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ADXA MEETING NEW BUSINESS MINUTES

The 2nd quarter meeting of ADXA was held at the house of Paul and Myrtle Wynne on 16 June

The ADXA web page needs updating. It was decided that if we aren't going to keep it up to date, we would at least look at deleting the old material. It was decided that we would update to contain club members and club information. N5ZM and N5RN will talk to K5MB to look at what can be done to consolidate.

2001. The meeting was called to order at 1320 Local by President Dennis Schaefer, W5RZ. Dennis thanked Paul and Myrtle for hosting the meeting. Those in attendance – Stewart Long—KE5PO, Ollie Gade—W5GO, Dave Hammons, W5LR, Paul Wynne, AF5M, Dennis Schaefer—W5RZ, Martin Hankins—W5HTY, Jimmy Ballew—N5ZIV, Earl Smith—N5ZM, Dave Jacques—K5DV, Leonard Mendel—K5OVC, Frank Kollatt—W5BPT, Myrtle Wynne—N5OOI, and Glenn Wolf—N5RN. Guest included Paul Daulton—K5WMS, John Clark—N5ER, Brenda Clark—KC5CFE, and Madge Kollatt—KA5RSH.

OLD BUSINESS

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.

Dennis acknowledged the new members.

On the Christmas party—W5LR and KE5PO will work to locate a room for 40 people and will avoid guarantees. The format will be much like last years.

AD5XA Repeater—Paul Wynne, AF5M, indicated that there is an opportunity to get in on Shinall mountain. This opportunity exists because of connections with the ARES club. It will likely be on the Arkansas State Police tower which should clear the ridges. There will be 30 watts to the duplexers then to a 7 db antenna. Sensitivity has been measured to be 2 microvolts. It will be mounted on the southwest leg of the tower. AC power will be provided. Charlie Brown will maintain the repeater. At this time, it is possible that a controller will be needed. In light of these issues, N5ZM proposed that ADXA both financially and physically support the repeater. K5DV seconded and the motion carried with no opposition.

It was reported that Glenn Davidson has not made much recovery from his stroke.

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It was mentioned that Dave Jacques, K5DV, made the Honor Roll.

N5ZM reported that DXCC submissions will be online next year. The card checkers will be able to bring up the form you have completed and check it. The ARRL will begin accepting logs from Dxpeditions. Electronic QSLs are NOT being accepted. Card checking program is going well. There are fewer errors now that the program is well under way..

LSDXA put on a very good show at the Dallas HamComm. W5RZ said the only thing he would suggest would be that the clubs be allowed to sit together.

As is normal, K5DV made the motion to adjourn and N5ZM seconded. The meeting adjourned at 14:15.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

September—3rd Saturday (15 Sep **2001**)

December—1st Saturday (01 Dec **2001**)

March—3rd Saturday (16 Mar **2002**)

June—3rd Saturday (15 Jun **2002**)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

DENNIS SCHAEFER

Congratulations to LSDXA and Bill Priakos, W5SJ, for a fantastic DX luncheon at the

Dallas hamfest. There were over 300 in attendance, including several ADXA members. Martti Laine, OH2BH, was the main speaker and talked about the history of DX peditions. He shared some particularly interesting information about Don Miller, W9WNV. Don, Gus Browning, and Loyd and Iris Colvin were very active around the time I became a ham. I tried to chase DX starting as a Novice, but my interest was really sparked after working Don Miller at 5W1AD one day after school.

I was amazed at his CW operating skill. He may be the best CW operator ever. He certainly had no computer to help him, even for logging! Don and his cohorts activated many rare countries, and you could almost taste the excitement on the bands when the whole world was waiting for him to show up. Don had a certain flair and style, but unfortunately his character wasn't as strong. He wasn't at some of the places he claimed to be, and is now in prison (not for cheating on DX peditions!). He is definitely part of DX history, though.

For several years, QRP groups have been pushing for a QRP DXCC. The ARRL board recently approved a special QRP DXCC award. No QSL's are required and there are no endorsements. This should provide an interesting challenge to many. Working DX almost seems to be too easy nowadays. 100 watts and a triband beam will fill your log in a hurry. Running a kilo-

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watt and a decent antenna means you rarely have to work for a contact.

Packet cluster means you don't even have to tune the bands - it will alert you when a new one is on!

If you're a little jaded with all this, try building a kit and working some DX with 5 watts. If you were ever a Novice and could only use CW, this will bring back that old feeling. There is just something special about working them with a rig you built yourself. 5 watts isn't all that many db down from a kilowatt, but you'll have to work a little for the QSO's.

There are many kits out there, and some are surprisingly good. The Elecraft K1 is one of the best. It works two bands of your choice and is supposedly easy to build. Ask me in a couple of months - I have one still in the box. Putting 100 countries in the log with such a rig would be fun but would require a little work. I'll bet it could even be done without packet cluster, but that would be too much to ask. You could still turn on the "big rig" and bust a pileup every once in awhile, to keep from having withdrawal symptoms.

