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ADXA MEETING MINUTES

The 4th quarter meeting of ADXA was held at King's Chinese Restaurant in Hot Springs Arkansas

Dave Jacques (K5DV)–Vice President

Glenn Wolf (N5RN)–Secretary/
Treasurer.

Earl Smith (N5ZM) - Board member

Paul Wynne (AF5M) – Board Member

Martin moved that we accept these nominations. Glenn Davidson seconded and the slate presented was approved unanimously.

on 02 December 2000. Those in attendance – Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ, Ollie Gade, W5G0, Dave Jacques, K5DV, Libby Jacques, WB6AXD, Jimmy Belew, N5ZIV, Myrtle Wynne, N500I, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Earl Smith, N5ZM, Martin Hankins, W5HTY, Louis Dennis, AC5WY, John Evans WB5BHS, Glenn Davidson, K6ASB, Rick Harris, AI5P, Glenn Wolf, N5RN, Rick Roderick, K5UR, and Dave Norris, K5UZ. Mary Dennis, KD5LLV was present as a guest.

No one could provide much of an update on the status of the second Field Checker, though it appears that Charles Tillotson, W5NX, is the likely pick.

While on the topic of field checking, Earl–N5ZM, emphasized that everyone read and follow the instructions. He also indicated that the program was going well based on a conversation he had with Bill Moore.

The meeting was called to order at 1145A with Dennis Schaefer presiding. A motion from the floor was made to dispense with the reading of the minutes. There was a second and the minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report was given by Glenn, N5RN. The report was accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

A list of officers was presented to the members present for their consideration for club officers:

Dennis Schaefer (W5RZ)–President

NEW BUSINESS

Earl, N5ZM, brought up the following two Dxpeditions that we might want to support:

D68–Comoros (Feb 2001). A \$100 contribution was suggested. Martin, W5HTY, made the motion, seconded by Rick, AI5P. The motion carried unanimously.

ZD7 & ZD8 Dxpedition (Mar/Apr 2001) by the BARS group. A motion was made to support this Dxpedition with a \$50 donation. This motion also carried unanimously.

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It was also approved by the members that a \$50 contribution would be made to the ARRL for their current Spectrum Protection campaign.

Two new individuals were nominated for membership into ADXA: Libby Jacques, WB6AXD, and Jimmy Belew, N5ZIV. Both were approved and are now members.

Wayne Beck's ADXA dues will be paid by the club for the work he does on the ADXA web page.

Meeting locations for 2001 were discussed. Meeting locations are as follows:

1st Quarter—Earl Smith's

2nd Quarter—Paul and Myrtle Wynne's

3rd Quarter—Either Blakely Dam or Crystal Springs

4th Quarter—Little Rock with a forum much like we had today.

Paul, A5FM, mentioned that the Little Rock Hamfest is in April and wondered if we should have an ADXA forum? If so, we need to get together and get something going.

Dennis, W5RZ, suggested that ADXA sponsor the CW contest at the Little Rock Hamfest. Earl, N5ZM, made the motion and Paul, AF5M seconded and the motion carried.

It was mentioned that the MARC club no longer exists. It recently disbanded.

UALR has a club and has no club dues (presently). Their 2 meter repeater is on 146.85 and they meet on the 3rd Monday of each month.

Martin, W5HTY, inquired about the status of the AD5XA repeater. Paul

indicated that he just hasn't had time to work on it. It will most likely be moved to Arkansas Children's Hospital.

N5ZM made a motion that we adjourn, K5DV seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:30.

After the meeting everyone enjoyed a buffet and then watched a presentation by Rick Harris on his recent Dxpedition to St. Paul.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ

First, I'd like to thank Dave and all the previous officers for keeping ADXA in good shape. I'm also grateful to Glenn, N5RN, for continuing as secretary-treasurer. Everyone knows that's where all the hard work gets done!

I've thought about what ADXA means to us. Probably most important is the lifelong relationships we establish. I joined ADXA in my early 20's, and several ADXA members have served as role models for me during the last 30 years or so, both in ham radio and life in general. DXers generally have strong, aggressive personalities (did someone say egotistical??). Some like CW, some only operate phone. Some love contests and some despise them. There are plenty of things to disagree about, but I am continually amazed by the strong bond between ADXA members.

