on the club call. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to order 1000 QSL cards to be used in conjunction with the club call. Dave (K5DV) will put a card together and send it to Paul for approval. Earl (KD5ZM) reminded everyone to check the guidelines that were published in the newsletter for use. Also, use must be cleared through the club trustee, Paul.

Earl (KD5ZM) reported on the progress of the two new

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field representatives, K5EJ and K5UZ. The paper work is in the ARRL but nothing has come back as yet.

New Business:

Dave (K5DV) reported that we have applications for two new members. Frank Kollatt Sr. (W5EFA) and Harry Herr (W6HH). They are both ARRL and DXCC members. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept them into the club as full members. Dave will take care of the paperwork and notify the new members.

Dave (K5DV) pointed out the necessity of a place to store the club records. Currently they are passed from Secretary to Secretary and as they grow, they tend to create a storage problem. Martin made a motion that they be archived with the club trustee, Paul (AF5M). The motion was seconded and carried before Paul had a chance to decline (Which he did). Dennis (W5RZ) suggested that we look into reading them onto a CD or ZIP drive at some time in the future.

Paul (AF5M) presented the slate of officers from the nominating committee. They are: David Norris (K5UZ) for President, Dennis Schaefer (W5RZ) for Vice President, E. Glenn Wolf (AB5RQ) for Secretary/Treasurer, and Past President Earl Smith (KD5ZM) for Board of Directors. The remaining Director position will be an appointment by the new President. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept the nominating committees' recommendation.

There being no additional business the meeting was ad-

FROM THE PRESIDENT

We will be having our first meeting of 1998 on March 14, 1998 at the La Quinta Inn in North Little Rock, AR. We will use the same format as in the past: snacks at noon with the meeting to follow at 1:00PM.

I sure hope 1998 finds every one well and ready for the increasing propagation of the new solar cycle. I for one am certainly excited about this year and not only for the improving DX conditions, but also for the opportunity to serve as your president. I honestly believe that ADXA is per capita the best DX club in the world. It is not the size of our membership, but the quality of our members that makes the ADXA such a terrific organization. I am honored to serve such a distinguished group of truly great DXers. You are all people I respect and over the years looked up to.

I hope to live up to your standards this year as president, and with the help of W5RZ Dennis and AB5RQ Glen, make this a great year for our club.

I may be calling on some of you from time to time to get feedback, suggestions or simply for advice as it relates

to meetings, programs or other association concerns. Please feel free to call on me concerning any aspect of our organization at any time as I will be available.

Already 1998 has started with a bang. Rare calls such as FT5XN, XW30A, XW30, 8Q7AA, KH5K, and 9M0C have been bouncing around the bands and finding their way into the logs of the deserving. With improving numbers and the promise of more rare ones becoming QRV in the near future I again feel really excited about 1998. With excitement running high now is the time to introduce new hams to the thrill of DX, the thrill of the chase.

Let's all try to introduce at least one current ham to the thrill of DX, and recruit at least one youth in to our great hobby this year. I remember one afternoon some twenty-two years ago when I happened to ride my bicycle by W5VAE's QTH here in Batesville. I was curious about all the strange antennae in his yard and stopped to ask him about them. Myrlas wound up showing me the shack with all the cool Collins and Drake gear (a well equipped shack to say the least) but the thing that impressed me the most was his QSO with a DL8. "Wow! He just talked to a guy in Germany!" At age 13 the DX bug had bit and it still has the same thrill today. With the world wide web and reliable commercial equipment giving you reliable global communication (even from your car), nothing beats the sense of accomplishment of working the rare one with your own station that you constructed. Considering some of the recent experiences with a few kids here in my county, I'm convinced the youths of America would feel the same way and they should be exposed to this greatest hobby on earth. We should make a subtle attempt to recruit them.

Again I am available so feel free to call or e-mail me at aa5gydx@aol.com, or banzai@cei.net, and you may telephone me at (870)-793-6431.

73 es gud dx

Dave K5UZ

ADXA Meeting Notice

The Arkansas DX Association will hold it's first quarter meeting on Saturday, March 14, at the La Quinta Inn, 4100 East McCain Blvd. It is located across from McCain Mall in North Little Rock on McCain Blvd. As in the past, snacks and drinks will begin at 12:00 o'clock noon with the meeting following at 1:00 PM. Let's all try to make it to the meeting and start the new year off with a bang.



Profile: Bill Kennamer, K5FUV

From the ADXA home page

Pictured here is a WELL dressed DXer with white shirt and tie, while working on a Heathkit Q-Multiplier. Probably, getting ready for a contest. Bill's equipment is a Globe Scout 680A and a Hall-crafter S-107.

Bill started his Amateur Radio hobby in Paris, Arkansas, at the foot of the highest mountain in Arkansas, Mt. Magazine. I wonder how he got those signals over that thing? You can't tell it from this black and white photo but Bill's hair was not always WHITE! It was **RED!**



and he also did a few columns for CQ before personal problems took him away from the publishing business.

