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## ADXA MEETING MINUTES

**T**he Arkansas DX Association held its First quarterly meeting on 20 Feb 1999, at the Rus-

sellville Hamfest in Russellville Arkansas. Those in attendance (that signed the Sign-in sheet) were Dave Jacques, K5DV, Ollie Gade, W5GO, Randy Young, N5LE, Steve Rumfelt, AE5H, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Myrtle Wynne, N5OOI, Dora Anna Fill, NI5D, Bill Fill, KD5IC, Rick Roderick, K5UR, Dave Norris, K5UZ, Jack Hampton, N5KG, Roger Gray, N5QS, Dawn Gray, N5QT, Joel Harrison, W5ZN, Lenny Mendel, K5OVC, Charles Floyd W5JE, Jim Roughley, K5JUC, Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Larry Woolsey, W5LW, Gil Wood, W5NUT, Brad Joseph, KC5NLD, Frank Kollatt, WB5BPT, Jay Bromley, W5JAY, and Glenn Wolf, AB5RQ.

### Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 local by Dave Norris.

Dave welcomed the members and guests and recognized Joel Harrison, Rick Roderick, and Roger Gray.

### 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.

Glenn (AB5RQ) gave the Treasurers report. Glenn reported the activity on the account and that there are no outstanding debts for this quarter. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurers report as stated.

Discussion about the Banquet began. Most indicated that it was pretty good and glad to see that we made quota. Earl Smith, N5ZM, earned the much sought after DXHog award with his closest competition being Lenny Mendel, K5OVC.

The issue of the ADXA QSL card was brought up and Dave Jacques indicated that after some research that W4MPY printed what he was sent. The font was the problem

### New Business:

Steve Rumfelt, AE5H, gave a report on the DX Node situation. After some discussions, AF5M was to donate a 2 meter radio to the cause. Some discussions on how to pay the electric bills and other expense came up but action on this will be deferred until after the node is put back in service.

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Rick Roderick, K5UR, gave a report on DX activities. DXCC 2000 starts next year. Field checking will be important and the number of field checkers will be reduced to possibly as few as 2 per state. Rick also stated that DXCC costs the League.

Being no further business meeting adjourned at 1220 local.

## ADXA Meeting Notice

**T**he 2nd quarter meeting of ADXA will be held 24 April 1999 at 1100 at the Little Rock Hamfest.

### In Memory of WA5EFL Moritz Shollmier



Moritz was born November 14, 1931 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and graduated from Pine Bluff High School in 1948. He attended the University of Arkansas and graduated from the School of Engineering in January of 1956 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Moritz

later settled in Little Rock and worked for the Corps of Engineers, Genocchio and Cromwell ( an architectural firm ), and then Rhyncliff Corp. He lost his sight in 1961 due to the ravages of diabetes. He received his ham ticket in 1964 and made DXCC in 1965 with *Phone DXCC #2803* and *Mixed DXCC #7798* and at last count was on the Honor Roll with 321 countries. He was one of the founders of the ADXA and had one of the outstanding signals in the south central portion of the USA and rose rapidly in the ranks of countries worked and was well known both state side and around the globe.

His station consisted of a Hunter Bandit, Drake twins, and a four element wide spaced Telrex 20 meter beam.

He passed away March 5, 1972 and was survived by his wife Leah, two sons Jeff and Edwin.

### From Those who knew him Best

*DE AF5M*

*As a new General Class ham back in 1970, I had worked about 40 countries on CW, but nothing on SSB..My rig ran about 20 watts PEP on SSB because it was so mis-aligned.*

*WA5EFL had an almost nightly schedule with Boris, UM8FZ, who was the only ham in Kirghiz at that time. He asked me to come up on frequency on 20 SSB to join their next schedule which I did. Boris could barely hear me, but gave me a 44 report (charitable). I was very pleased to work such a rare country, particularly since it was my first DX country on SSB.*

*A few minutes passed and there was a knock on my back door. It was Jolly, W5ZXS, who lived a block away and was my Elmer. He had*

*freshly filled out UM8FZ QSL which Moritz had given to him to complete as he listened to my contact with Boris. I did not know until then that Moritz was Boris' QSL manager. Talk about rapid Service.*

*73 Paul Wynne AF5M (ex-WA5YMW in 1970)*

## DE K5MB

*When I first joined the Arkansas DX Association there was no packet cluster so members usually gave each other a shout on the telephone or gave a "one ringer" and met on a set frequency on 80 meters to pass DX info. Early one morning ( about 2 AM in the morning ! ) in March of 1969, Moritz gave me a call on the telephone telling me VKØWR (Heard Island) was on 20 CW with a strong signal and very few callers. I stumbled out of bed and made my way to my radio room and turned on my old Swan 350 ( with 20 mtr dipole ) and gave VKØWR a call. He answered on the first call and I drug myself back to bed without ever opening both eyes. I awoke the next morning wondering if it was a dream but Moritz confirmed that he heard the QSO. A few years later, Moritz let me in on a sked with his good friend Boris, UM8FZ, and I worked another new one thanks to Moritz' help.*

*Being blind seemed only to be a minor inconvenience to Moritz as I remember some of the things he would attempt without asking for help.*

*His wife walked outside and looked up at his tower and "shreaked in terror" when she saw him at the top of the tower working on the rotor cable. He later told me later: "I don't climb the tower in the daytime anymore, only at night, since it scares the wife and neighbors."*

*I strolled into his office finding him standing*

*on a ladder in a closet trying find a problem with the burglar alarm wiring. ( he made some comment about the colored wires all feeling different --- hummmmm!!! )*

*There are those times when I stuck my foot in my mouth in his presence like the time I walked into his shack and found him working DX with the lights in the shack, OFF. I could only see the dials lit-up and out came that dumb question from my mouth !!! "Whatcha doin in here in the dark?" He could probably see my face turn RED but he didn't answer, he just started laughing !*

*Wayne Beck, K5MB*

## VCR's and Y2K

From Lenny, K5OVC

No joking around, this is a good tip:

Here's something I bet you hadn't thought would be an issue for Y2K.

You won't be able to use the programmed recording feature. Don't throw away your VCR in the year 2000. Set it on 1972 because the days will be the same.

Pass this on because you know the manufacturer will not share this information. They want you to buy a new one that is Y2K compliant.

**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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