Someone made a good-natured comment to me at the last meeting that they thought I'd quit DXing! I may be the sorriest DX chaser around, but I haven't quit. In fact, I'm making a concerted effort to finally make the Honor Roll. I need to catch up on QSLs and work about 5 more countries and I'll be there. I recently sent a pound of cards to the outgoing bureau and a bunch to QSL managers. If the PYOT shows up this week, I'll be a little closer, and I don't intend to miss anything that is active. Yes, that means monitoring the packet cluster AND listening on the bands.

Hope to see everyone at the September meeting. Stewart will give us the run-down on the December meeting and I'll have some more pictures of the BAT (Big Arkansas Tower) to show off. If you don't know what I'm talking about, take a look at <http://www.royal.ugate.net/cmcc/>

73,Dennis W5RZ

Where's the Meeting?

The 3rd quarter meeting of ADXA will be held at the Avery Pavillon at Blakely Dam, Hot Springs. Eats will be prepared beginning at 1200 with the meeting starting at 1300. A map can be found on page 6.

VP9/AI5P Bermuda

Rick Harris, AI5P

Bermuda had long been on my list of possible vacation/DX spots. Having read several articles recently about operating there, I began my planning in earnest. After exchanging e-mails with Ed Kelly, VP9GE, accommodations and a radio location were secured.

After visiting friends in Washington, D.C., I flew to Bermuda from Baltimore. It was a short one hour and forty minute flight as the island is just 650 miles east of North Carolina.

Ten days gave me plenty of time to enjoy the island and radio as well. Bermuda is roughly 22 miles long (shaped like a reverse fishing

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hook) and seldom more than a mile wide. It was easy to get around using the excellent bus and ferry system. I didn't opt for the tourist "moped" based on Ed's advice and the local slang of "road rash" meaning the unfortunate experience of tourist misadventures on mopeds with unexpected meetings with the road asphalt, walls, or worse! A number of beautiful beaches were visited as well as the historically interesting Royal Naval Dockyard (1700's), Gibbs Hill Lighthouse (1846), and Fort St. Catherine (1800's). Other places of interest included the aquarium and zoo, perfumery, and botanical gardens. It was quite interesting to learn of the interplay of Bermuda's history with our own Revolutionary War and Civil War.

On the radio side, I took my trusty Icom 706, Morse Machine, and Bencher paddle. Ed provided the antennas - a Cushcraft R-6000 vertical and a Carolina window. The vertical worked quite well (20m and above) and the window worked great on 30m but not so hot on 40 and 80 meters. My plan was to concentrate on the WARC bands and Japan.

For my mini-DXpedition, I think it was pretty successful. A total of 3622 Q's were logged (46% on SSB, 54% on CW) with Japanese stations having a total of 468 Q's (13%). Q's on the WARC bands:

	SSB	CW
30m	--	652
17m	928	615
12m	322	236
Totals	1250	1503

Combined Total: 2753 or 76% on the contacts were on the WARC bands.

Bermuda marked the 50th DXCC country in which I have operated.

The highly coveted ADXA prizes were in for some serious competition. Member contacts included: AD5BV, W5BPT, W5GO, W5HTY, W5RZ, N5ZM, K5DV, K5OVC, and K5UR - hope I didn't miss any calls.

The weather was good/beautiful except for the next

to last day when the thunderheads arrived and cancelled my last night of operating. It also cancelled 9 of 11 incoming flights leading me to wonder where all the people came from the next morning as I was trying to get back to Baltimore....all those folks had been stuck on the island an extra day! Fortunately, I made my connection was winging my way home. As extra bonus, you go through U.S. Customs in Bermuda so once you get back you have no hassles (anyone who has gone through Miami, San Juan, or New Orleans will greatly appreciate this feature!).

Ed was an outstanding host and I highly recommend a trip to Bermuda. I am planning on going back sometime (and I don't say that lightly as there aren't too many places I've been I want to revisit).

As for the ADXA prizes.... to be presented at a suitable time and place!

DXCC Card Checking

Earl Smith, N5ZM

I will be checking cards at the 3rd quarter ADXA Meeting September 15th. I will get there early, probably about 10:30AM to 11:00AM. If you are bringing cards please plan on arriving early. I would also appreciate it if you would let me know ahead of time, thanks.

A web page has been setup by K7AR for you information with DXCC card checking FAQ. The URL is

<http://www.qsl.net/k7ar/dxcc.htm>

If you have any further questions feel free to email or call me. Please come

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fully prepared with all necessary information and forms. Thanks, hope to see you there.

73, Earl..

PS: A believe it or not: Earl has 300 confirmed CW contacts.

ADXA REPEATER

UPDATE

Paul Wynne, AF5M

My final written permission to locate this repeater came in last Friday.

The letter was dated August 13, 2001 and gives permission to locate the repeater on the ASP tower on Shinall Mountain at the 200 ft level on the tower.

Permission had many stipulations as to technical aspects of the hardline, antenna, and non-interference with other users. The intermod numbers were run on this frequency prior to applying for permission last January. I was allowed to put our name in the pot when another proposed repeater had an obvious intermod conflict with one of the present site users. Things have ground rather slowly from the time I had a verbal OK in January until now.