Bill returned to Arkansas in 1983, and went back to the financial services business, spending 8 years as a bond trader, and another few years in semi-retirement with a small insurance business he owned.

In 1992, He saw an opportunity to come to the ARRL and work with the DXCC program, so he and his wife, Sandy & Son T.G. moved to New England. Since then, he has done a little travel, with the high point being leading a tour group to the Beijing International DX Convention, followed by an accidental trip to Myanmar.

DX Achievements

DXCC Mixed: 330/321 Honor Roll
 DXCC CW: 276/271
 5B DXCC #1502
 40m CW WAZ
 20m CW WAZ
 10m SSB WAZ
 194 Zones confirmed for 5B WAZ

When he left for school, he sold his radio equipment to buy some drums. He was off the air about 12 years, when he reversed the procedure and sold the drums to buy radio equipment. This was in 1976. While searching for a mike plug for his junker SB-34, he met N5AU, who got him interested in Contesting, and, to a lesser extent, DXing.

This led to Bill going to work for N5AU's company, AGL Electronics, as General Manager. The two of them formed the North Texas Contest Club in Dallas, and Bill ended up doing the newsletter and keeping track of what DX was on the air so he would know the callsigns of the possible multipliers for the club.

This led to being asked by Ray Stone, W5RBO, and Mike Gray, K5OUK, to edit a new DX news letter, QRZ DX, in 1979. Bill also joined The Arkansas DX Association in 1979, and he has been a member ever since. This led to becoming DX editor for Ham Radio Horizons magazine,



Moving On

Well here it is 1998 already, the sunspots are up and the DX is everywhere. It was good to see the big turnout for the Annual Meeting in Little Rock. All went well and I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

1997 was a very eventful year both for me and the ADXA. The ADXA grew in numbers over the year and also received a club callsign, AD5XA, of which we are all proud. The club took some new directions when it voted to be a Sponsor of the Arkansas hamfest, and voted to send monetary support to major DXpeditions. The Annual Meeting and Dinner was done differently than in the past and was enjoyed by all who participated.

The year was also an eventful one for myself. Following a challenge, and subsequent harassment, (from the loudest signal in the US), I started on my quest for Extra Class license. On December 2nd I made it, with constant prodding from a local, and on January 22 got my new vanity call N5ZM.

During the year I also made CW and RTTY DXCC. On a more personal note I did find time to get myself married. With all of the announced DXpeditions for 1998 I know we will all be spending a lot of time chasing the new ones. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the 1998 meetings and hamfests. I hope all the deserving fill your logs and get those elusive cards in.

73's Earl...N5ZM..(ex-KD5ZM)

DX News

3A	Monaco	3A/DJ7RJ between 28 February and 12 March
3B7	St. Brandon	Large Group of Ops will be here from 05/06 - 05/17
3CØ	Annobon Is.	Multi National team here first week of March
3X	Guinea	GØAEV will be active February 16 through March 31st
4S7	Sri Lanka	HB9BRM 3rd of March for abt 3 months as 4S7BRG
5A	Lybia	5A21PA will be active 03/02-03/08 1998
9G	Ghana	9G5VJ will be active February 5th through March 1st
9M8	E. Malaysia	9M8CC from 04/10 - 05/22
9MØ	Spratly Is.	9MØC from 02/13 for 9 days
9N	Nepal	K4VUD will be active as 9N1UD until March 9
9X	Rwanda	9XØA will be active until March
D6	Comoros	D68YN and D68YV - Jan 25-Feb 6
FT5X	Kerguelen Is.	F6IHY will be active as FT5XN for 6 Mo.
FT5X	Kerguelen Is.	FT5X/FR5HR will be active until end of February
FT5W	Crozet Is.	FT5WG between Jan 21 and March 18
JD1M	Marcus Is.	JG8NQJ/JD to be active 11/25 -02/20/98
JT	Mongolia	Team of Italians, JT1Y from April 7
JX	Jan Mayen	JX7DFA active on 6-160M through October
KH5	Palmyra Is.	W4 team will start here about Feb. 4
KH5K	Kingman Reef	W4 team will continue here Feb 28
KH1	Baker Is.	Same here from March 5-11
S79	Seychelles	S79MX has permission on 80M, 02/13-02/15, 02/20-02/22
TR	Gabon	TR8CR from February 5th for 5 weeks (CW)
XT	Burkina Faso	XT2DM between 22 January and 9 March.
ZL7	Chatham	DL stations will be here 02/23/98 - 03/09/98

ARKANSAS DX ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION

CALL: _____ LICENSE CLASS: _____ APPLICATION: NEW RENEWAL

NAME: _____ PHONE: () _____

ADDRESS: _____ EMAIL: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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 \$20.00

MAIL APPLICATION TO:
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