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Ham operators are a misunderstood minority in society, and we are a minority among hams. We definitely need to stick together, to fight for a strong DXCC program, and against antenna restrictions, etc.

As I write this, our thoughts and prayers are with Glenn, K6ASB, who has suffered a stroke. I think most members feel like I do - it's just like it happened to a family member.

What do we need to do for the future? ADXA has always emphasized quality instead of quantity. This will continue, but we need to keep adding a few new members. Sometimes we have to look hard to find the "deserving".

There is a young man in my local area who has potential. He is a Technician and works the satellites. He was absolutely thrilled when he worked AI5P's DXpedition to one of the islands. I need to let him bust some pileups on 20 meters and see how he reacts.

I got a mailing from the Lone Star DX Association, inviting everyone to their program at the Dallas Hamfest on June 8. The DX luncheon features OH2BH, ON4UN, and others, and the Master of Ceremonies is Bill Priakos, W5SJ. Bill is also listed as "Chief Director" of the club. If you make it to the Dallas Hamfest (HamCom 01), be sure and visit with Bill and give him a hard time about turning into a Texan!

I'm really looking forward to our first quarterly meeting at Earl's. It's always nice when a member opens up his home for a meeting. Not only is the fun and fellowship

at its best, we get to check out his "secret weapons"!

73,

Dennis W5RZ

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

These are the dates for future ADXA meetings. Please note the **years** as well as the date!

- ◇ March—3rd Saturday (17 Mar 2001)
- ◇ June—3rd Saturday (16 Jun 2001)
- ◇ September—3rd Saturday (15 Sep 2001)
- ◇ December-1st Saturday (01 Dec 2001)

Next ADXA Meeting

The 1st Quarter meeting of ADXA will be held at the house of Earl Smith. The meeting will start at 1300. As is customary, there will be food and drink available beginning around 1200.

See the map on page 5 for the address and phone number should you need them.

REAL CONTESTING—Dennis, W5RZ

Since I've done most of my Dxing and contesting with tribander and wire antennas, the opportunity to operate a "big" station for a few hours was a unique experience. Stan Stockton, K5G0, and a few other dedicated hams have been building a contest station near Harrison. Stan is a member of the Ozark Contest Club, so the club held a meeting at the station during the recent ARRL CW DX contest and club members and others operated K5G0 in the contest.

Operators were KORWL, KOVBU, K5G0, K5LG, KJ5WX, KM5G, NOEHW, N5DX, N5OE, WJJOE, and W5RZ.

I arrived Saturday morning and when I got near the top of the mountain, there was ice everywhere! The station wasn't hard to find - the 40M beam up 120 feet was easy to spot. There was also a big 20M beam up 120 feet, and other towers for 10 and 15 meters. A Bobtail Curtain was used on 80, and one of the towers was shunt-fed for 160.

When I pulled up to the house, I noticed a couple of wire beams hung from the towers. It turned out that the 20 and 15 meter beams were rendered useless by the ice. The coax was broken on the 20M beam because ice caused the limit switch to fail, and the 15M beam also seemed to have an open coax connection.

It turned out that the 15 and 20 meter wire beams were designed, built, and hung at 4:00 AM! To make it more interesting, the temperature was about 10 degrees. The wire beams were aimed at Europe, then manually moved toward Japan in the afternoon.

Around noon, Chuck, KM5G, climbed the 15 meter tower and attempted to de-ice the feedpoint by whacking it with a long piece of PVC pipe. That didn't work, and it was decided there was

probably a bad joint between the hardline and coax.

When I left about 5:00, K5G0 was on his way up the 20M tower, knocking off the ice as he went up!

Here are the final results:

Band	QSOs	Mults

160:	79	39
80:	173	62
40:	857	96
20:	967	117
15:	936	104
10:	1472	108

Total:	4484	526 = 7,075,752

It's hard enough to keep one rig, beam, rotator, computer, etc going. Just imagine building and maintaining 6 separate stations and antenna systems, with networked computers for each. On top of that, they built a house with all volunteer labor. These guys have really worked hard to put on a first-class operation. If you are interested in getting involved with the Ozark Contest Club, drop a note to Chuck, KM5G. His e-mail address is KM5G@aol.com. There are no dues, and no requirements except an interest in contesting.