Specs for the repeater are Spec-Com SCR1000 repeater at 35 watts to Sinc-labs duplexers (4 can set), 1/2" 50 ohm heliax, 7 db gain antenna. Should talk real good. I do not wish to tone this repeater unless absolutely necessary, but will use the Central AR common tone of 114.8 if interference makes it necessary.

My permission requires that I give 2 weeks

notice before installation of equipment and antenna, have the work done by qualified technicians under ASP supervision. I suspect that this will make for a probable date of late September, more likely early October for it to actually get on the air. I do have many arrangements to make to make this all take place.

73

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

Rick Harris/AI5P

Here's your chance to earn another outstanding radio award by getting points for working AI5P in a new location:

5B4/AI5P from 4-11 Oct.

No chance for a ZC4 license (I checked) but there is a very, very slim chance I might get to operate at a club one evening at a meeting (that probably means a few minutes, if at all). However, if you luck out, that will be big bonus points.

Also chance to catch M/AI5P (England) 14-16 Oct but that, again, is problematic...

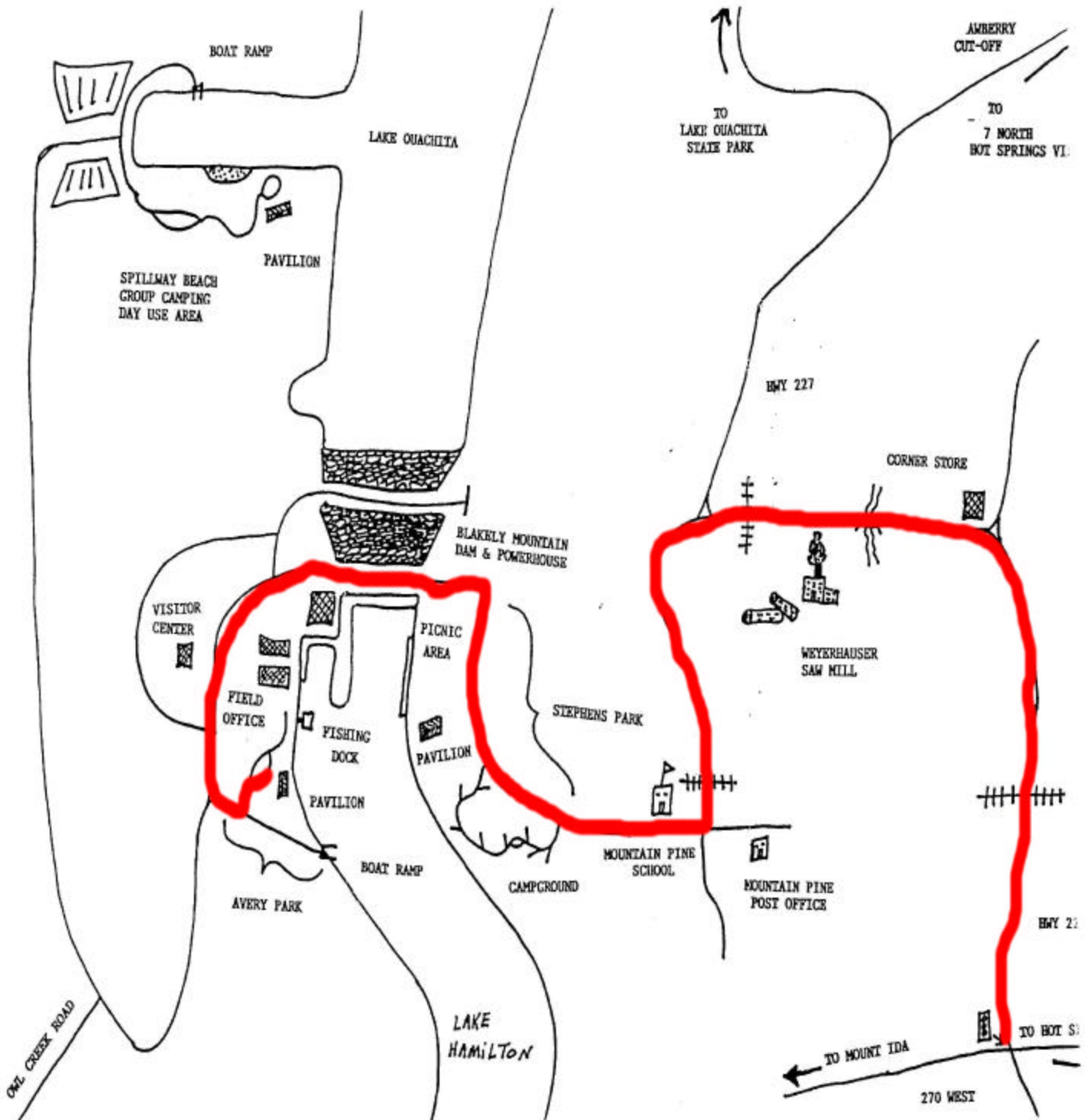
If you catch me, again bonus points.

If you do catch me anytime, please post it on the cluster(s) to advertise me.

See you in Dec.

73, Rick

MAP TO Blakely Dam



**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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