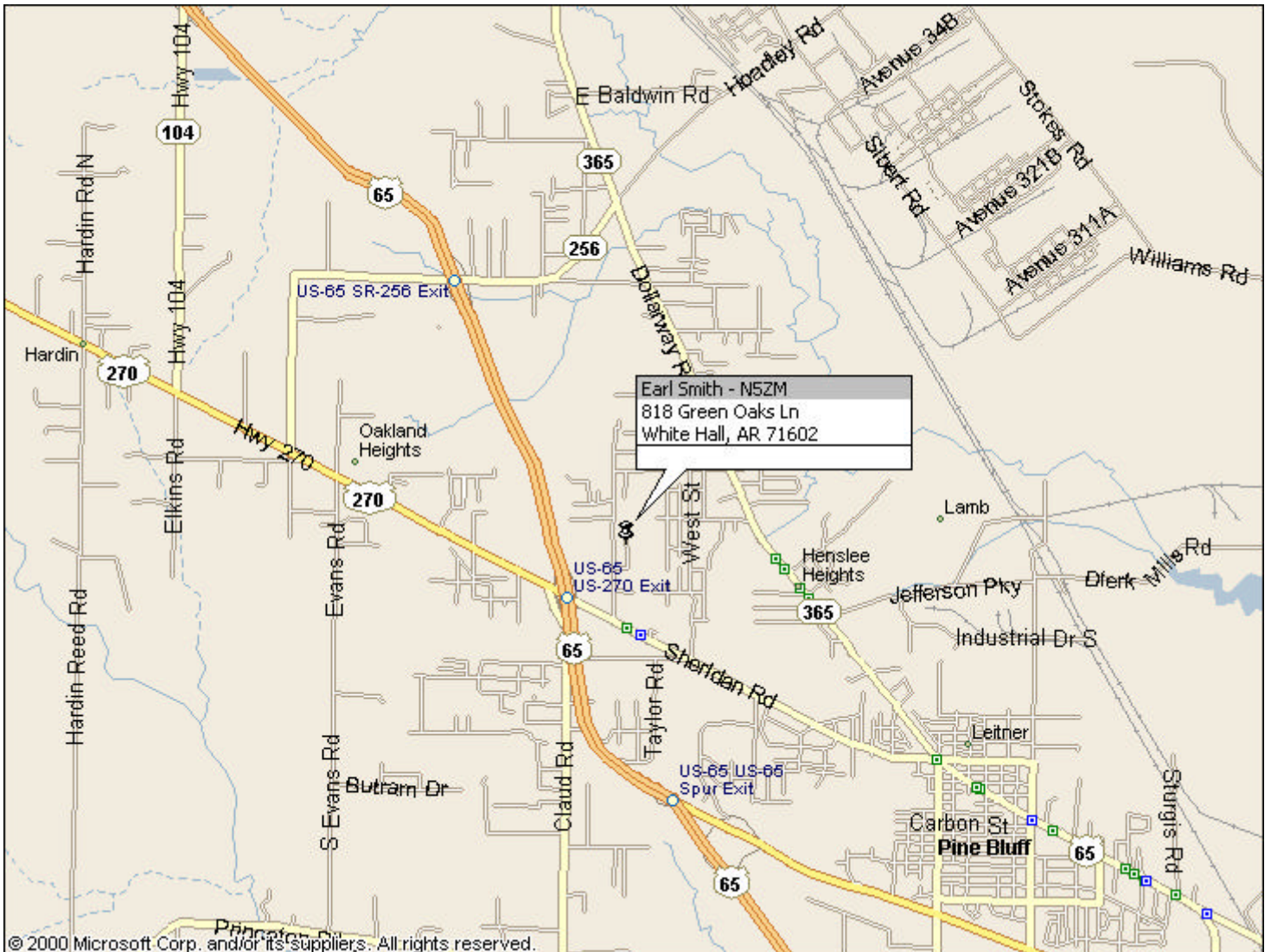
Dennis, W5RZ

MAP TO EARL'S HOUSE

818 GREEN OAKS LN
WHITE HALL AR 71602

870 247 3113

Talk-in: 146.520 Simplex



NOTE: US65 and I-530 are the same road for this map.

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

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